St. Gallen, December 2018

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a great honour and pleasure to officially invite you to the

**TATME Congress 2019**
**Transanal and robotic approach to rectal cancer surgery**

**from 8th to 10th september, 2019**
**St. Gallen, Switzerland**

After introduction in Barcelona in 2015 and continuance in Amsterdam in 2017 the 3rd TATME congress will be held in St. Gallen, Switzerland, in a great venue close to Lake Constance and welcomes surgeons and nurses as well.

The last decade brought up modern technical approaches to rectal cancer surgery as well as benign diseases. On top of minimal invasive techniques transanal and robotic approaches will be in focus of the TATME congress 2019. Both are concerned to be disruptive techniques, but will have to prove their benefits.

The aim is to bring these innovative techniques together and into discussion with international faculty and guests!

**Workshop for surgeons and nurses:**
On Sunday, 8th of september, we will focus in preconference workshops on diagnostic and technical update for rectal cancer surgery, as well as on topics for OR nurses.

**Congress:**
During the congress on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th with we will have a close look on current indications, techniques and results, patients view, an update on function as well as registry data and ongoing studies for transanal and robotic approaches to rectal surgery.

**Focus topics will be:**
Approaches to rectal cancer, IBD, endometriosis, multivisceral resections
Anatomy
Guidelines and registry data
ESCP working groups results
Safety and morbidity
Complications and avoidance
Functional and oncological results
Avoidance of perineal and parastomal hernia

This congress updates and summarizes the current status and future perspectives of both techniques, transanal and robotic approach - gives place for new innovations but also shows potential complications, avoidance and treatement strategies.

Small group workshops and trainings for surgeons and nurses will be available during the congress at the industry exhibition. Reduced fee is given for team groups from same hospital.

We hope, you will enjoy the special social program and networking platforms.

So the aim for participants and lecturer as well will be

**COME AND BRING YOUR TEAM – SURGEONS AND NURSES TOGETHER**

In case you are willing to enrich the TATME congress with your team, please find more infomrations on tatmecongress.com or contact our congress bureau for further details (Congrex Switzerland Ltd., TaTME@congrex.com).

We sincerely hope to a positive response and welcome you to St. Gallen with our greatest honour.

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Congress chairmen