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PROGRAM:

- 3D LIVE SURGERY VATS & RATS UNDER
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 **DAY 1 / 03 June 2026**

Chairs: V. Ambrogi (Rome, Italy) – S. Margaritora (Rome, Italy)

08:30	Authority welcome	
09:00	Uniportal VATS and RATS tracheal and carinal resections	– D. Gonzalez-Rivas (Shanghai, China)
09:15	Building the smart ward ecosystem: ERAS protocols and medical robotics in thoracic surgery	– M. Minjie (Lanzhou, China)
09:30	Comparison of post-operative outcomes between U-VATS and RATS for major lung resections: Our experience	– S. Bongiolatti (Florence, Italy)
09:45	Management of intraoperative complications: tips and tricks	– C. Zirafa (Pisa, Italy)
10:00	LIVE SURGERY SESSION. CASE 1.	
 11:30	Coffee break	
	Chairs: S. Elia (Campobasso, Italy) – P. Crucitti (Rome, Italy)	
12:00	Surgical treatment of locally advanced lung cancer	– H. Xufei (Shanghai, China)
12:20	The art of table assist in U-RATS	– M. Bosinceanu (Bucarest, Romania)
12:35	The standardized robotic lung approach	– F. Montagne (Valenciennes, France)
12:50	Single-port robotic thymectomy	– G. Veronesi (Milan, Italy)
13:00	LIVE SURGERY SESSION. CASE 2.	
 14:30	Light Lunch	
15:15	ION™ system: beyond the boundaries of diagnosis	– R. Trisolini (Rome, Italy)
15:30	Pulmonary Lobectomy RATS vs VATS, clinical & economical evaluation	– P. Solli (Milan, Italy)
15:45	Pulmonary Segmentectomy RATS vs VATS, clinical & economical evaluation	– E. Bottoni (Milan, Italy)
 20:30	Meeting dinner	

 **DAY 2 / 04 June 2026**

Chairs: F. Tacconi (Rome, Italy) – F. Venuta (Rome, Italy)

08:45	Lectio magistralis: lung cancer in the woman	– F. Melfi (Cosenza, Italy)
09:15	Single-anesthesia approach and nodule localization with ION – Our Experience	– E. Meacci (Rome, Italy)
09:30	From foundational VATS skills to complex RATS procedures	– J. Brandolini (Bologna, Italy)
09:45	Training programs in the mini-invasive Thoracic surgery	– A. Bertani (Palermo, Italy)
10:00	LIVE SURGERY SESSION. CASE 1.	
 11:30	Coffee break	
	Chairs: V. Ambrogi (Rome, Italy) – F. Melfi (Cosenza, Italy)	
12:00	Nightmares in mini-invasive thoracic surgery	– A. Fiorelli (Naples, Italy)
12:15	DaVinci Sp: from U-Vats to Single Port Approach, our journey and techniques	– E. Mercadante (Roma, Italy)
12:30	The evolution of the incision: a comparative look at modern thoracic approaches	– C. Andreetti (Rome, Italy)
12:45	RATS in non-thymic mediastinal surgery	– L. Luzzi (Siena, Italy)
13:00	LIVE SURGERY SESSION. CASE 2.	
 14:30	Light Lunch	
	Attendance certificate	
	Open discussion and closing remarks	

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