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ESAGON

European School of Abdomino-Pelvic Surgery in Gynecologic Oncology



# ESAGON International 2027 Inaugural Session

European excellence in advanced  
ovarian cancer surgery

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# Presentation

Advanced ovarian cancer surgery has entered an era of increasing complexity. Technical skill alone is no longer sufficient.

Excellence now requires structured clinical reasoning, appropriate patient selection, multidisciplinary integration, and shared standards of care.

Digital tools and structured data can inform decisions, but they do not replace clinical judgment. Their value lies in being integrated within rigorous educational frameworks.

From this imperative emerges ESAGON International 2027 — a structured European partnership between IEO Milan, Kliniken Essen-Mitte (Essen), and Imperial College London.

A shared commitment.

A common standard.

One European school for advanced ovarian cancer surgery.

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# Scientific Programme

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

- 9.00 AM      **Welcome**  
Institutional opening - *A. Maggioni*
- Distinguished inaugural lecture**
- 9.10 AM      **Excellence in surgery is a path without an end**  
Excellence as the foundation of structured surgical training - *J. Magrina*
- 9.40 AM      **The dedicated Ovarian Cancer Center: centralization, structure and responsibility**  
Centralization as the cornerstone of high-quality care - *N. Colombo*
- 10.00 AM     **Evidence that changed surgical practice in advanced ovarian cancer**  
Evidence as the foundation of advanced surgical training -
- 10.20 AM     **Patient selection in advanced ovarian cancer: algorithms and clinical judgment**  
From predictive models to clinical decision-making - *G.D. Aletti*
- 10.40 AM     **Coffee break**
- 11.00 AM     **Surgery for recurrence: the measure of surgical formation**  
Where strategy, selection and responsibility are tested - *P. Hurter*
- 11.20 AM     **Multidisciplinary strategy in advanced ovarian cancer surgery**  
Collaboration as a core surgical competence - *R. Biffi, F. Alesina*
- 11.40 AM     **The future of advanced ovarian cancer surgery: will it be easier — or more demanding?**  
Why structured surgical education matters more than ever - *C. Fotopoulou*
- 12.00 PM     **ESAGON International 2027: a structured European School for Advanced Surgical Training**  
Program structure, partner institutions and training pathway - *R. Biffi*
- Faculty panel discussion**
- 12.30 PM     **Certificate ceremony for attendees of Esagon 2026**
- 13.00 PM     **Inaugural reception and founding toast**  
Light lunch and toast to ESAGON International 2027

Registration Fee:

Free of charge

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