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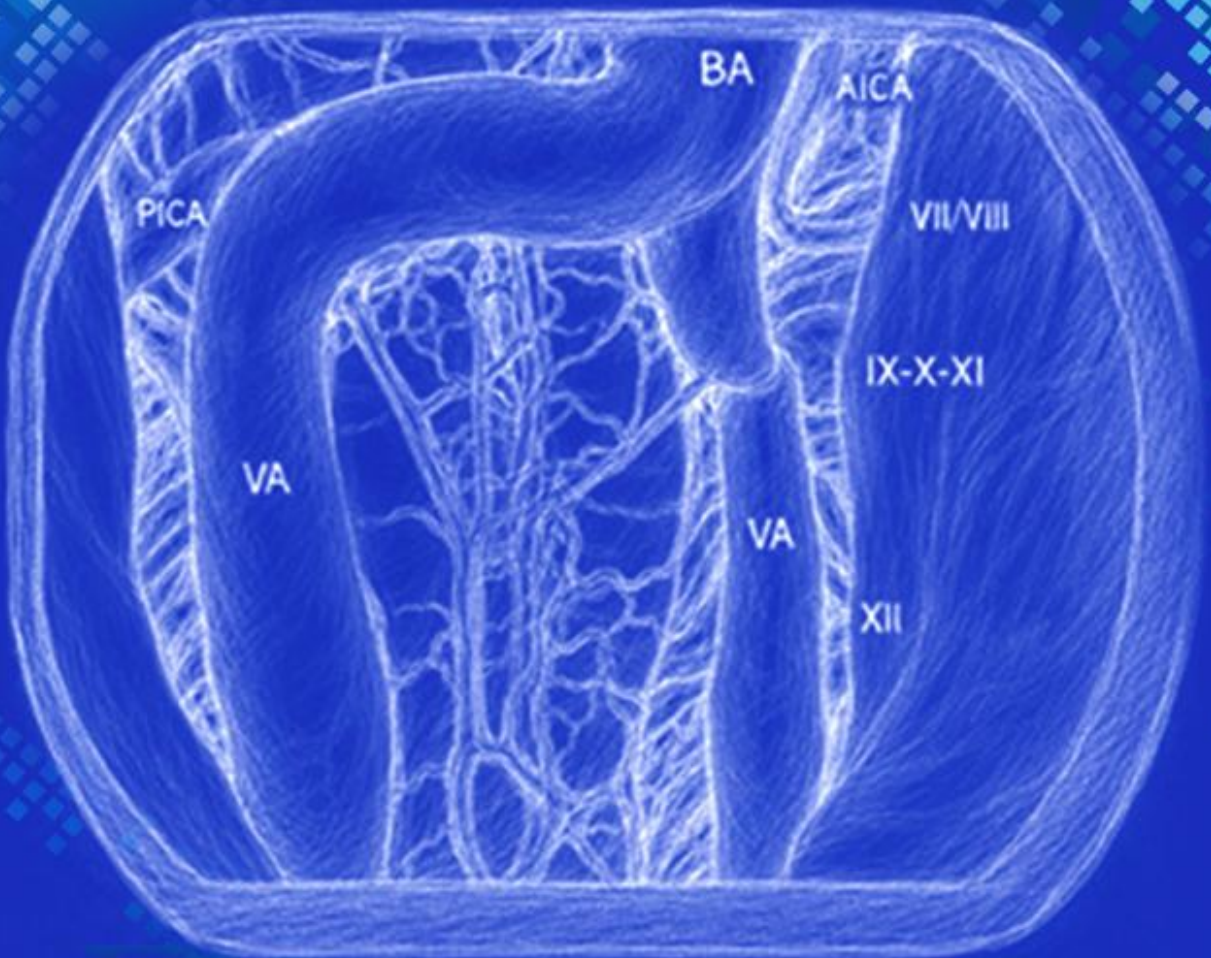
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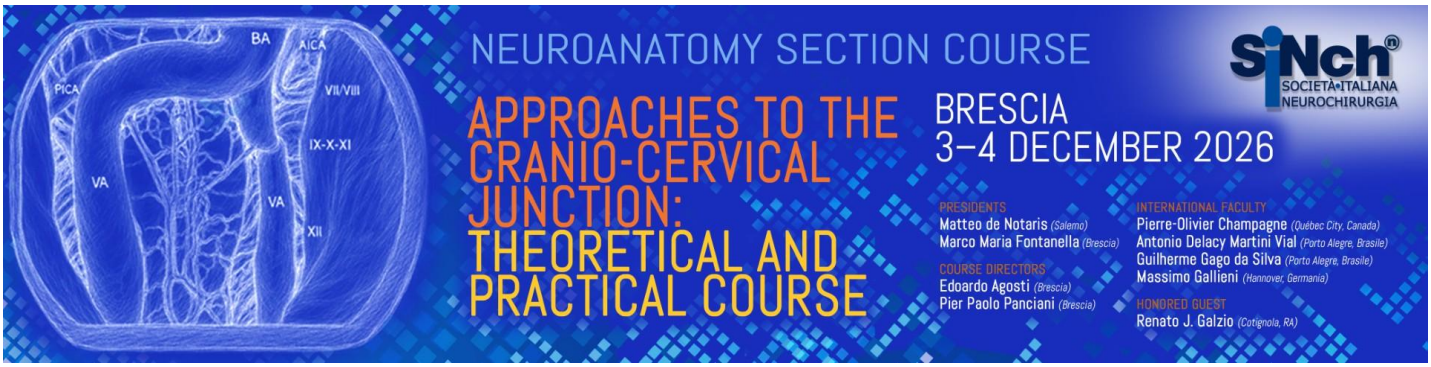
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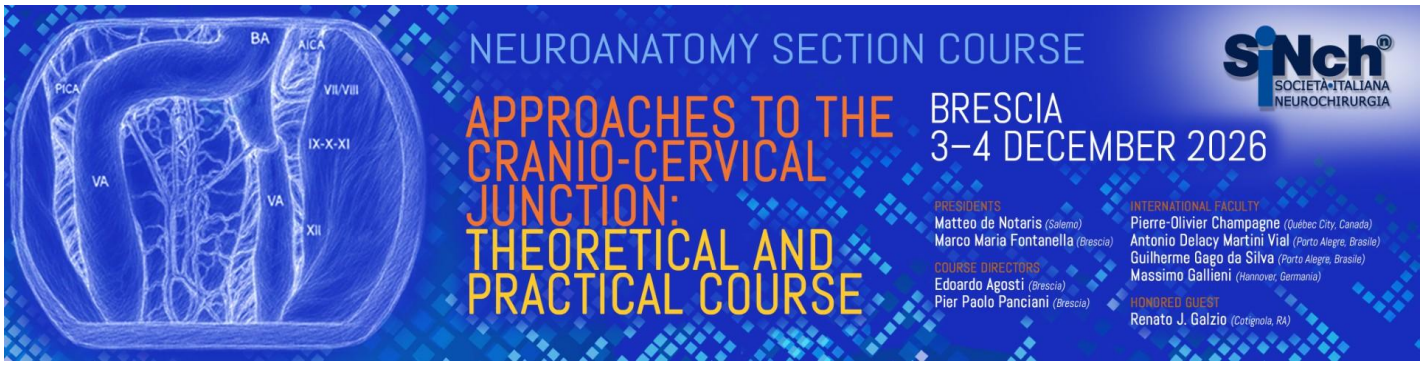
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 2026

13.30 Secretariat opening and participant registration

Welcome Coffee

14.00 Welcome and course presentation

M. de Notaris *(Salerno)*
M.M. Fontanella *(Brescia)*

MODULE 1: ENDOSCOPIC ENDONASAL APPROACH TO THE CLIVUS AND TO CCJ

Moderators: **L.M. Cavallo** *(Napoli)*, **M. de Notaris** *(Salerno)*, **F. Doglietto** *(Roma)*, **M.M. Fontanella** *(Brescia)*

14.10 Surgical anatomy of endoscopic endonasal middle-inferior clivectomy and endoscopic endonasal approach to CCJ with photogrammetry

E. Agosti *(Brescia)*

14.20 **Round table: Median-paramedian middle-lower clival lesions: open vs endoscopic approaches**
Participants:
A. Delacy Martini Vial *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*, **G. Gago da Silva** *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*, **M. Iacoangeli** *(Ancona)*, **D. Mazzatenta** *(Bologna)*, **C. Zoia** *(Gravedona, CO)*
(1 clinical case for each participant, 8 min each)

15.00 ***Discussion and open coffee***
15.30

15.30 ***Hands-on step-by-step dissections (pre-dissected nasal step on master stations)***
18.00

- Endoscopic endonasal middle-inferior clivectomy
  Master station: **F. Doglietto** *(Roma)*, **D. Solari** *(Napoli)*
- Endoscopic endonasal far medial approach
  Master station: **E. Agosti** *(Brescia)*, **P.O. Champagne** *(Québec City, Canada)*
- Endoscopic endonasal approach to CCJ
  Master station: **G. Gago da Silva** *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*, **M. Gladi** *(Ancona)*

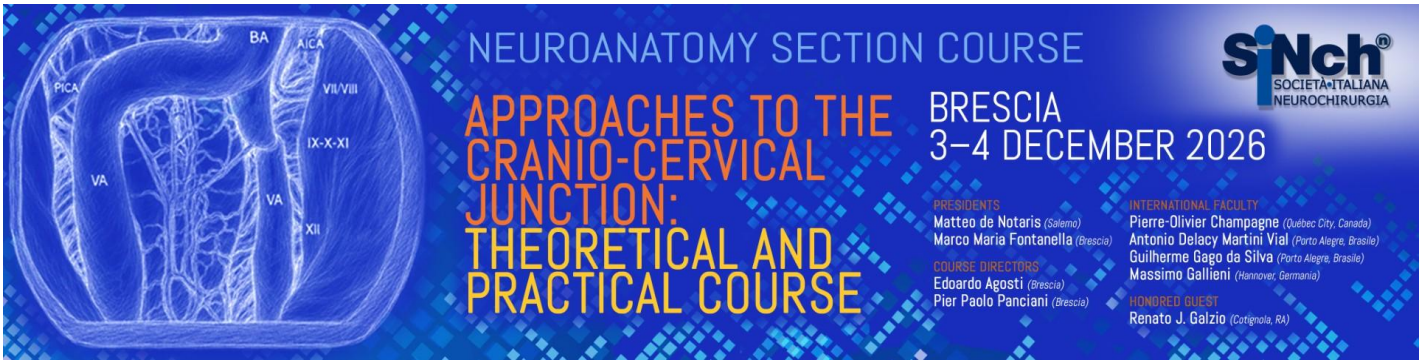
Dueling section with open coffee: open vs endoscopic approaches to CCJ
Moderators: **G. Catapano** *(Napoli)*, **D. d'Avella** *(Padova)*, **V. Esposito** *(Pozzilli, IS)*, **G. Iaconetta** *(Salerno)*

18.10 Special Lecture: open approaches for CCJ lesions
R.J. Galzio *(Cotignola, RA)*

18.25 Special Lecture: endoscopic endonasal approaches for CCJ lesions
P.O. Champagne *(Québec City, Canada)*

18.40 **Discussion**
19.00

19.00 Closure of the first day's sessions



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 2026

08.00 Secretariat opening

Welcome Coffee

MODULE 2: FAR LATERAL APPROACH AND ITS EXTENSIONS

Moderators: **M.M. Fontanella** *(Brescia)*, **G. Gago da Silva** *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*, **P.P. Panciani** *(Brescia)*, **M. Visocchi** *(Roma)*

08.35 Surgical anatomy of far lateral approach with transcondylar extension and vertebral artery transposition with photogrammetry
A. Piazza *(Frosinone)*

08.45 Open debate: Far lateral approach: when transcondylar drilling is needed?
Participants:
P.O. Champagne *(Québec City, Canada)*, **A. Delacy Martini Vial** *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*, **M. Gallieni** *(Hannover, Germania)*, **M. Iacoangeli** *(Ancona)*, **C. Zoia** *(Gravedona, CO)*

09.30 ***Discussion and open coffee***
10.00

10.00 ***Hands-on step-by-step dissections – predissected specimens on master station***
13.00

- Far lateral approach
  Master station: **E. Agosti** *(Brescia)*, **G. Gago da Silva** *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*
- Transcondylar extension and vertebral artery transposition
  Master station: **F. Corrivetti** *(Roma)*, **A. Delacy Martini Vial** *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*

13.00 ***Light Lunch***
14.00

MODULE 3: OCCIPITO-CERVICAL FIXATION

Moderators: **G. Barbagallo** *(Catania)*, **A. Delacy Martini Vial** *(Porto Alegre, Brasile)*, **M. Fornari** *(Rozzano, MI)*, **N. Montemurro** *(Pisa)*

14.05 Surgical anatomy of upper cervical spine anatomical
F. Cofano *(Torino)*
14.15 Step-by-step occipito-cervical fixation (C0–C4)
L. Ricciardi *(Roma)*
14.25 Clinical cases: Anatomo-clinical Basis of C1–C2 Vertebral Venous Plexus Transposition
G. Barbagallo *(Catania)*

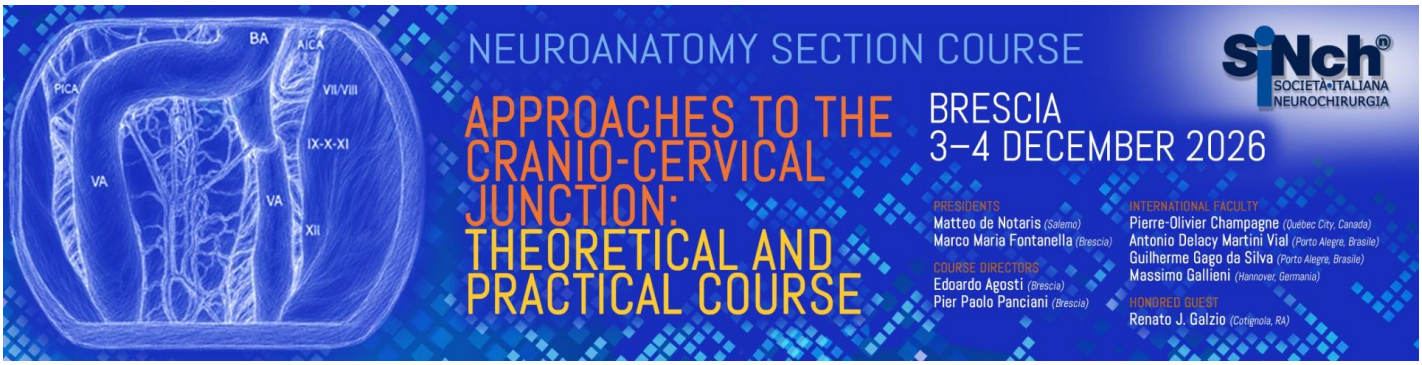
14.35 **Round table: Occipito-cervical fixation in oncological surgery: when is needed and how much extend it?**
Participants:
A. Barbanera *(Alessandria)*, **F. Costa** *(Milano)*, **G. Grimod** *(Livorno)*, **L. Ricciardi** *(Roma)*, **M. Visocchi** *(Roma)*
(1 clinical case for each participant, 8 min each)

15.15 ***Discussion and open coffee***
15.45

15.45 ***Hands-on step-by-step dissections***
18.30

- Occipito-cervical skeletonization and placement of an occipital plate
  Master station (predissected specimens): **F. Costa** *(Milano)*, **L. Ricciardi** *(Roma)*
- Placement of transpedicular screws from C1 to C4
  Master station and tutoring: **A. Barbanera** *(Alessandria)*, **R. Bergomi** *(Brescia)*, **F. Costa** *(Milano)*, **M. Fornari** *(Rozzano, MI)*, **M. Visocchi** *(Roma)*, **C. Zoia** *(Gravedona, CO)*

18.30 End of the course



GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING VENUE

Università degli Studi di Brescia
E14 - Edificio Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia
Settorato Anatomico “Luigi F. Rodella”
Viale Europa, 11 - 25123 Brescia

REGISTRATION

The maximum number of participants is limited to:

- **10 participants for the Dissection Course**

HOW TO REGISTER AND HOW TO PAY

Participation in the Course is subject to a registration fee:

- **€500 + VAT for members of the Anatomy, Neuro-Oncology and Young Neurosurgeons SINch Sections**
- **€2.000 Full Grant Package, VAT included**
  Includes accommodation, dinner and participation in the theoretical and practical course

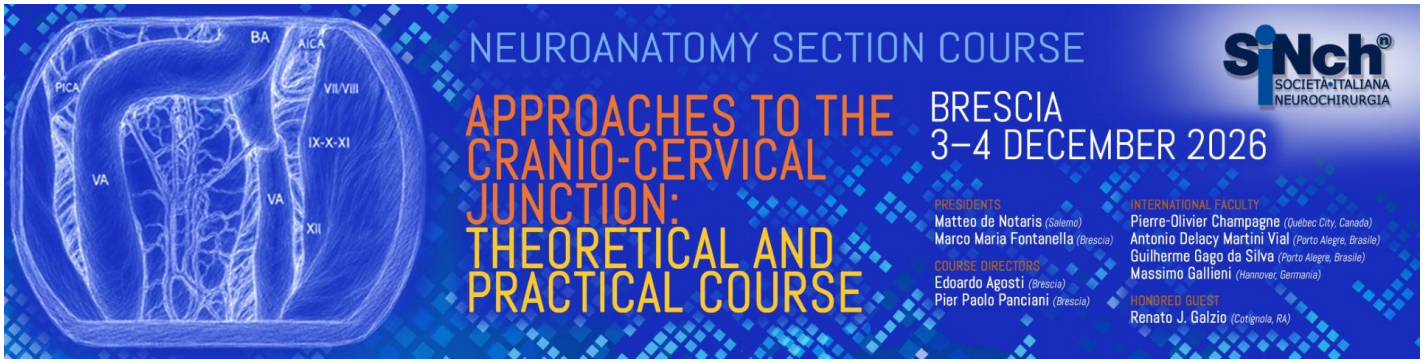
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- Coffee breaks and light lunches as indicated in the programme
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SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the course is English without simultaneous translation.

We kindly ask to all speakers to prepare their slides/mp4 videos in English.

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