



# OCERT XII

## Scientific Program

**Theme:** From Evidence to Operating Room: Implementing Proficiency-Based Progression Methodology in Real-World Training of Surgeons

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**DATE | February 25, 2026**

**VENUE | Orsi Academy**

08:00 – 08:30 | Welcome & registration

08:30 – 08:45 | Opening Remarks

General description of OCERT and Specific Aims of OCERT XII

08:45 – 09:00 | Keynote Address

Defining the Surgical Learning Curve After Residency Graduation

09:00 – 10:00 | Setting the Stage

**Moderators: Elke Vandaele (BE) & Mustafa Kerem (TR)**

09:00 – 09:15 Proficiency-Based Progression in Theory vs Practice:  
Understanding the Evidence–Implementation Gap

09:15 – 09:30 The Role of Scientific Societies in Implementing Proficiency-Based  
Progression Methodology in Real-World Training of Surgeons

09:30 – 09:45 Society-Industry Partnerships for Training: Opportunities and Challenges

09:45 – 10:00 Q&A

10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee break & networking

10:30 – 13:00 | Delphi Discussion: OCERT 2.0

**Alex Mottrie (BE)**

**Mahendra Bhandari (USA)**

**Peter Wiklund (SE)**

**Jim Khan (UK)**

**Isabella Frigerio (IT)**

**Niki Rashidian (BE)**

**Natali Rodriguez (BE)**

**Edoardo Beatrici (BE)**

**Eva Vanderstraeten (BE)**

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13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch & networking

14:00 – 15:15 | Updates in Robotic Training

**Moderators: Andrew Gumbs (FR) & Roberto Troisi (IT)**

- 14:00 – 14:15 Tele-Mentoring and Tele-Training to Increase the Quality of Care Worldwide
- 14:15 – 14:30 Objective Performance Indicator to Measure Surgeon Performance
- 14:30 – 14:45 Beyond Motion Tracking: Why AI Alone Cannot Define Robotic Surgical Proficiency?
- 14:45 – 15:00 Train the Trainer for Robotic Surgery: An Evidence-Based, Platform-Agnostic Curriculum
- 15:00 – 15:15 Q&A

**Geert De Naeyer (BE)**  
**Sue Kulason (USA)**  
**Sara Tamburini (IT)**  
**Nuha A. Yassin (UK)**

15:15 – 15:45 | Coffee break & networking

15:45 – 17:30 | Certification & Accreditation Models

**Moderators: Alberto Arezzo (IT) & Isabelle Van Herzeele (BE)**

- 15:45 – 16:00 Training Matters: Linking Training to Patient Outcome
- 16:00 – 16:15 Standardizing Training Curricula Across Borders
- 16:15 – 16:30 UEMS Certification for Robotic Surgery
- 16:30 – 16:45 The Role of Universities: Micro-Credentialing
- 16:45 – 17:00 Q&A
- 17:00 – 17:30 Closing Remarks

**Thomas Hébert (FR)**  
**Nader Francis (UK)**  
**Georg Bischof (AT)**  
**Chris Verslype (BE)**

**Alex Mottrie (BE)**  
**Niki Rashidian (BE)**

17:30 – 18:30 | Break with optional behind-the-scenes tour of the Orsi facilities

18:30 – 21:00 | Networking Event

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