

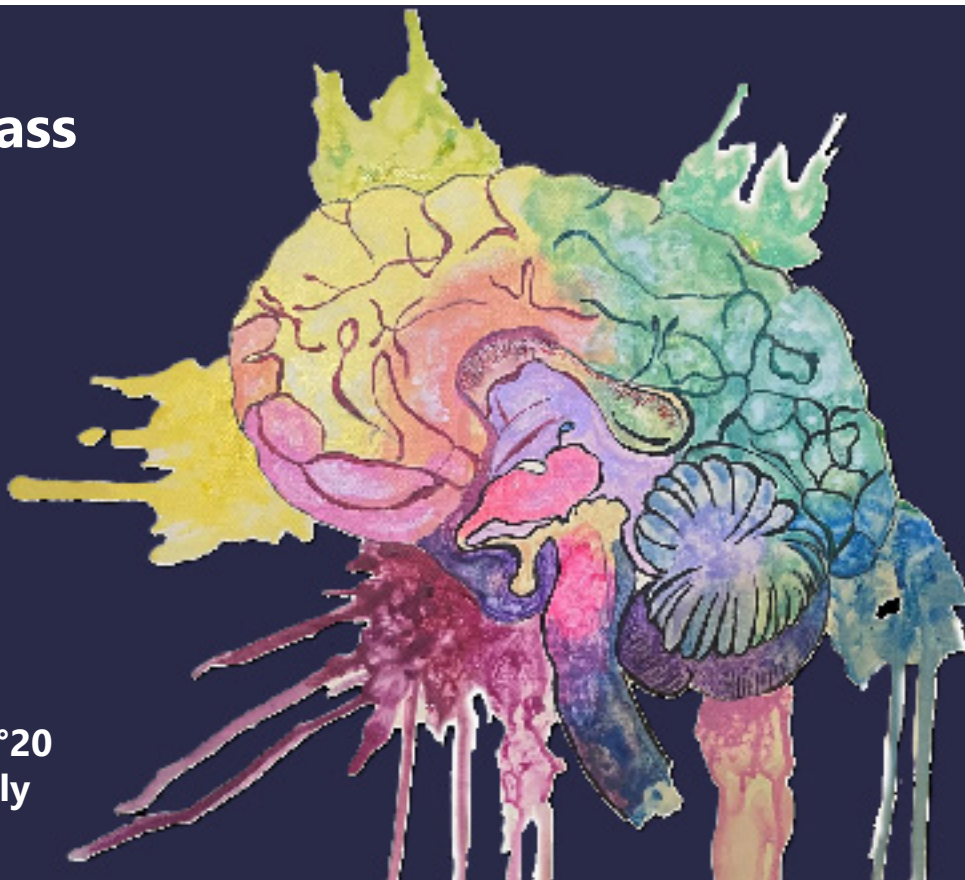
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# Skull Base Masterclass

## Middle Cranial Fossa, Cavernous Sinus and Petroclival Region Approaches

19-22 May 2026

Palazzo Trecchi  
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### Focus on

This dissection course is aimed to present advantages and limitations of surgical approaches to challenging intracranial targets having the opportunity to share knowledge, tips and tricks with an internationally renowned faculty.

The course will be held in English.

### Course Director:



Prof. A. Fioravanti - Cremona, Italy  
**Cremona Neurosurgical Academy Director**



Dr. C. A. Donofrio - Cremona, Italy



Prof. F. Pessina - Milano, Humanitas, Italy



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Participation fee for 4 days of course (from 19 to 22 May 2026):  
€ 1300.00 VAT included

Participation fee for 4 days of course with overnight stay (nights of May 19, 20 and 21, 2026) € 1600.00 VAT included

International participants may contact the organizing secretariat for support with logistics and transfers.

### International Faculty:



Prof. O. Al-Mefty - Little Rock, USA  
**Special Guest**



Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA



Prof. L. A. B. Borba - Curitiba, Brazil



Prof. R. S. Tubbs - New Orleans, USA  
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## The Fronto-Temporo-Orbito-Zygomatic Approach - 19th May 2026

- 08:30 Registration
- 08:45-09:00 Welcome  
Prof. A. Fioravanti - Cremona  
Prof. D. d'Avella - Padua
- 09:00-09:30 Cavernous sinus anatomy  
Prof. R. S. Tubbs - New Orleans, USA
- 09:30-10:00 Fronto-temporo-orbito-zygomatic approach and peeling of the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus: how I do it  
Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA
- 10:00-10:15 Extradural anterior clinoidectomy  
Prof. V. Esposito - Pozzilli
- 10:15-10:45 Lectio magistralis: "Cavernous Sinus Meningiomas: To Operate or Not to Operate - That is the Question"  
Prof. O. Al-Mefty - Little Rock, USA
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-13:00 Wet Lab: Fronto-temporo-orbito-zygomatic approach and peeling of the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus (Part I)  
Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:30 Wet Lab: Extradural anterior clinoidectomy and optic canal unroofing (Part II)  
Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA
- 17:30-18:00 Lectio magistralis: "Challenges in the surgical management of lesions involving the cavernous sinus"  
Prof. F. Tomasello - Catania



## **The Anterior Petrosal Approach - 20th May 2026**

- 09:00-09:20    Lectio magistralis: "How to improve neurosurgical education worldwide"  
Prof. F. Servadei – Milan, Besta
- 09:20-10:00    Anatomy of the middle cranial fossa and anatomical landmarks for the anterior petrosal approach  
Prof. R.S. Tubbs – New Orleans
- 10:00-10:30    The anterior petrosal approach: how I do it  
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 10:30-11:00    Lectio magistralis: "Surgical treatment of petroclival tumors"  
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 11:00-11:15    Coffee break
- 11:15-13:00    Wet Lab: The anterior petrosal approach – Middle cranial fossa approach (part I)  
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil
- 13:00-14:00    Lunch
- 14:00-14:30    Lectio magistralis: "Petrosal approaches for treatment of complex skull base pathologies"  
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil
- 14:30-17:30    Wet Lab: The anterior petrosal approach – Anterior petrosectomy (part II)  
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil



## **The Posterior Petrosal Approach – 21st May 2026**

- 09:00-09:45 Anatomy of the temporal bone and anatomical landmarks for the posterior petrosal approach  
Prof. R.S. Tubbs – New Orleans
- 09:45-10:15 The posterior petrosal approach: how I do it  
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 10:15-10:45 Lectio magistralis: "The posterior petrosal approach: indications and limitations"  
Prof. K. Arnautovic – Memphis, USA
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 Wet Lab: The posterior petrosal approach (Part I)  
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-14:30 Challenges in the surgical management of lesions involving the petroclival region and jugular foramen  
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil
- 14:30-17:30 Wet Lab: The posterior petrosal approach (Part II)  
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA



## **The Retrosigmoid and Far Lateral Approach – 22nd May 2026**

- 09:00-09:45 Anatomy of the postero-lateral skull base and anatomical landmarks for the retrosigmoid and far lateral approaches  
Prof. R.S. Tubbs – New Orleans
- 09:45-10:00 The retrosigmoid approach and its variants: how I do it  
Prof. A. Fioravanti – Cremona
- 10:00-10:20 Retrosigmoid approach for vestibular schwannomas  
Prof. F. Pessina – Milan, Humanitas
- 10:20-10:40 Far lateral approach: how I do it  
Prof. R. J. Galzio
- 10:40-11:00 Lectio magistralis: "The far lateral approach and its variants: indications and limitations"  
Prof. K. Arnautovic – Memphis, USA
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-13:00 Wet Lab: The retrosigmoid approach  
Prof. A. Fioravanti – Cremona
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:00 Wet Lab: The far lateral approach  
Prof. R. J. Galzio

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