



4th UROART Symposium 2026

January 22 and 23, 2026

University Hospital Basel, Department of Urology

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **4th UROART Symposium**, taking place on **January 22–23, 2026** at the **University Hospital Basel**.

For the first time, the symposium will open with a dedicated **Master Class in Robotic Surgery** on the afternoon of January 22, offering hands-on training, simulator sessions, and interactive case discussions. The following day will feature the established **UROART Symposium**, combining live surgeries, keynote lectures, and interdisciplinary discussions on the latest developments in upper tract **urothelial and renal cancer**.

We are delighted to welcome renowned experts, including **Prof. Alex Mottrie (Aalst)**, who will share his experience in robotic partial nephrectomy, **Prof. Inderbir Gill (Los Angeles)**, presenting innovative approaches to complex robotic procedures, and **Prof. Richard Cathomas (Chur)**, addressing systemic treatment of upper tract urothelial cancer.

The **UROART Symposium** continues to be a platform for **practical education and international exchange**, uniting specialists from around the world.

We look forward to welcoming you to Basel for two exciting and stimulating days.



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Head of Urology



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Scientific Board

Program January 22 - Master Class Robotic

11:30	Registration & Welcome coffee
12:00	Welcome speak <i>Helge Seifert, Prof., University Hospital Basel, Basel, Switzerland</i>
12:00 - 15:30	Block I: Simulator Training and OR Observation Rotation in small Groups General Robotic Skills Training Suturing Techniques Intraoperative Ultrasound Interactive Obervership in the OR: Ask the Surgeon/Nurse/Assistant
12:05	Case Presentations
12:25	Live surgery I: Robotic transperitoneal Pyeloplasty Live surgery II: Robotic Multiport transperitoneal Nephrectomy Live surgery III: Robotic Multiport retroperitoneal Live-surgeryIV: Robotic Multiport retroperitoneal Nephrectomy
12:45	Block II: Basics of Renal Surgery · Specific Anatomy of the Kidney · Diagnostics and Imaging before Renal Surgery · Decision Making and Planning of the Operation · Surgical Access: Transperitoneal or Retroperitoneal
13:25	Live Surgery
13:45	Block III: Basics of Robotic Renal Surgery · Preparation of the Patient · Positioning of the Patient · Trocar Placement · Intraoperative Imaging
14:25	Live Surgery
14:45	Coffee break (<i>industrial exhibiton</i>)
15:10	Live Surgery
15:30	Block IV Basics of Robotic Renal Surgery Dissection of the Hilum, Clamping Techniques Suturing and Hemostatics Management of Complications Postoperative Management
16:10	Closing Remarks <i>Prof. Helge Seifert, Basel</i>
16:15	End of Symposium

Program January 23 - UROART

08:55

Live-Surgery

Transperitoneal Multiport Robotic Partial Nephrectomy

Prof. Alex Mottrie, Aalst

Robotic Multiport Transperitoneal Nephrectomy with IVC Thrombus

Prof. Inderbir S. Gill, Los Angeles

ChairsOP-OR:

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09:05

Clamping y/n? Suturing y/n? All About the Technique of Robotic Partial Nephrectomy

Prof. Andrea Minervini, Florence

Chairs:

PD Ilaria Lucca, Lausanne; Prof. Dr. med. Stefan Siemer, Homburg/Saar

09:35

Live-Surgery

09:45

Complex Robotic Partial Nephrectomy: Tipps and Tricks

Prof. Anant Kumar, New Delhi

Chairs:

PD Ilaria Lucca, Lausanne; Prof. Dr. med. Stefan Siemer, Homburg/Saar

10:15

Live-Surgery

10:25

Single Port Robotic Partial Nephrectomie

Prof. Paolo Gontero, Turin

Chairs:

PD Ilaria Lucca, Lausanne; Prof. Dr. med. Stefan Siemer, Homburg/Saar

10:50

Live-Surgery

11:00

Coffee break (*industrial exhibiton*)

11:20

Live-Surgery

11:30

Fire Debate: Small Renal Masses $\leq 3\text{cm}$

a) Active Surveillance b) Focal Ablation
c) Stereotactic Body Radio Therapy d) Partial Nephrectomy

a) *Dr. Anas Elyan, Basel*

b) *Tommy K. Nielsen, Aalborg*

c) *Prof. Matthias Guckenberger, Zürich*

d) *Prof. Paolo Gontero, Turin*

Chairs:

Dr. Pia Kraft, Toronto; Dr. Anna Lazos, Zürich

12:10

Keynote Lecture L: The Evolution of Robotic Partial Nephrectomy"

Prof. Alex Mottrie

Chair:

Prof. Helge Seifert

12:40

Live-Surgery

12:50

Lunch (*industrial exhibiton*)

- 13:35** **Live-Surgery**
 Robotic Multiport Transperitoneal Nephroureterectomy with LAD
n/n
 Retroperitoneal Multiport Robotic Partial Nephrectomy
Prof. Helge Seifert, Basel
- ChairsOP-OR:** *Dr. Abolfazl Hosseini, Stockholm; PD Dr. Kathrin Bausch, Basel*
ChairsOP-LH: *PD Ashkan Mortezaei, Zürich; Dr. Sveto Subotic, Liestal;
 Prof. Dr. med. Hubert John, Winterthur*
- 13:40** **Systemic Treatment of Renal Cancer:**
Prof. Axel Bex, London
- Chairs:** *Prof. Arnulf Stenzl, Tuebingen; Prof. Frank Stenner, Basel*
- 14:10** **Live-Surgery**
- 14:20** **Molecular Differences between Bladder and Upper Tract Urothelial Cancer:**
Prof. Arndt Hartmann, Erlangen
- Chairs:** *Prof. Arnulf Stenzl, Tuebingen; PD Tatjana Vlajnic, Basel*
- 14:40** **Systemic Treatment of Upper Tract Urothelial Cancer**
Prof. Richard Cathomas, Chur
- Chairs:** *Prof. Arnulf Stenzl, Tuebingen; Prof. Cyrill Rentsch, Basel*
- 15.10** **Coffee break** (*industrial exhibiton*)
- 15.30** **Live-Surgery**
- 15:40** **Endoscopic Management of Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma**
Prof. Marianne Brehmer, Stockholm
- Chairs:** *Prof. Thomas Herrmann, Frauenfeld; Dr. Adrian Masaeli, Basel*
- 16:10** **Live-Surgery**
- 16:20** **Keynote Lecture II: Management of Complex Cases for Robotic Nephrectomy. How Far Can We Go?**
Prof. Inderbir S. Gill
- Chairs:** *Prof. Dr. med. Hubert John, Winterthur; PD Pascal Zehnder, Luzern*
- 16:50** **Panel Discussion: Future Role of Robotic Surgery in Renal Carcinoma**
All Faculty Members
- Chairs:** *Prof. Helge Seifert, Basel*

Information & Registration

Event date:

Thursday and Friday, January 22 and 23, 2026

Credits: 12 SGU (on-site participation)

6 SGU (online participation)

Participation fees:

- **Thursday:** CHF 45 (all participants)
- **Friday:** CHF 95 (residents) / CHF 140 (specialists)
- **Combination Ticket** (Thursday & Friday): CHF 115 (residents) / CHF 160 (specialists)
- **Online participation** (both days, live-streamed surgeries only): CHF 70

Online participation via Microsoft Teams is available exclusively for the live-transmitted surgeries. Single-day online registration is not possible.

Venue:

ZLF-Hörsaal
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Royal Free Hospital, London

Prof. Marianne Brehmer

*Karolinska University Hospital,
Stockholm*

Prof. Richard Cathomas

Kantonsspital Graubünden, Chur

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