



IBRA International Bone
Research Association

Program



IBRA Master Course

5th Basel International Ankle Osteoarthritis Course

**April 17 – 18, 2026
Basel, Switzerland**

Chairperson:
Prof. Dr. Dr. Victor Valderrabano, Basel, Switzerland

Foreword

Dear colleagues

Ankle osteoarthritis is a common and challenging entity in foot and ankle surgery. The etiology is mainly posttraumatic and the cases often accompanied by additional deformities.

The conservative treatment does not always bring the necessary pain relief and therefore surgical treatment is necessary.

At the beginning joint preserving surgery with or without cartilage repair delays or stops progressive osteoarthritis disease.

In the next step, total ankle arthroplasty gives to patients pain relief, better life quality, and better function.

At the end of the treatment sequence, ankle arthrodesis might be indicated or the final solution after a failed total ankle arthroplasty.

In this course, indications, treatment algorithms and outcomes will be discussed in a theoretical part. In the practical part participants are exposed to all surgical treatment options. The overall goal of the course is the improvement of the treatment quality of ankle osteoarthritis patients.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Basel/Switzerland!



Prof. Dr. med. Dr. phil. Victor Valderrabano, MD PhD

Faculty

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Faculty

(in alphabetical order)

Dr. Moez Ballal, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC), Abu Dhabi

Dr. Edward Haupt, Jacksonville, FL, USA

Prof. Dr. Mario Herrera, Tenerife, SP

Mr. Peter Rosenfeld, London, UK

Dr. Daniel Saraiva Santos, Porto, PT

Prof. Dr. Dr. Victor Valderrabano, Basel, CH

Friday – April 17, 2026

Location IBRA Institute Lecture Hall Hochbergerstrasse 60E CH-4057 Basel, Switzerland		
7:40 – 8:00	Registration	
8:00 – 8:05	Welcome	<i>V. Valderrabano</i>
8:05 – 8:15	IBRA Introduction	<i>T. Hövekamp</i>
8:15 – 10:15	Theoretical Part I (120 min)	<i>M. Herrera</i>
8:15 – 8:40*	Ankle Osteoarthritis - Etiology & Specifications	<i>M. Ballal</i>
8:40 – 9:05*	Joint Preserving Surgery of Valgus Ankle Osteoarthritis	<i>V. Valderrabano</i>
9:05 – 9:30*	Joint Preserving Surgery of Varus Ankle Osteoarthritis	<i>D. Saraiva</i>
9:30 – 9:45*	CMX PSI-Technology: From the X-ray to the Jig	<i>Medartis</i>
9:45 – 10:10*	Cartilage Repair in Osteochondral Lesion and Ankle Osteoarthritis	<i>P. Rosenfeld</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Discussion	<i>all</i>
10:20 – 10:35	Coffee Break	

*incl. Questions & Answers

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10:35 – 12:45	Theoretical Part II (130 min)	<i>D. Saraiva</i>
10:35 – 10:55*	Total Ankle Arthroplasty - Indications & Additional Surgeries	<i>V. Valderrabano</i>
10:55 – 11:15*	Total Ankle Arthroplasty - PSI and Navigation	<i>E. Haupt</i>
11:15 – 11:35*	Revision of a Failed Total Ankle Arthroplasty	<i>E. Haupt</i>
11:35 – 11:55*	Arthroscopic Ankle Arthrodesis and Primary Open Ankle Arthodesis - Options	<i>M. Herrera</i>
11:55 – 12:15*	Ankle Arthrodesis after Failed Total Ankle Arthroplasty	<i>P. Rosenfeld</i>
12:15 – 12:35*	Patient Specific Solution in Ankle/Hindfoot Deformities and Ankle Defects	<i>M. Ballal</i>
12:35 – 12:45	My most difficult cases	<i>all faculty</i>
12:45 – 13:35	Lunch	

*incl. Questions & Answers

Friday – April 17, 2026



Location IBRA Institute BioSkills Lab Hochbergerstrasse 60E CH-4057 Basel, Switzerland		
13:35 – 13:45	Welcome and Introduction to the BioSkills Lab	<i>V. Valderrabano</i>
13:45 – 15:45	Practical Part I (120 min)	<i>All Faculty members</i>
13:45 – 15:45	Joint Preserving Surgery of Ankle Osteoarthritis: - Supramalleolar Osteotomies - Ankle Cartilage Repair / Autologous matrix-induced chondrogenesis - Hindfoot Reconstruction	
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 – 18:15	Practical Part II (120 min)	<i>All Faculty members</i>
16:15 – 18:15	Primary Implantation of Total Ankle Arthroplasty by standard implantation and navigation implantation	
18:15 – 18:30	Summary	
20:00	Networking Dinner	

Saturday – April 18, 2026



Location IBRA Institute BioSkills Lab Hochbergerstrasse 60E CH-4057 Basel, Switzerland		
8:00 – 10:30	Practical Part III (150 min)	<i>All Faculty members</i>
8:00 – 10:30	Primary Implantation of Total Ankle Arthroplasty with Talus Flatcut Component and Additional Surgeries	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Practical Part IV (60 min)	<i>All Faculty members</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Bone Block Arthrodesis after Total Ankle Arthroplasty: - Posterior Bone Block TTC Arthrodesis - Anterior Bone Block Ankle Arthrodesis	
12:00 – 12:15	Summary	<i>V. Valderrabano</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	

General Information

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Registration & Information

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Registration Fees

IBRA Full Member	EUR 900
IBRA Basic / Non-Member	EUR 1800

Registration Fee includes

April 17 + 18: All lunch and coffee breaks
Registration for Workshop only: not possible!
Networking Dinner: EUR 45

Registration Deadline: March 16, 2026

General Information

Certification



EACCME

European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education

The 5th Basel International Ankle Osteoarthritis Course , Basel, Switzerland 17/04/2026 - 18/04/2026 , has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 11.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.”

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General Information

Educational hours

Theoretical Part on Friday, April 17 – 250 min

Practical Part on Friday, April 17 – 265 min

Practical Part on Saturday, April 18 – 225 min

Total: 12,20h

Target audience

Recommended for senior surgeons and department heads.

Main specialty of the event

An interactive seminar and hands- on workshop, addressing trauma and reconstruction with representative cases and discussions. Latest innovations and trends are presented both in theoretical discussions and surgical demonstrations. Practical exercises are designed as close as possible to realities in the operating room.

Expected total number of participants

24

Educational needs

A vital scientific exchange between experts of the subspecialty reaching out for the establishment of refined standards in surgery and further improved treatment for patients has been identified as the specific need of this course level. Opening of new perspectives and a solid sounding board. Testing and possible confirmation of individual ideas through discussion with peer experts.

Expected educational outcomes

Broadening of spectrum of good practices and their dissemination, Aware of new/improved techniques and methodologies to diagnose, treat and follow-up patients.

General Information

Nature of the event

The course offers ideal conditions for the introduction and consolidation of surgery techniques. Participants learn about current treatment concepts as well as new techniques on internal fixation. On the first day, experienced surgeons provide a theoretical insight into therapy concepts and will focus on clinical anatomy, fracture classification, approaches and last but not least, many case discussions. The workshop on day two permits the attendees to apply the gained skills on fresh specimens under directed instruction.

Methods to promote active learning

Multimedia presentations; time for question & answer sessions and discussion; cadaver workshop (of pre-fractured specimens) with sharing and discussion of the various cases.

International audience

Yes

Main language of the event

The official event language is English.

Simultaneous translation

No simultaneous translation will be provided.

General Information

Venue

Theoretical Part

IBRA Institute
Lecture Hall
Hochbergerstrasse 60E
CH-4057 Basel
Switzerland

Practical Part

IBRA Institute
BioSkills Lab
Hochbergerstrasse 60E
CH-4057 Basel
Switzerland

Networking Dinner

Friday, April 17, 2026

Location

tbd

Time

20:00h

General Information

Accommodation

Motel One Basel
Barfüssergasse 16
CH-4051 Basel
Switzerland

Room Rates

CHF 204.90 from 16.4. - 17.4. 2026 per person/night
CHF 193.90 from 17.4. - 18.4. 2026 per person/night
CHF 152.90 from 18.4. - 19.4. 2026 per person/night
Breakfast included
City tax of CHF 4.20 per person/night will be added

Deadline: March 16, 2026

Cancellation policy

30 days

Individual Transfer from Hotel to IBRA Institute

A convenient way to reach the IBRA Institute from the hotel is by taking Tram 8 towards Weil am Rhein, departing from Barfüsserplatz (just a 2-minute walk from the hotel, down the stairs).

Please exit the tram at Wiesenplatz and walk approximately 8 minutes to the IBRA Institute.

Your Basel Card, which you will receive upon check-in at the hotel, includes free public transport, so no additional tram ticket is required.

General Information

Registration and Confirmation

All registrations are confirmed by e-mail. If you have not received a confirmation prior to your departure for this course, please contact us.

Refund Policy

All refunds must be requested by email (info@ibra.net) to the IBRA Administration Office. If IBRA receives it 3 weeks prior to the event, a full refund will be given. If IBRA receives it 10 days prior to the event, a refund of 50% of the registration fee will be given. No refunds will be given for later notifications or non-attendance.

Please note: The course fee will be fully refunded in case of cancellations due to Pandemic-related regulations and restrictions imposed by regional or national authorities.

General Information

Disclaimer and Waiver

I understand that the material presented in this educational program (the “Program”) has been made available under sponsorship of IBRA (International Bone Research Association) for educational purposes only. This material is not intended to represent the only, nor necessarily the best, method or procedure appropriate for the medical situations discussed, but rather is intended to present an approach, view, statement or opinion of the faculty that may be of interest to others.

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I hereby certify that I am correctly vaccinated against the current diseases which could be transmitted during the dissection workshops. I also certify that my personal insurance company will take in charge the possible injuries and complications that may occur during the dissection workshops. I relieve the organizers from their responsibility concerning any injury and complication that may occur during the workshops.

By registering for the Program, I consent to the conditions of participation set forth above.



IBRA is an internationally oriented non-profit organization, for specialized clinicians and research scientists. IBRA's core activity is the future-oriented advancement of bone-tissue research and management focusing particularly on:

- Bone biology, including osteointegration, bone generation and soft tissue reaction
- Maxillofacial and orthopaedic rehabilitation
- Materials research including hardware development
- Biomechanics
- Tissue engineering
- Surgical procedures & clinical management

IBRA encourages the development of innovative solutions in a friendly, loyal atmosphere. Future-oriented open-mindedness and international acceptance form the basis for first-rate assistance in realizing modern research projects and promoting individual careers. As an international forum reaching across geographic and cultural borders, IBRA offers an up-to-date network for the exchange of experience and knowledge in applied bone and tissue research.

History

IBRA was founded in Zurich, Switzerland on September 25, 2004 at the initiative of eighteen forward-looking clinicians. Its primary aims are the exchange of professional knowledge, promotion of new scientific developments, engineering of the musculoskeletal system, coordinated multi-centre research and highly specialized advanced training.

Research Support

IBRA offers financial support for research projects dealing with bone biology and the improvement or development of internal fixation devices for maxillofacial and limbs surgery. With the emphasis on innovation and suitability for practical application, 95% of the research budget goes towards applied research and clinical studies and 5% towards basic research.

Education

IBRA's education area offers clinicians special courses on the application of specific methods of treatment. IBRA's particular concern is to train tomorrow's highly qualified research scientists. IBRA enhances its members' qualifications through a scholarship program.

Empowering through excellence
in medical education.



IBRA – a unique international network in research and continuing education

Our aim is to promote the exchange of professional knowledge, provide highly specialized medical training and encourage research as well as new scientific developments.

Core activities

- Global grid of IBRA Training Centers
- International scholarship program
- Courses, workshops and webinars
- Research grants

IBRA Membership – Your future is in your hands!

Take advantage of our innovative hands-on training courses and connect with like-minded experts worldwide.

IBRA Basic Membership

The gateway to the IBRA affiliation

- Worldwide networking
(Members and Training Centers)
- Regular updates on events
- Access to our database of materials
and recorded webinars
- Free of charge

IBRA Full Membership

Shaping our organization in various functions

All Basic Membership benefits plus:

- Prioritized access to IBRA research grants
and scholarships
- Considerably reduced course fees (50%)
- Voting rights at the General Assembly
- Development opportunities within IBRA
(e.g. speaker, course chair, Training Center)

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General Information

Sponsoring

We thank our premium sponsor and master partner, Medartis, for contributing in-kind support (material and logistics) and, especially for providing financial support for this event.

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Without all this generous support, this educational event would not be possible.

In the interest of full transparency, IBRA would like to inform course participants that there are various similar products available on the market in addition to those provided at this particular event.

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