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**11-13 March  
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**Hyatt Regency Sofia  
Bulgaria**



## 11. 03. 2026 /WEDNESDAY/

**13:00 OFFICIAL OPENING**

### 13:10–15:00 PROCTOLOGY MASTERCLASS

13:10–13:30	Anal fissures – etiology, diagnosis and treatment	AYNUR SAFIYEVA, Azerbaijan
13:30–13:50	Rectovaginal fistula – etiology and treatment	ANDRAS NOVAK, Hungary
13:50–14:10	Management of perianal fistula in Crohn's disease: Experience from Japan	TAKASHI YOKOO, Japan
14:10–14:20	Perianal fistula – anatomy, classification and state of the art treatment	DRAGOMIR DARDANOV, Bulgaria
14:20–14:40	Perianal fistula – MRI imaging	VLADIMIR MUTAFCHIYSKI, Bulgaria
14:40–15:00	Discussion	

### 15:00–15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30–15:40	Sphincter-cutting techniques in the management of anal fistula	SCOTT AROCKIA SINGH, India
15:40–16:00	Rare anal fistulas	SCOTT AROCKIA SINGH, India
16:00–16:20	Haemorrhoidal disease – choice of treatment according to guidelines	GAETANO GALLO, Italy
16:20–16:40	Operative techniques for haemorrhoids treatment	ATANAS MATEV, Bulgaria
16:40–17:00	Rubber band ligation – indications and techniques	BARNA CSABA LÖKÖS, Romania

17:00–17:20	Pilonidal disease: evidence-based management	GAETANO GALLO, Italy
<b>17:20–18:00</b>	<b>CASE AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS &amp; DISCUSSION</b>	
	<b>Poster presentation</b> Botulinum toxin after hemorrhoidectomy	GULLU ABDIYEVA
	<b>Poster presentation</b> Training 3d polymer simulation system of the bony plevis and anorectum in real size	HRISTIAN PAVLOV, S. MARCHEVA, D. DIMITROV, S. TRIFONOV, M. KARAMANLIEV, D. MARINOVA, P. MARINOVA, YO. IVANOV, M. SHOSHKOVA, M. PETROVA, T. DELIYSKI
	<b>Case discussion</b> Anal mucosal melanoma	BARNA CSABA LÖKÖS, MIKLOS ADEL, DEE EDIT, BARTALIS SZELYES BARNA, SANDOR SZABOLCS, BURSZAN BARABAS ANDREI, CSATO SZILARD, LASZLO BARNA Romania
	<b>Case discussion</b> High-Resolution Anoscopy in chronic anal fissure: Incidental detection of malignant polyp and subsequent identification of a second lesion on follow-up	NIKOLAY SPASOV, Bulgaria
<b>18:00</b>	<b>WELCOME DRINK</b>	
<b>18:00</b>	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF BULGARIAN SOCIETY OF COLOPROCTOLOGY</b>	
<b>18:30</b>	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF BULGARIAN HERNIA SOCIETY</b>	

12. 03. 2026 /THURSDAY/

COLON AND RECTUM DAY

08:50–09:00 OFFICIAL OPENING

1st SESSION

Chair:

DRAGOMIR DARDANOV, Bulgaria

GIANLUCA PELLINO, Spain

09:00–10:45

09:00–09:20

Colorectal cancer biology and new medical therapies

LYUBOV SIMEONOVA,  
Bulgaria

09:20–09:50

Minimally invasive and robotic colorectal surgery – state of the art

NUHA YASSIN,  
UK

09:50–10:10

Endoscopic full-thickness resection (EFTR) filling the gap between endoscopy and surgery

YOANA PETKOVA,  
Bulgaria

10:10–10:30

Humanity and responsibility in high tech surgery

RADKA GORANOVA,  
Bulgaria

10:30–10:50

Imaging spectrum of colon tumors: typical and atypical features

DORA ZLATAREVA,  
GEORGI MILENOV,  
Bulgaria

10:50–11:20 COFFEE BREAK

2nd SESSION

Chair:

PETKO KARAGYOZOV, Bulgaria

ALESSANDRA SORIANO, Italy

11:20–13:00

11:20–11:40

Imaging of anal incontinence: What surgeons need to know

RANIA FAROUK EL SAYED,  
Egypt

11:40–12:00

Ultra-high magnification endocytoscopy for characterization of colorectal lesions

HRISTO VALKOV,  
Bulgaria

12:00–12:15

Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) as first-line therapy: Optimizing techniques for preventing colorectal cancer

ZORNITSA KEREZOVA,  
IVAN TISHKOV,  
Bulgaria

12:15–12:30	Retrospective analysis of rectal endoscopic submucosal dissection: A single-center experience	CHANKA MIHAYLOVA, PETKO KARAGYOZOV, KIRIL TODOVICHIN, Bulgaria
12:30–12:45	ESD vs EMR for rectal LST	IVAN LYUTAKOV, Bulgaria
12:45–13:00	Oncological resections of colorectal carcinomas in emergency settings	DANAIL KOSTADINOV, M.E. ZHELYAZKOVA, D. GOGOV, D. MISHKOV, IV. DIMITROV, Bulgaria

<b>13:00–14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
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<b>14:00–16:00</b>	<b>3d SESSION</b> Chair: TAKASHI YOKOO, Japan NUHA YASSIN, UK	
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14:00–14:20	Early surgery for ileocaecal Crohn's disease	GIANLUCA PELLINO, Spain
14:20–14:40	Proctocolectomy was not the end: Ileal ulcers suggesting Crohn's-Like disease in a former UC patient	PETYA PENEVA, Bulgaria
14:40–15:00	Management of primary sclerosing cholangitis and concomitant inflammatory Bowel disease	ALESSANDRA SORIANO, Italy
15:00–15:20	Outcomes of surgical treatment in acute severe ulcerative colitis	AYNUR SAFIYEVA, ELDAR ALIYEV, TARVERDI RZAYEV, GULNAR ALIYEVA, Azerbaijan
15:20–15:40	Role of artificial intelligence (CADx) in colorectal polyp characterization – is optical diagnosis enough?	VIKTOR DIMITROV, Bulgaria
15:40–16:00	Pelvic floor support after extended pelvic surgery	KRISTIAN PETKOV, Bulgaria

<b>16:00–16:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
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16:30–18:00	4th SESSION: CASE AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION	
	<p align="center"><b>Poster presentation</b></p> <p>Mixed neuroendocrine nonneuroendocrine neoplasm (MiNEN) of the appendix – a case report</p>	<p>DANAIL KOSTADINOV, M.E. ZHELYAZKOVA, D. GOGOV, D. MISHKOV, IV. DIMITROV</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Poster presentation</b></p> <p>Coexisting ileocecal tuberculosis and cecal adenocarcinoma in a young adult: A diagnostic and therapeutic challenge</p>	<p>USMAN MOHAMMED BELLO, SULE ABDULKARIM</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Poster presentation</b></p> <p>Re-evaluation of preoperative MRI in patients undergoing primary surgery for rectal tumors</p>	<p>YASHWANTH SUDHEENDRA GOWDA, ARIELLA KONDOR EDINA</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Case discussions</b></p>	<p>DENISLAV STANCHEV, MARTINA PAPAZOVA Bulgaria</p>

18:00–18:30	<b>BULGARIAN SOCIETY OF COLOPROCTOLOGY HONORARY MEMBERS AWARDS</b>	
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**13. 03. 2026 /FRIDAY/**

**ABDOMINAL WALL DAY**

09:00–10:30	5th SESSION Chair: NUHA YASSIN, UK, VLADISLAV STOYANOV, Bulgaria	
09:00–09:20	Robotic techniques in inguinal hernia repair	NUHA YASSIN, UK
09:20–09:40	Minimally invasive surgical techniques for incisional hernia repair	JURIJ GORJANC, Austria
09:40–10:00	Robotic retromuscular ventral hernia repair and transversus abdominis release in complex abdominal wall surgery-technical aspects and surgical strategy	METIN MAZGALDZHI, Germany
10:00–10:30	Discussion	

<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>11:00–13:00</b>	<b>6th SESSION</b> Chair: DRAGOMIR DARDANOV, Bulgaria KRISTIAN PETKOV, Bulgaria	
11:00–11:20	Imaging of the abdominal wall for hernia surgery – current recommendations	VLADIMIR MUTAFCHIYSKI, Bulgaria
11:20–11:40	Open technique for intraperitoneal or preperitoneal mesh repair of incisional hernia with rigid dehiscence of the defect	KRISTIAN PETKOV, Bulgaria
<b>11:40–12:30</b>	<b>CASE AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS &amp; DISCUSSION</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Poster presentation</b></p> Open modified Pauli-Sugarbaker repair of a Type IV parastomal hernia: A case report with two-year follow-up	STYLIANI LASKOU, CATALIN PIRVU, PETRE RADU, GEORGE GEROPOULOS, VALERIU SURLIN, CHRISTOFOROS, KYRIAKOS PSARRAS, STELIAN PANTEA, VICTOR STRAMBU, KONSTANTINOS SAPALIDIS
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Poster presentation</b></p> Microbiota-Gut-Brain interactions and their implications in psychiatric disorders: A systematic review	DILARA HASANOVA, KAMALA EYVAZOVA, GULLU ABDIYEVA
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Poster presentation</b></p> TaTME vs IaTME: preliminary results from a systematic review and meta analysis of RCTs	FANI-CHRISTINA PAPACHARALAMPOUS, DANTE MAGDICI, ATHANASIOS SIVRIDIS, VALENTINA VALLE, PARASKEVAS PAKATARIDIS
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Case discussion</b></p>	DENISLAV STANCHEV, MARTINA PAPAZOVA Bulgaria
<b>12:30–13:00</b>	Presenting “Bulgarian society of coloproctology guideline for haemorrhoidal disease”	DRAGOMIR DARDANOV, ATANAS MATEV, Bulgaria
<b>13:00–13:30</b>	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDS</b>	