

# AAS FUNDAMENTALS OF SURGICAL RESEARCH COURSE

**October 16, 2018**  
**08:30 am - 18:00 pm**

**"La Nuvola" Congress Center, Room F, Rome, Italy**

Registration Fees: **Free**

Course Chair: **Giuseppe Nigri**

Course Co-Chairs: **Cristina Ferrone (USA), Marco Fisichella (USA), Sundeep Keswani (USA), Marco Melis (USA)**

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

The AAS Course will be held in Rome during the Joined Congress of the Italian Surgical Societies. This course is a collaborative project between the Association for Academic Surgery, Sapienza University of Rome and American College of Surgeons Italy Chapter. This one-day, multi-faceted course will provide young scientists with the fundamentals as well with advanced tools for an effective approach to basic science, translation, education, and clinical research.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The course is targeted to general surgeons, gastroenterologists, surgical residents, medical students, and other health care providers involved in scientific and surgical research.

## VENUE

The activities will be held at the brand new "Nuvola" Congress Building, in Rome. The Nuvola, a 55,000 square meter highly functional complex, has 8,000 seats capacity, spread across the main auditorium and other conference rooms.

**DURATION OF THE COURSE:** 8 hours

**COURSE FORMAT:** The course will include lectures only

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# PROGRAM

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: Giuseppe Nigri, Marco Melis

### SESSION 1 MEDICAL AND SURGICAL RESEARCH TODAY

Moderators: Cristina Ferrone, Giovanni Zaninotto

Research grants from the Italian Ministry of Health - *Gaetano Guglielmi*  
Why Every Physician can and Should be a Physician Scientist - *Salomone di Saverio, UK*  
Basic Science and Translational Research - *George Tsoulfas, Greece*  
Clinical Outcomes and Health Services Research - *Luigi Zorcolo, Italy*  
Educational Research - *Marco Fisichella, USA*  
Panel Discussion

### SESSION 2 GETTING STARTED

Moderators: Sundeep Keswani, George Tsoulfas

Where Do Good Ideas and Research Questions Come From? - *Marco Allaix, Italy*  
Developing a Research Program: How to Integrate Clinical and Research Interests - *Tobias Keck, Germany*  
Scientific writing and Peer review - *Giovanni Zaninotto, UK*  
Funding Opportunities for Research in Italy and Europe - *Stefano Crippa, Italy*  
Panel Discussion

### SESSION 3 PRESENTING YOUR IDEAS AND RESEARCH

Moderators: Ankush Gosain, Marco Melis

Writing Abstracts for Scientific Meetings - *Sundeep Keswani, USA*  
Delivering an Effective Research Presentation - *Troy Markel, USA*  
How Do I Get My Manuscript Published - Tips and tricks from the Editor-in-Chief of Surgical Endoscopy - *Mark Talamini, USA*  
How to develop a successful hypothesis and specific aims for a grant - *Marco Melis, USA*  
Biostats and Biases - *Timothy Lee, USA*  
Panel Discussion  
Coffee Break

### SESSION 4 BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC CAREER

Moderators: Troy Markel, Alberto Ferreres

Choosing the Right Mentor - *Cristina Ferrone, USA*  
Ethical issues of the mentor mentee relationship - *Alberto Ferreres, Argentina*  
Becoming an Effective Teacher - *George Tsoulfas, Greece*  
Research and Career Opportunities for Italians in the US - *Daniela Molena, USA*  
Developing Networks for Collaborative Research - *Ankush Gosain, USA*  
Remarks and Closure

## AAS INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

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