IPOKRaTES FOUNDATION

Clinical Seminar

BEST of IPOKRaTES: An Update in Neonatology

Place: Medical University of Vienna, Medical Center, Vienna, Austria
Date: 7 – 10 April 2026

Objectives

IPOKRaTES seminars provide high-quality postgraduate education, enabling professionals to remain abreast of the most recent developments and to discuss clinical problems and scientific issues directly with international experts. This seminar will focus on state-of-the-art management of critically ill neonates, including delivery room care, respiratory support, infection prevention and control, hemodynamics, neonatal neurology, nutrition, and long-term follow-up. Special emphasis will be given to evidence-based interventions, new guidelines, advanced imaging, and innovative therapies. Workshops will provide hands-on training in lung ultrasound, vascular access, and management of the difficult airway.

The programme aims to bridge current knowledge gaps, foster critical discussion, and support opportunities for research and collaboration in the care of preterm and sick newborn infants.

Lecturers

Aschner Judy	The Center for Discovery and Innovation, Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, Nutley, New Jersey, USA
Berger Angelika	Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
Cilio Roberta M.	Catholic University of Louvain, Bruxelles, Belgium
Davis Peter G.	University of Melbourne, The Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia
Flemmer Andreas W.	Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany
Hellström Ann	University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
Klebermass Katrin	Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
Kramer Boris	Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland
Neu Josef	University of Florida, College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL, USA
Oei Ju-Lee	Mater Research Institute, University of Queensland, Brisbane Queensland, Australia
Polin Richard	Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
Raimondi Francesco	University of Naples Federico II., Naples, Italy
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Participation Fees

Conference participation
Single person

before Febr. 3, 2026	€ 580,–
after Febr. 3, 2026	€ 650,–

Workshop participation

per workshop	€ 40,–

The Number of Participants is limited:
250 – First come, first served
Only registered participants, NO on site registration! Please register via Internet:
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Host

Univ. Prof. Dr. Angelika Berger, MBA

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Program Design

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Target Audience

Pediatricians, neonatologists, fellows, residents, nurses, and other health care professionals involved in neonatal intensive care in both university and non-university hospitals.

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Tuesday, 7 April 2026

08.30	Welcome
09.00	Neonatal resuscitation: From physiology to practice *Peter G. Davis*
09.45	New ERC Guidelines 2026 *Mario Rüdiger*
10.30	Oxygen for Newborn Resuscitation *Ju-Lee Oei*
11.15	Coffee break
11.45	Non-Invasive Surfactant Administration:What's new and what works? *Katrin Klebermass*
12.30	Lung ultrasound and surfactant delivery *Francesco Raimondi*
13.15	Lunch break
14.15	Chronic Lung disease – old perspective, new interventions *Mario Rüdiger*
15.00	Postnatal steroids: Do we know what to do? *Anton van Kaam*
15.45	Nitric oxide in preterm neonates: practical approaches and long-term outcome *Ju-Lee Oei*
16.30	Coffee break
17.00	Workshop 1: Advanced Neonatal Airway

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Wednesday, 8 April 2026

09.00	Non-invasive ventilation: Choosing wisely from the smorgasbord of choices *Peter G. Davis*
09.45	Lung protective invasive mechanical ventilation *Anton van Kaam*
10.30	Evidence based methods of facilitating extubation *Peter G. Davis*
11.15	Coffee break
11.45	Oxygen targeting in the NICU: Should we use closed loop FiO2? *Anton van Kaam*
12.30	Prediction models for and prevention of ROP *Ann Hellström*
13.15	Lunch break
14.15	Is it really a seizure? The challenge of paroxysmal nonepileptic events *Roberta M. Cilio*
15.00	Pain control in the newborn – access to treatment and global awareness *Ju-Lee Oei*
15.45	Clinical Trials Endpoints in Neonatology *Judy Aschner*
16.30	Coffee break
17.00	Workshop 2: Neonatal Vascular Access

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Thursday, 9 April 2026

09.00	Life in the NICU without antibiotics: Making healthier babies *Richard Polin*
09.45	Necrotizing Enterocolitis: A Misnomer in need of a Revised Paradigm *Josef Neu*
10.30	Is congenital cytomegalovirus still a problem in 2026? *Francesco Raimondi*
11.15	Coffee break
11.45	Microbiome-driven care *Boris Kramer*
12.30	Infection Prevention and Control in the NICU – sense and nonsense *Angelika Berger*
13.15	Lunch break
14.15	Neonatal meningitis *Richard Polin*
15.00	ROP and the brain *Ann Hellström*
15.45	Early diagnosis and targeted treatment of neonatal-onset epilepsies *Roberta M. Cilio*
16.30	Coffee break
17.00	Workshop 3: Neonatal Lung Ultrasound

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Friday, 10 April 2026

09.00	Practical Issues in the Nutritional Support of ELBW Infants *Josef Neu*
09.45	Fortification of mothers own milk or pooled donor milk *Boris Kramer*
10.30	Bedside ultrasound and artificial intelligence: Science or science-fiction? *Francesco Raimondi*
11.15	Coffee break
11.45	Treatment of Refractory Pulmonary Hypertension with a focus on PPHN and Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia *Judy Aschner*
12.30	Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: From Acute Care to Long-Term Follow-Up *Andreas W. Flemmer*
13.15	Lunch break
14.15	The sound of silence – language and music inside the incubator *Angelika Berger*
15.00	Parent-Delivered Stimulation in the NICU: Empowering Families, Enhancing Outcomes *Katrin Klebermass*
15.45	Palliative Care and Ethics in Neonatology *Andreas W. Flemmer*
16.30	Adjourn

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