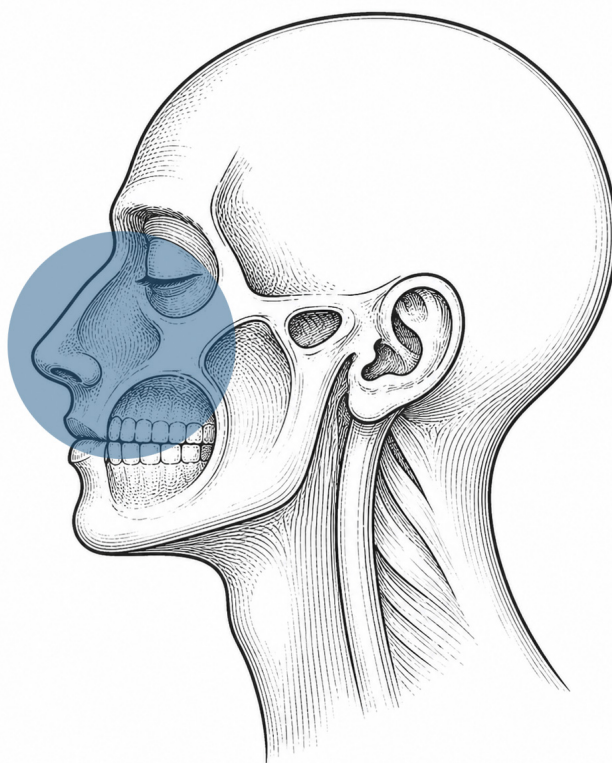




SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

13th International Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) Course

Lectures and step-by-step cadaveric dissection

Thursday 3 December 2026 – Friday 4 December 2026

VENUE

NEUROLAB
7, Sevastoupoleos Str
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ORGANIZER

Athens Microneurosurgery
Laboratory

SECRETARIAT

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Practical information

DATE & TIME	Thursday 3 December 2026, 08:30 – Friday 4 December 2026, 18:30 (Europe/Athens)
VENUE	NEUROLAB 7, Sevastoupoleos Str, Athens 11526, Greece https://neurolab.edu.gr info@neurolab.edu.gr
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WEBSITE	https://www.neurolab.edu.gr/event/13th-international-functional-endoscopic-sinus-surgery-fess-course-22

The 13th International Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) Course takes place at NeuroLab, Athens, on 3–4 December 2026.

Through lectures, discussions and step-by-step cadaveric dissection demonstrations, participants gain practical insight into FESS techniques that can be applied directly in their clinical practice.

Fresh-frozen specimens; Full HD (1080p) cameras for every trainee and 4K for surgical demonstrations; endoscopic drills and shavers; 14 hours of hands-on training; step-by-step demonstration and application on the specimen; dissection manual and teaching videos from the faculty.

Participant evaluation 2025: “I would recommend it to colleagues” – 9.44 / 10.

Registration fee: EUR 800 + VAT. Registration is completed upon payment.

Certificate of attendance according to EACCME–UEMS criteria. CME–CPD credits awarded by the Panhellenic Medical Association (number to be announced).

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Talks

Thursday 3 December 2026			13 talks
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
08:30–09:00	Arrival – introduction to the course 3rd Floor - Penfield Lounge		30 min
09:00–11:00	TS1 FESS: Preparation, Revision Surgery and Complications 6th Floor - Perneczky Lecture Room · 2 h · Presidium: Christos GEORGALAS (Coordinator)		
09:00–09:15	Patient preparation, set-up, instrumentation and anaesthesia: everything before and around the operation		15 min
09:15–09:40	Frontal sinusotomy: approaches, challenges and troubleshooting TBA		25 min
09:40–10:00	Revision FESS: anatomy distortion and how to re-orient yourself Alkis KARLIGKIOTIS		20 min
10:00–10:20	Recognition and management of intraoperative complications in FESS Ioannis CHATZIOANNOU		20 min
10:20–10:40	Surgery and biologics: current algorithms for the management of chronic rhinosinusitis Maria DOULAPTSI		20 min
10:40–11:00	“Full House FESS” – video presentation of the basic steps Christos GEORGALAS		20 min
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
11:00–11:20	Coffee break 5th Floor - Wernicke Lounge		20 min
11:20–13:30	PS1 Hands-on Dissection I 2nd Floor - Willis Cadaver Lab · 2 h 10 min · Presidium: Christos GEORGALAS (Coordinator) Instructors: Alkis KARLIGKIOTIS, Evangelos ALOGDIANAKIS, Charis VONTETSIANOS, Ioannis GERAMAS, Christos GEORGALAS, Panagiotis GKERMPEIOTIS, Maria DOULAPTSI, Nikolaos DRIMALAS, Georgios KARATZIAS, Argyro LEVENTI, Sotirios BOTSAKIS, Dimitrios TERZAKIS, Athanasia TOURGELI, Ioannis CHATZIOANNOU, Vasileios CHATZINAKIS.		
11:20–12:10	Endoscope handling and endoscopic identification of structures – uncinctomy, middle meatal antrostomy		50 min
12:10–13:30	Identification and ligation of the sphenopalatine artery		80 min
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
13:30–14:30	Lunch break 5th Floor - Wernicke Lounge		60 min
14:30–18:30	PS2 Hands-on Dissection II 2nd Floor - Willis Cadaver Lab · 4 h · Presidium: Christos GEORGALAS (Coordinator) Instructors: Alkis KARLIGKIOTIS, Evangelos ALOGDIANAKIS, Charis VONTETSIANOS, Ioannis GERAMAS, Christos GEORGALAS, Panagiotis GKERMPEIOTIS, Maria DOULAPTSI, Nikolaos DRIMALAS, Georgios KARATZIAS, Argyro LEVENTI, Sotirios BOTSAKIS, Dimitrios TERZAKIS, Athanasia TOURGELI, Ioannis CHATZIOANNOU, Vasileios CHATZINAKIS.		
14:30–16:00	Anterior ethmoidectomy – identification of the anterior ethmoidal artery		90 min
16:00–18:30	Sphenoidotomy – posterior (retrograde) ethmoidectomy (identification of the optic nerves and carotid arteries)		150 min

09:00–10:00 PS3 Hands-on Dissection III

2nd Floor - Willis Cadaver Lab · 1 h · Presidium: Vasileios CHATZINAKIS (Coordinator)

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09:00–10:00 Draf IIa/IIb – identification and widening of the frontal sinus

60 min

OTHER ACTIVITIES**10:00–10:30 Coffee break**

30 min

5th Floor - Wernicke Lounge

10:30–13:00 PS4 Hands-on Dissection IV

2nd Floor - Willis Cadaver Lab · 2 h 30 min · Presidium: Vasileios CHATZINAKIS (Coordinator)

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10:30–11:30 Endoscopic dacryocystorhinostomy (enDCR)

60 min

11:30–13:00 Draf III / orbital transposition

90 min

OTHER ACTIVITIES**13:00–14:15 Lunch break**

75 min

5th Floor - Wernicke Lounge

14:15–18:30 PS5 Hands-on Dissection V

2nd Floor - Willis Cadaver Lab · 4 h 15 min · Presidium: Vasileios CHATZINAKIS (Coordinator)

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14:15–15:00 Canthotomy – cantholysis / external approach to the ethmoidal arteries and orbit

45 min

15:00–15:30 Orbital decompression

30 min

15:30–16:30 Prelacrimal approach / medial maxillectomy

60 min

16:30–18:30 Approach to the sella turcica – adenomectomy

120 min

Faculty

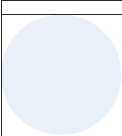
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Invited Speaker

 Ali QUREISHI FRCS, MD(Res), MRCS, DOHNS, MBBS, BSc, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, Oxford, United Kingdom	 Alkis KARLIGKIOTIS Associate Professor, Division of Otorhinolaryngology, IRCCS Ospedale San Raffaele, Milan, Italy
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