

GENERAL INFORMATIONS

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International Symposium
Pancreatic Surgery Ulm
45 years of challenges
and future directions

Friday July 24, 2026
12:00 – 18:00

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The management of pancreatic diseases and the advancement of pancreatic surgery have a distinguished and longstanding tradition at the University Hospital Ulm. Over decades, pioneering surgical techniques and innovative therapeutic strategies have been developed, taught, and continuously refined within our institution.

The "Ulm School" has served as a center of excellence in surgical training, fostering generations of surgeons who have gone on to disseminate high standards of pancreatic care and to advance the field across the globe.

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to this international symposium on pancreatic surgery and pancreatic cancer treatment in Ulm. This meeting brings together leading experts across generations and continents to share insights, discuss the current state of the art, and explore emerging developments in the field—while honoring the foundational contributions of our mentors and predecessors.

We look forward to inspiring lectures, engaging discussions and to welcoming you to the beautiful city of Ulm.

Nuh Rahbari & Marko Kornmann

Agenda

12:30-12:45 Honorary Lecture

Werner J., München:
The role of research in surgery

12:45 Session 1: Duodenum preservation in pancreatic surgery

Chairs: Rahbari N., Ulm; Schwarz A., Biberach;
Ji Z., Nanjing

12:45-13:00 Bittner R., Stuttgart:

Back to the roots: Form and function preserving surgery based on physiology and aiming at minimal morbidity and mortality as well as optimal outcome

13:00-13:15 Vasilescu C., Bucharest:

DPPHR – still relevant 45 years after inauguration – International experience

13:15-13:35 Keck T., Lübeck:

DPPHR in chronic pancreatitis – Present experience in Germany

14:00 Session 2: Pancreatic cancer

Chairs: Uhl W., Bochum; Yang Y., Beijing;
Schlosser W., Reutte

14:00-14:30 Büchler M., Lissabon:

A persisting challenge in surgical oncology

14:30-14:45 Bin L., Shanghai:

Perspectives for AI in decision making

14:45

Session 3: Minimally invasive and robotic pancreatic surgery

Chairs Mihaljevic A., Tübingen; Krüger C., Berlin;
Siech M., Aalen

14:45-15:00

Tian X., Yang Y., Beijing:

Minimally invasive DPPHR in cystic and premalignant Neoplasms

15:00-15:15

Kornmann M., Ulm:

Indications for robotic surgery in pancreatic diseases

15:45-16:00

Honorary Lecture

Malfertheiner P., Magdeburg:

The role of the microbiome in pancreatic cancer and pancreatic surgery

16:00

Session 4: Future perspectives in the treatment of pancreatic diseases

Chairs: : Staib L., Esslingen; Isenmann R., Dillingen;
Birk D., Bietigheim

16:00-16:15

Rau B., Neumarkt:

Necrotizing pancreatitis – still a surgical indication?

16:15-16:30

Neoptolemos J., Liverpool:

Multimodal surgical treatment of PDAC – The world-leading ESPAC experience

16:30-16:45

Rahbari N., Ulm:

Pancreatic Surgery in Ulm: Current State and Future Directions

17:00-17:10

Introduction

Rahbari N., Ulm

17:05-17:20

Academic Legacy of H.-G. Beger

Büchler m., Lissabon

17:20-17:30

Concluding remarks

Beger H.-G., Ulm

Viewing the past – shaping the future