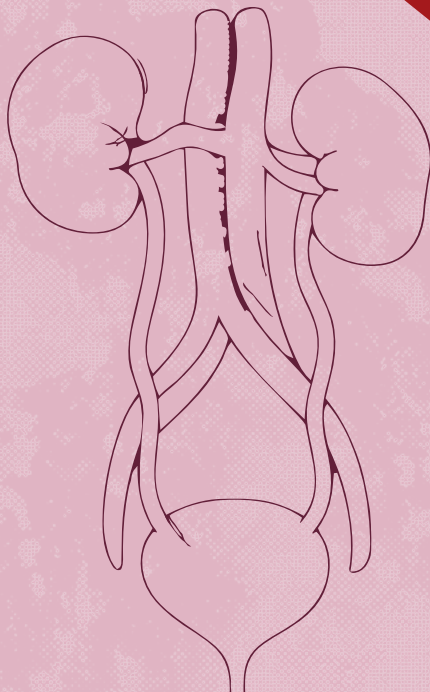


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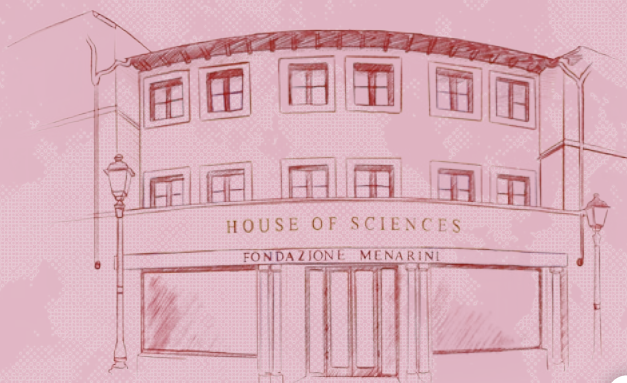


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RATIONALE

SIU-EAU Winter School 2026

The SIU-EAU Winter School 2026 is specifically conceived to support young urologists at a decisive stage of their professional development, when solid scientific knowledge must be complemented by transferable skills that are rarely taught formally but are essential for long-term success.

Beyond updating participants on key aspects of urological science, the course aims to help early-career urologists learn how to think, communicate, and position themselves within clinical teams, academic environments, and international professional networks. Using practical examples drawn from real-world urological scenarios, the program addresses the everyday challenges faced by young clinicians as they transition from trainees to independent professionals.

A core objective of the SIU-EAU Winter School is to empower participants to:

- approach scientific guidelines with a critical yet constructive mindset
- communicate ideas and results clearly to peers, senior colleagues, patients, and the public
- develop confidence in voicing opinions and managing professional interactions
- begin building a personal leadership style rooted in self-awareness and responsibility

Learning by doing as a bridge from training to practice

The gap between theoretical knowledge and real-life professional demands can be substantial. The “learning by doing” sessions are designed precisely to bridge this gap, allowing participants to practice skills that are immediately applicable in clinical, academic, and team-based settings.

During these sessions, participants are divided into three small working groups, reflecting the collaborative environment typical of urology departments and research units. Each group works on focused tasks such as critiquing guideline statements, designing communication strategies, or managing complex leadership and patient-communication scenarios.

These group activities are intentionally structured to help young urologists:

1) Gain confidence in active participation

Many early-career clinicians hesitate to speak up or challenge established views. By working in small groups and presenting concise outputs, participants are encouraged to articulate their reasoning, defend their ideas, and contribute meaningfully to group discussions.

2) Develop structured critical thinking

Analyzing gaps in guidelines or communication pathways helps participants move from passive guideline users to reflective professionals who understand how evidence is generated, interpreted, and applied—and where its limitations lie.

3) Practice clear and effective communication

Preparing short presentations and responding to faculty challenges mirrors real situations such as case discussions, research meetings, or conference presentations. Participants learn how to convey complex messages clearly, manage time constraints, and respond

constructively to feedback.

4) Strengthen self-leadership and teamwork skills

Interacting with peers and faculty challenges prompts reflection on personal communication style, emotional responses, and leadership tendencies. These moments foster self-awareness, resilience, and the ability to adapt—key elements of self-leadership in demanding clinical environments.

Building essential soft skills early in the career

Throughout the SIU-EAU Winter School, soft skills are not treated as abstract concepts but as practical competencies embedded in everyday urological practice. Communication sessions focus on explaining science to different audiences, handling sensitive conversations, and managing public or media exposure. Leadership sessions help participants understand their role within teams, explore management styles, and appreciate the value of mentoring and service-oriented leadership.

The course encourages participants to reflect on how they want to work, collaborate, and grow, laying the foundation for a sustainable and fulfilling career.

Expected outcomes for participants

By the end of the SIU-EAU Winter School, young urologists are expected to have gained:

- greater confidence in engaging in scientific and clinical discussions
- practical tools for effective communication within teams and with patients
- increased awareness of their own strengths and areas for development
- an initial but solid framework for leadership and professional identity building

Ultimately, the SIU-EAU Winter School seeks to accompany young urologists at a pivotal moment in their careers, helping them evolve from competent trainees into reflective, communicative, and responsible professionals ready to actively contribute to the future of urology.

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FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2026 - AFTERNOON

- 12.30 p.m. - 01.00 p.m. *Light lunch*
- 01.00 p.m. - 01.10 p.m. Introduction and Welcome
G. Carrieri (Foggia, IT)
A. Stenzl (Tübingen, DE)
Fondazione Menarini (Florence, IT)
- 01.10 p.m. - 01.30 p.m. Not Just Technique: The Soft-Skill Advantage for the Modern Urologist
V. Mirone (Naples, IT)

SESSION I - A JOURNEY IN UROLOGICAL SCIENCE: THE CASE OF NON-MUSCLE INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER

Chairperson: **A. Minervini** (Florence, IT)

- 01.40 p.m. - 01.55 p.m. Critical and clinically relevant review of NMIBC EAU Guidelines
J. Domínguez Escrig (Valencia, ES)
- 01.55 p.m. - 02.10 p.m. What decides which good ideas will impact the guidelines?
M.I. Omar (Aberdeen, GB)
- 02.10 p.m. - 02.35 p.m. How can good ideas become a high impact scientific success
A. Stenzl (Tübingen, DE)
- 02.35 p.m. - 02.55 p.m. How to rationally criticize scientific guidelines?
M.I. Omar (Aberdeen, GB)

- 02.55 p.m. - 03.35 p.m. **Learning by doing: Practical skills in action**
J. Domínguez Escrig (Valencia, ES)
M.I. Omar (Aberdeen, GB)
Participants break into three teams. Each team creates three slides to spotlight possible gaps and critiques in the guideline statements - covering diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up. Each group representative will have 3 minutes to present their slides and challenge the guidelines
- 03.35 p.m. - 04.00 p.m. **How to challenge scientific guidelines: A few practical examples?**
J. Domínguez Escrig (Valencia, ES)
Interact with the representatives of the three teams, challenging them on the different topics that emerged and were presented.

FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2026 - AFTERNOON

SESSION II - HOW TO COMMUNICATE YOUR SCIENCE

Chairperson: **A. Salonia** (Milan, IT)

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| 04.00 p.m. - 04.30 p.m. | Key steps to becoming a good public communicator
P. D'Adamo (Vasto, IT) |
| 04.30 p.m. - 04.50 p.m. | Tips and tricks of effectively communicating your ideas to your team
J. Gomez Rivas (Madrid, ES) |
| 04.50 p.m. - 05.10 p.m. | Key steps to becoming a good scientific communicator (how to implement AI tools in scientific communication)
J. Gomez Rivas (Madrid, ES) |
| 05.10 p.m. - 05.25 p.m. | How a good idea should be or should not be communicated for the lay public?
J. Gomez Rivas (Madrid, ES) |
| 05.25 p.m. - 06.10 p.m. | Breaking sensitive health news: Public and private figures
Learning by doing: practical skills in action
P. D'Adamo (Vasto, IT)
<i>[Paolo D'Adamo acts as the challenger for one representative from each group]</i> |
| 06.10 p.m. - 06.30 p.m. | Questions and Discussion
B. Rocco (Roma, IT) |
| 06.30 p.m. - 07.30 p.m. | Summary of the day & Greetings |
| 07.30 p.m. - 07.45 p.m. | Survey event: Satisfaction survey with certificate |

SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY - MORNING

SESSION III - SOFT SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: **A. Salonia** (Milan, IT)

- 09.00 a.m. - 09.20 a.m. The psychology of leadership: Leadership with a growth mindset
J. Vasquez (Copenhagen, DK)
- 09.20 a.m. - 09.40 a.m. Practical steps for leadership development in the scientific community
F. Stangl (Wurzburg, DE)
- 09.40 a.m. - 10.20 a.m. Learning by doing: Practical skills in action
F. Stangl (Wurzburg, DE)
J. Vasquez (Copenhagen, DK)
Participants break into three teams
- 10.20 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. Leadership styles: Who are you as a leader?
J. Vasquez (Copenhagen, DK)
- 10.45 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Leadership through service: An example in the urology world
F. Stangl (Wurzburg, DE)
- 11.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. How mentoring is crucial for your career success?
F. Stangl (Wurzburg, DE)
- 11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Effective leadership building trusting teams
J. Vasquez (Copenhagen, DK)

SESSION IV - SIMULATION: LEARNING BY DOING BY VIRTUAL TRAINING SUPPORT (VITS)

Chairperson: **N. Mondaini** (Catanzaro, IT)

Learning by doing: practical skills in action

[Participants break into three teams. Each team creates three slides to spotlight possible gaps and critiques in the communication path for the different uro-oncologic scenarios]

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY

- 11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. How to appropriately communicate a difficult situation to the patient and family members
- Case 1 – Kidney cancer
A. Mari (Florence, IT)
- Case 2 – Bladder cancer
J. Domínguez Escrig (Valencia, ES)
- Case 3 – Prostate cancer
J. Gomez Rivas (Madrid, ES)
- 12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m. Learning by doing: the representatives present their group approach to communicating the assigned topic
N. Mondaini (Catanzaro, IT)
[Nicola Mondaini acts as the challenger for representatives from each group]
- 12.30 p.m. - 01.30 p.m. *Light lunch*

SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY - AFTERNOON

SESSION V - A JOURNEY IN UROLOGICAL SCIENCE: THE CASE OF URO-ONCOLOGY

Chairperson: **N. Mondaini** (Catanzaro, IT)

- 01.30 p.m. - 04.00 p.m. Key steps to becoming a good public communicator in kidney cancer research
Provokers:
Andrea Salonia Head SIU Educational Office (Milan, IT)
Pablo D'Adamo (Vasto, IT)
- 04.00 p.m. - 04.15 p.m. Survey Event: Satisfaction survey with certificate

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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The venue for the Meeting will be “Auditorium Fondazione Menarini Fiesole” – Piazza Giuseppe Garibaldi, 30 / Fiesole (Italy)

SECRETARIAT DURING THE MEETING

The Secretariat will be open at the following times:
Friday, February 20th , from 12:00 p.m. to 06:45 p.m.
Saturday, February 21st , from 09:00 a.m. to 04:15 p.m.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting will be English

TECHNICAL FACILITIES

Facilities will be available for computer presentations and overhead projections.
A business center with PC (Powerpoint for Windows) will be available for check and preview of presentations. It is essential that speakers take their presentation to the business center at least one hour before the session starts.
The center will be open at the following times:
Friday, February 20th , from 12:00 p.m. to 06:45 p.m.
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LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

Lunch and coffee breaks will be served in the Meeting area.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AND SURVEY

At the end of the meeting, faculty members and participants will have the possibility to answer a short appreciation questionnaire accessible using the QR code projected on the screen. After completing the survey it will immediately be possible to download the Attendance Certificate which can be kept, printed and shared.



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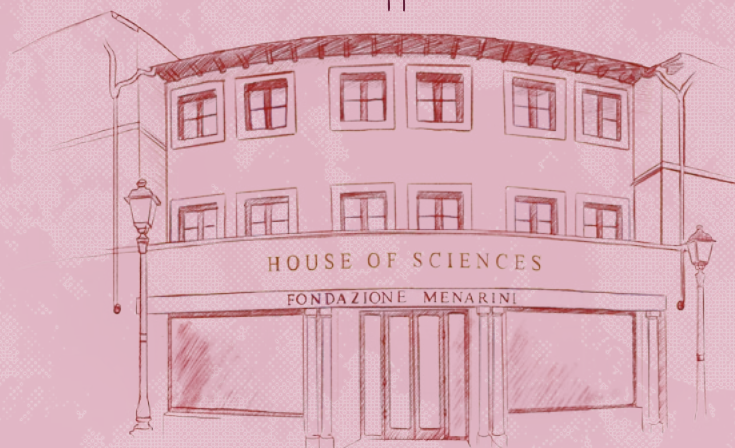
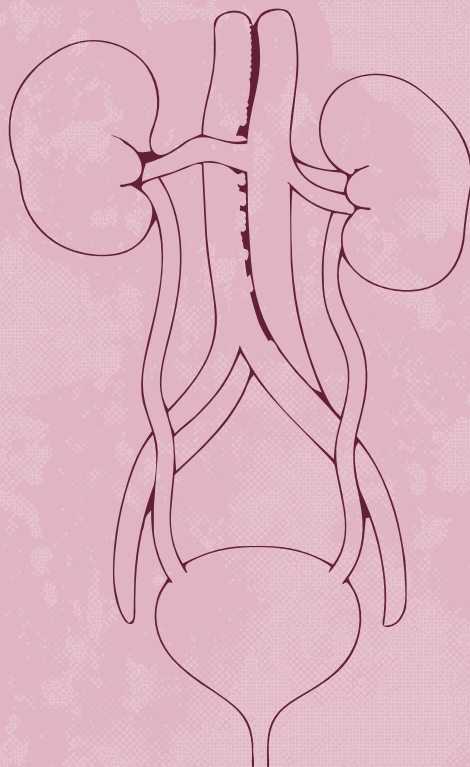
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