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**Rotterdam Interactive Congress on Hernia (RICH)
&
Peritoneum and Surgery Society (PnS)**
"An interactive congress for gynaecologists and surgeons"

3 & 4 December 2009
De Doelen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Four successful editions of the Rotterdam Interactive Congress on Hernia (RICH) have been organised in last few years. The RICH congress has become an established international meeting for interactive discussions on hernia surgery. In this fifth 'lustrum' edition the RICH congress will be combined with the Peritoneum and Surgery Society (PnS). This society (previously known as Pax) was founded by general surgeons and gynaecologists from all over the world with an interest in the peritoneum, peritoneal access, postoperative adhesion formation and tumour metastasis.

The terms 'hernia' and 'adhesions' cover a broad range of entities influencing the professional activities of general surgeons and gynaecologist in many different ways. Abdominal adhesion formation is a complication affecting patients from both specialties resulting in a common interest in this field of research. However, the question remains whether the awareness of the incidence and impact of this frequent complication is sufficient. Many questions are still unanswered: which type of mesh should be used for incisional hernia repair or prolapse surgery and is prevention of incisional hernia possible? Does the dedicated gynaecologist or surgeon make a difference? What is the role of marketing when choosing a mesh or an adhesion prevention agent?

Combining the RICH and the PnS society creates a platform where the two most frequently encountered postoperative complications after surgery, abdominal adhesion formation and incisional hernia, will be discussed. This results in a unique concept for interactive discussions for both gynaecological and general surgeons! During this two-day congress all different aspects of adhesions, prolapse and hernia surgery will be addressed.

And of course the social part of the congress will receive considerable attention. On Thursday a dinner party will be held followed by drinks and music giving you the opportunity to discuss the day and meet the other surgeons and gynaecologists in an informal way.

Thank you for your participation,

On behalf of the REPAIR-group,

Hans Jeekel Johan Lange Gert-Jan Kleinrensink

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Thursday 3 December

- 09.00 **Welcome**
Prof. dr. J. Jeekel
- 09.10 – 10.30 **Adhesion awareness: why should general surgeons and gynaecologists combine their efforts?**
Chairmen: Prof. dr. J. Jeekel & Dr. W.W. Vrijland
Dr. H. van Goor & Dr. E.A. Bakkum
Endometriosis, adhesions and pain
Prof. dr. P.R. Koninckx
Abstracts
- 10.30 – 10.50 **Coffee break**
- 10.50 – 12.30 **Mesh and adhesions in pelvic and general surgery**
Chairmen: Dr. N. Bouvy & Dr. E.A. Bakkum
Usage of xenogenic grafts in correction of vaginal prolapse
Prof. dr. J. Deprest
Intraperitoneal use of meshes: what should be done?
Dr. L. Ansaloni
Mesh: rectum prolapse and anterior rectocele
T.b.a.
Abstracts
- 12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch break**
- 13.30 – 15.00 **Postoperative adhesion formation from etiology to the consequences**
Chairmen: Dr. E. van der Harst & Dr. B.W.J. Hellebrekers
From mesothelial injury to adhesion formation
Dr. S. Mutsaers
Adhesion prevention
Prof. dr. M. Diamond
Costs of adhesions
Dr. M. Wilson
Abstracts
- 15.00 – 15.20 **Tea break**
- 15.20 – 17.30 **Minimal invasive staging of peritoneal metastasis**
Chairmen: Dr. A.J.H. Kerver & Dr. G.C.M. Trimbos Kemper
Comparison of Transgastric NOTES and laparoscopic peritoneoscopy for detection of peritoneal metastases
Dr. M.I. van Berge Henegouwen
Radical hysterectomy: laparotomy versus endoscopic approach
Prof. dr. L.F. Massuger
Abstracts
- 18.00 **Conference Dinner & Party**

Friday 4 December

- 09.00 **Welcome**
Prof. dr. J.F. Lange
- 09.10 – 10.30 **The hernia surgeon: a super specialist?**
Chairmen: Dr. M.P. Simons, Dr. W.F. Weidema & Dr. C. Seiler
Shouldice clinic: first of many to follow
Dr. M.A. Alexander
Lichtenstein center: leading the way
Prof. dr. P.K. Amid
Best results in hernia centra
Dr. U. Muschawek
Opinion of EHS: herniologist or general surgeon?
Prof. dr. G. Campanelli
Abstracts
- 10.30 – 10.50 **Coffee break**
- 10.50 – 12.30 **Open or laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair**
Chairmen: Dr. B. Wijnhoven, Prof. dr. J.J.B. van Lanschot & Prof. dr. B.J. Lammers
Open hiatal hernia repair
Prof. dr. T.R. Demeester
Laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair
Prof. dr. L. Bonavina
Abstracts
- 12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch break**
- 13.30 – 15.00 **What's new in laboratory?**
Chairmen: Prof. dr. F. Köckerling, Prof. dr. T. Tollens & Prof. dr. U. Klinge
Experimental models, experience in Africa
Prof. dr. T. D'Hooghe
An alternative model in a horse clinic
Drs. P. Wiemer
Rodent models
Dr. N. Bouvy
Abstracts
- 15.00 – 15.20 **Tea break**
- 15.20 – 17.30 **Acute postoperative wound dehiscence and use of biomaterials**
Prof. dr. M. Miserez, Prof. dr. M. Franz & Dr. F. Muysoms
Acute dehiscence and current techniques
Dr. E. van Geffen
Acute hernia, a new diagnosis
Prof. dr. B. Lammers
Indications for biomaterials
Dr. J. Conze

Accreditation

Accreditation will be applied for at the:

- EACCME
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Anesthesiologie
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Heelkunde
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Obstetrie en Gynaecologie

Congress language

The official congress language will be English.

Registration

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	Day registration	Full registration
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Students	EUR 50	EUR 70

Conference Dinner & Party

The RICH & PnS Conference Dinner & Party will be held on Thursday 3 December 2009 in the lively city of Rotterdam. Dinner & Party tickets are available at EUR 50 per person. Party tickets only are available at EUR 25 per person. Check the website www.abdominalsurgery.nl for more information.

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Cancellation and refund requests must be submitted in writing to the congress secretariat. Cancellations made before 20 October 2009 will be refunded less 30% to cover administration costs. After this date no refunds will be given. All refunds will be made after the congress.

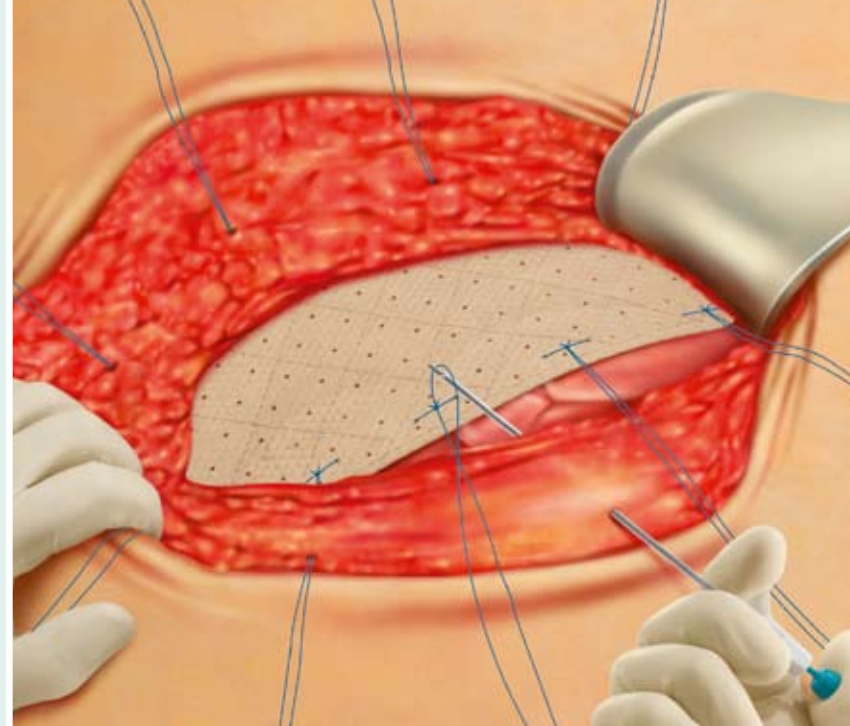
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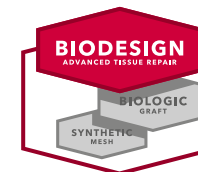


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