Program

Monday 20th November

08.30 – 09.15  Introduction: where we are and where we should go
               S. Evrard, D. Fontein

09.15 – 10.00  Methodological challenges of research in surgery
               L. Collette

10.00 – 10.15  Discussion
               All faculty

10.15 – 10.30  Coffee break

Type of studies that a surgeon can do and how to do them

10.30 – 11.00  Phase 0, window of opportunity
               L. Colette, S. Evrard

11.00 – 12.00  Phase II/Feasibility (including examples)
               M. Mauer

12.00 – 12.15  Discussion
               All faculty

12.15 – 13.00  Lunch

13.00 – 13.45  Epidemiological studies, cohort database, observational research
               E. Bastiaannet
13.45 – 14.15  Prospective comparative studies—when is randomization feasible, is it useful?)

*L. Collette*

14.15 – 14.45  Other prospective studies: pragmatic and quasi experimental studies

*M. Mauer*

14.45 – 15.00  Discussion

*All faculty*

15.00 – 15.15  Coffee break

15.15 – 16.15  **FOCUS GROUP - 3 parallel sessions (rolling)**

- Critical reading and appraisal of publications
  *L. Colette, E. Bastiaannet*
- How to draft an outline of a clinical research
  *S. Evrard, M. Mauer*
- Presenting your work effectively (public speaking, slide presentations and layout)
  *D. Fontein*

16.15 – 17.00  Feasibility (tracking feasibility) avoiding failure by concept. Pitfalls in design that can cause a study to fail

*C. Caballero, S. Evrard*

17.00 – 17.45  Setting up and running an international multicenter RCT

*C. van de Velde*

**Tuesday 21st November**

08.30 – 09.15  Quality Monitoring / Quality assurance

*D. Fontein*
09.15- 09.45  Example: DREAM
C. Caballero

9.45 – 10.00  Discussion
All faculty

10.00 – 10.15  Coffee break

10.15 – 11.15  FOCUS GROUP (continuation)

11.15 – 12.00  Translational research and bio-banking
M. Morfouace, S. Tejpar

12.00 – 12.15  Discussion
All faculty

12.15 – 13.00  Lunch

13.00 – 13.30  Lessons learned in pursuing an academic career
C. van de Velde

13.30-14.00  How to evaluate the cost of a CRSO?
Funding trials, grant applications and innovative funding opportunities
H. BreysSENS, D. Lacombe

14.00 – 14.15  Coffee break

14.15– 15.15  FOCUS GROUP (continuation)

15.15 – 15.45  Balancing an academic surgical career and personal ambitions/activities - ethical considerations
S. Evrard, D. Fontein
15.45 - 16.15  Future perspectives, big data, data linkage, data sharing
   *E. Bastiannet, C. van de Velde*

16.15– 16.30  Final round-up – Q & A
   *All faculty*