

15th ILAE School on Pre-Surgical Evaluation for Epilepsy and Epilepsy Surgery (EPODES Advanced I)

19 - 23 January 2026

Hotel International - Brno - Czech Republic

Monday, January 19th

Afternoon: Introduction - *indications, etiopathogenesis*

Moderator:

- 16.30-17.00 Introduction to the course
- 17.00-17.30 General principles of epilepsy surgery
- 17.30-18.00 Surgically amenable epilepsies in adulthood
- 18.00-18.30 Specific aspects of pediatric epilepsy surgery

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18.30-20.00 Dinner

Tuesday, January 20th

Morning: *Noninvasive Presurgical Evaluation*

Moderator:

- 08.30-09.00 Scalp EEG Evaluation
- 09.00-09.30 Neuropsychological evaluation
- 09.30-10.00 Psychiatric evaluation
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee break**
- 10.30-11.00 Evaluation of Structural imaging
- 11.00-11.30 Evaluation of Functional imaging
- 11.30-12.00 Genetic evaluation before surgery
- 12.00-12.30 Postprocessing of EEG, intracranial EEG and imaging data

S. Rammpp
C. Helmstaedter
Ç. Özkara
P. Marusič
M. Brázdil
P. Kršek
R. Janča

12.30-13.30 Lunch

Afternoon:

13.30-17.00 Group work and tutorials – see separate schedule

18.00-19.00 Dinner

Wednesday, January 21st

Morning: Focal epilepsies and seizure semiology

Moderator:

08.30-09.00 Surgically amenable epilepsies in children

H. Cross

09.00-09.30 Temporal lobe epilepsy

C. Baumgartner

09.30-10.00 Frontal lobe epilepsy

P. Marusič

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-11.00 Opercular & Insular epilepsy

L. Tassi

11.00-11.30 Posterior epilepsies

M. Brázdil

11.30-12.00 Neuropathology

A. Mühlebner

12.00-13.00 Lunch

Afternoon:

13.30-17.00 **Group work and tutorials – see separate schedule**

18.00-19.00 *Dinner*

Thursday, January 22nd

Morning: Neurosurgical aspects

Moderator:

08.30-09.00 Indications for invasive evaluation & principles of cortical stimulation

L. Tassi

09.00-09.30 Technical aspects of intracranial implantation, SEEG vs. grids

B. Rydenhag

09.30-10.00 Epilepsy surgical menu: resection, palliative, neuromodulation

A. Cukiert

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-11.00 Overview of new epilepsy surgical techniques

B. Rydenhag

11.00-11.30 Disconnective surgery

B. Rydenhag

11.30-12.00 Expected deficits and true complications

B. Rydenhag

12.00-12.30 Prevention of postoperative deficits

P. Kršek

12.30-13.30 Lunch

Afternoon:

13.30-15.00 **Group work and tutorials – see separate schedule**

15.30-18.00 **Brno City tour**

19.00-22.00 **Social event: Ta-archiv wine cellar**

Friday, January 23rd

Morning: Patient related outcomes

Moderator:

08.30-09.00	When to stop the presurgical evaluation and decide Neuromodulation	<i>M. Brázdil</i>
09.00-09.30	VNS & other neuromodulation techniques	<i>C. Cukiert</i>
09.30-10.00	Outcomes of surgery in adults	<i>C. Baumgartner</i>
10.00-10.30	Outcomes of surgery in children	<i>P. Kršek</i>

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.30	Cognitive outcomes & Rehabilitation programs	<i>C. Helmstaedter</i>
11.30-12.00	How to start / organize epilepsy surgery? Experiences from different countries: Fatma Kolsi (Tunis), Eva Feketeova (Slovakia)	

12.00-13.00 Lunch

Group work: all participants will be asked to bring at least one open case suitable for the topics covered in the course

Faculty

Christoph Baumgartner (Austria), Milan Brázdil (Czech Republic), Helen Cross (UK), Arthur Cukiert (Brazil), Cristine Cukiert (Brazil), Cristoph Helmstaedter (Germany), Radek Janča (Czech Republic), Pavel Kršek (Czech Republic), Petr Marusič (Czech Republic), Angelika Mühlebner (Germany), Çiğdem Özkara (Turkey), Stefan Rampp (Germany), Bertil Rydenhag (Sweden), Laura Tassi (Italy)