

eXlsa 2014 - eXtreme [live] surgery arena

Date: 20-21 February 2014 **Venue:** Conference Hall Aula Magna, Varese, Italy. **Report by:** Dr A Ibrahim, FRCS (ENT), ENT Specialist, UAE.



The five operating surgeons at eXlsa course. From left: Castelnovo, Magritz, Palma, Park, Sykes.

eXlsa 2014 delivered its promise: 'meet experts in action'! Directed by the famous Italian duo, Paolo Castelnovo and Pietro Palma, it lived up to its expectations of featuring the most demanding surgical cases and their management by a group of highly experienced, internationally recognised surgeons in their own field, namely Paolo Castelnovo (Italy), Ralph Magritz (Germany), Pietro Palma (Italy), Stephen S Park (USA) and Jonathan M Sykes (USA). Held in Varese (a World Heritage Site) and surrounded by the stunning Lakes Como and

Maggiore, there was an excellent backdrop to a place of intensive thought, debate and consultation. The program was packed with two days of live surgery demonstrating aesthetic rhinoplasty, revision rhinoplasty, post-oncologic nose reconstruction, septal perforation surgery, cocaine nose reconstruction, and external ear reconstruction. The event's aim was to show a consistent road-map to analyse patients, elaborate the surgical plan, choose the most suitable



techniques among the many existing operative options, and execute the plan following consistent anatomical landmarks, minimising aggressive manoeuvres, and pursuing definite aesthetic goals.

The event was attended by 116 participants from 25 nationalities. eXlsa 2014 offered a great opportunity to watch experts in action on extreme cases. Definitely not to be missed!