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Accreditation

An application for accreditation has been submitted with RIZIV in Belgium:

- September, 4: ID26018823
- September, 5: ID26018824

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Venue September 4, 2026

Hotel The Dominican
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Advanced Neuromodulation Therapies: A blended learning journey from Anatomy and Basic Science to Best Practice in Pain Management

September 4 and 5, 2026
Brussels, Belgium

A combined virtual training, live discussions, clinical cases review in small groups and hands-on pain management cadaver workshops for the experienced user

Target Audience

Pain Management specialists with at least 5 years of practice and experienced in the use of Neuromodulation therapies for pain management:

- Pain anesthesiologists
- Neurosurgeons

Virtual introduction

Available during 2 weeks prior to the in-person training
between August 20 and September 4, 2026

As an introduction to this advanced training program, delegates are requested to follow 4 presentations online at their own pace in the 2 weeks prior to the in-person training. After completion of registration, a link and password to access these sessions will be shared in advance (by mid-August)

Introduction

Prof. Erik Catrysse

The Neuroscience of Chronic Pain understanding the mechanisms and clinical implication

Prof. Sven Vanneste

Genomics in Chronic Pain for dummies

Dr. Massimo Allegri

Programming considerations for Spinal Cord Stimulation systems with posture and Evoked Compound Action Potential sensing

David Dinsmoor MSc

Detox policy - do different detox strategies affect the results of neuromodulation?

Dr. Ali Jerjir

In-person training Friday, September 4, 2026

08:45 Registration in front of hotel meeting room

09:00 Welcome & Introduction

Prof. Jean-Pierre Van Buyten and Prof. Erik Catrysse

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09:15 "Learning from failures"
Round table discussions in small groups, groups will rotate to session with different Faculty

Participants are kindly requested to submit 1 clinical case per person to info@ecmt-training.com before August 21, 2026 (in pptx or docx format)

Group 1 - Prof. Van Buyten & Dr. Tabatabaei

Group 2 - Prof. Buchser & Prof. Eldabe

Group 3 - Prof. Moens

Group 4 - Prof. De Andres & Dr. Al-Kaisy

Group 5 - Prof. Rigoard

Group 6 - Dr. Smet & Dr. Jerjir

10:30 Morning break

11:00 "Learning from failures"
Round table discussions in small groups continued
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12:30 Lunch

13:30* Head & Facial Pain
Presentation: Trigeminal Cervical Complex - Neurophysiology & Anatomy
Prof. Erik Cattrysse
Presentation: Neurostimulation for head and facial pain
Prof. Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
Discussion - All

14:20* Neuropathic Pain
Presentation: Foraminal target via Transgrade approach
Dr. Adnan Al-Kaisy
Presentation: PNS, CRPS
Prof. Sam Eldabe
Discussion - All

15:10 Afternoon break

15:40* Pelvic Pain
Presentation: Pelvic Pain and expanded indications
Dr. Pedram Tabatabaei
Presentation: Retrograde approach
Prof. Jose De Andres
Discussion - All

16:30* Axial Pain - Different approaches
Presentation: Cervical stimulation
Prof. Maarten Moens
Presentation: DTM in different indications (closed loop, no closed loop, ...)
Dr. Iris Smet
Discussion - All

***40 minutes presentations (20 minutes per speaker) and 10 minutes discussion per topic**

17:20 Reflections of day 1 & Wrap-up
Prof. Jean-Pierre Van Buyten & Prof. Erik Cattrysse

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(Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Building C - Department of
Experimental Anatomy
Laarbeeklaan 103
1090 Brussels (Jette)
Belgium

17:30 End of program day 1

19:30 Group dinner

Saturday, September 5, 2026

07:50 Departure to VUB

08:30 Welcome and work procedure on rotating hands-on
(groups rotating every 40 minutes)
Prof. Erik Cattryse

08:45 Advanced programming session in a live patient
Maarten Tresignie TBC

09:15 Cadaver workshop: SphenoPalatine Ganglion stimulation with navigation guided
insertion
Prof. Jean-Pierre Van Buyten

Cadaver workshop: Occipital Nerve Stimulation
Dr. Ali Jerjir

Cadaver workshop: Trigeminal Stimulation with navigation guided insertion
Dr. Iris Smet

11:15 Morning break

11:30 Cadaver workshop: Foraminal target via Transgrade approach
Dr. Adnan Al-Kaisy

Cadaver workshop: Retrograde approach epidural stimulation for selective nerve root
stimulation and sacral mediated pathology
Prof. Jose De Andres

Cadaver workshop: Lead placement cervical stimulation
Surgical - Prof. Maarten Moens
Percutaneous - Prof. Philippe Rigoard

13:30 Course evaluation & Wrap-up
Prof. Jean-Pierre Van Buyten and Prof. Erik Cattryse

13:45 Lunch at the VUB

14:30 End of training and return to airport/station/hotel