

BASIC

# Temporal bone beginner course

A step-wise approach from  
virtual to DRY to WET models

OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY

Geneva, Switzerland, 19-20 January 2026

# Welcome



**Prof. Pascal Senn**

**Course Director**

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to cordially invite you to the sixth edition of the Temporal bone beginner course. The course is tailored to the needs of young ORL surgeons beginning with temporal bone surgery or a specific interest in advanced simulator training tools in this context.

The course will take place at the SWISS Foundation for Innovation and Training in Surgery (SFITS) in Geneva on January 19-20, 2026. Located on the campus of the Geneva University Hospitals, the SFITS is a training center dedicated to innovative teaching and training formats and is fully equipped meeting the highest standards available today.

It's my honor to have a Danish ORL delegation headed by Dr. Steven Andersen (Copenhagen), who not only have developed the Visible Ear Simulator and a dedicated national course in Denmark, but also methods to objectively measure the learning effects and didactic outcome of simulation-based training. In addition, it is a pleasure to announce the distinguished faculty of experienced otologists that will help you during the course.

This 2-day course will feature simulation-based training on virtual and 3D-printed temporal bone models on day 1 followed by a temporal bone surgery on day 2. **It is possible to participate only on day 1, which will then be an excellent preparation for a practical course in another center.** The course will be 98% hands-on, with minimal theoretical content, so that participants can focus on their skills. The theoretical content needed will be offered online before the course, to prepare ahead and to enjoy practical training during the course, to the max.

I am looking forward to this exciting course and hope to welcome you here in Geneva.

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. med.  
Pascal Senn



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# Course description

19-20 January 2026

## Audience

- Max 10 for both days

## Summary

A complete program, including:

- Theory with an e-learning modules
- Day 1: simulation and hands-on on 3D printed temporal bone
- Day 2: practical workshop

## Language

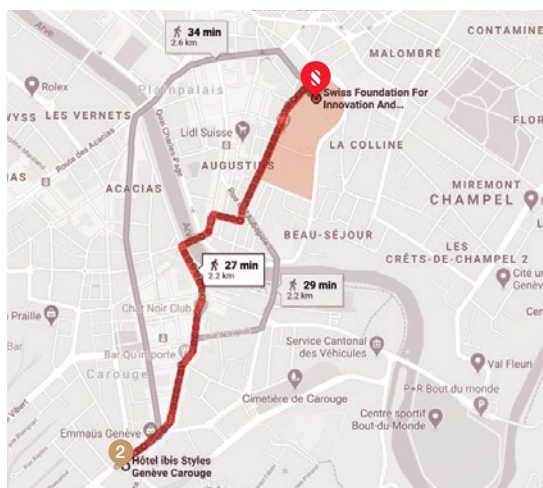
- English

## Objectives

- Temporal bone anatomy
- Basic surgical techniques in otology
- Basics on simulation-based ear surgery training

## Accreditation

- UEMS: 6.5 points per day



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## Accommodation recommendation

- not included in the registration fees
- 2 **ibis Styles Genève Carouge Hotel**  
Route De Saint Julien 3, 1227 Carouge
- Please contact us to get more information and special prices.



# Program

## Monday 19.01

### Practical workshop day on simulators & dry bones

08:30	Welcome coffee / registration
08:45	Course introduction
09:00-09:30	Basics of temporal bone drilling
09:30-12:30	Simulator & 3D printed bone workshop Part 1
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:30	Simulator & 3D printed bone workshop Part 2
16:30-17:00	Debrief (self-evaluation / group discussion)

## Tuesday 20.01

### Practical workshop day on anatomical specimens

08:30	Welcome coffee / registration
08:45	Course introduction
09:00-09:30	Soft tissue approaches
09:30-12:30	Temporal Bone dissection Part 1
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:30	Temporal Bone dissection Part 2
16:30-17:00	Debrief & Certification

# Registration

It is possible to participate to both days or to Day 1 only. If you are interested in registering to Day 1 only, please contact us directly.

## Registration fees

Day 1: **CHF 300.-**

Day 1 and 2: **CHF 2'000.-**

This includes catering services and pedagogical material.

Please book your place via the SFITS Calendar:

Go to

<https://calendar.sfits.ch>

or scan QR code



**Registration deadline is January 14, 2026**

For further information, please contact:  
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