



International training course Window Approach Workshop WAW

Advances in medical technology in the fields of audiology and otology makes it possible today for physicians to help practically all patients with hearing disorders. An example of these modern technical solutions enabling the restoration of lost hearing are various auditory implants. Window Approach Workshops are particularly designed for otosurgeons who specialize, or want to specialize, in auditory implants.

Window Approach Workshops are aimed at teaching the methods of cochlear implantation in partial deafness, elaborated in the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing, and middle ear implantation in mixed hearing loss, using the approach through the round window of the cochlea. The participants have the opportunity to observe these surgical methods during demonstration surgeries performed by Prof. H. Skarzynski and the team of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngology Surgery Clinic. They attend also to the lectures prepared by the specialists of the Institute and participate in the hands-on training in the laboratory, during which they learn on fresh temporal bone specimens to perform on their own each stage of the cochlear implantation procedure.

The program of the Window Approach Workshop includes:

- Lectures presented by the specialists from the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing,
- Demonstration surgeries transmitted from the operating theater to the lecture room, with presentation of each case and discussion,
- Hands-on training in the laboratory on fresh temporal bone specimens.

Lectures and exercises are conducted in English.

Window Approach Workshops so far:

WAW 1	April 15-16, 2007
WAW 2	November 11-12, 2007
WAW 3	March 16-17, 2008
WAW 4	October 5-6, 2008
WAW 5	May 14, 2009 (during the 9th ESPCI)
WAW 6	November 22-24, 2009

WAW 7	December 6-8, 2009
WAW 8	January 10-12, 2010
WAW 9	April 11-13, 2010
WAW 10	April 25-28, 2010
WAW 11	June 22, 2011 (during the 10th EFAS Congress)
WAW 12	December 5-7, 2011 (as the CI Surgical Foundation Course)
WAW 13	November 19-21, 2012 (as the CI Surgical Foundation Course)
WAW 14	February 11-13, 2013