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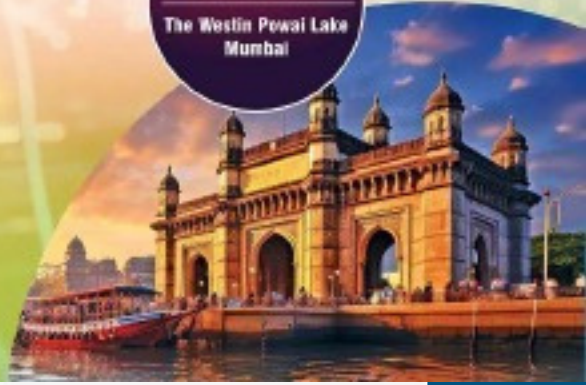
2026

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**12th -15th
Feb. 2026**

The Westin Powai Lake
Mumbai



FALS ROBOTICS 2026

**The Westin,
Powai Lake,
Mumbai**

ONLINE MODULE

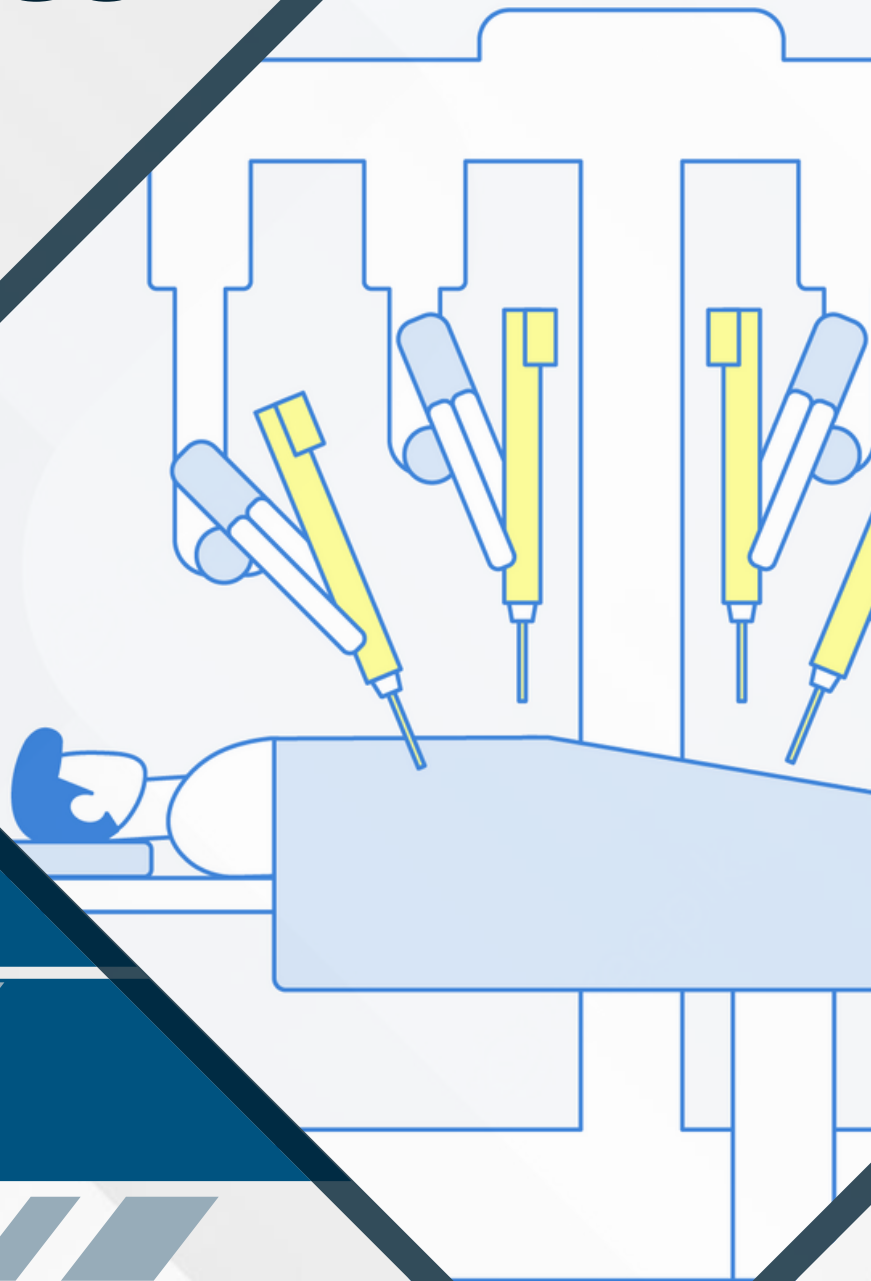
January 1, 2026
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ONSITE MODULE

February 12, 2026

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A Message from the Organising Team

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to register for the FALS Robotics Course, being conducted as part of the IAGES–ELSA 2026 Congress, from 12th to 15th February 2026 at The Westin, Powai Lake, Mumbai.

Surgery has advanced from open procedures to laparoscopy and now into the transformative era of robotics. In today's setting of rising patient expectations and surgical complexity, structured training in robotics is truly the need of the hour. The FALS Course in Robotic Surgery offers a comprehensive platform of lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on sessions led by experts in the field. Through this program, IAGES reaffirms its commitment to advancing surgical education and ensuring that patients benefit from the best of modern technology.

A distinctive feature of this program is its hybrid format:

1. **Online Learning (January 1 – February 11, 2026):** Participants will gain access to an exclusive online lecture series, available at their own pace, supported by self-evaluation modules to consolidate learning.
2. **Onsite Training (February 12, 2026):** Intensive case-based discussions, hands-on modules, and assessments, culminating in an MCQ and practical examination for certification.

We warmly encourage all eligible surgeons to embrace this opportunity to strengthen their foundation in Robotic Surgery. Whether you are at the beginning of your journey or looking to refine advanced techniques, FALS Robotics 2026 promises to be a transformative milestone in your surgical career.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mumbai – the City of Dreams – for an inspiring academic exchange and cherished fellowship.

Warm regards,

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FALS Robotics Guidelines

A candidate can apply in any ONE of the following categories:
Exam Fellowship / Non Exam Fellowship

Eligibility Criteria:

- IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS A MUST.
 - Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website www.iages.in for more details.
 - Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.
 - A resident or junior consultant should obtain a certificate of experience from the HOD of the hospital/Institution as a supportive document. Attach soft copies of the MBBS, MS, or DNB certificate and MCI/ State registration certificate during membership registration.
 - Members of collaborating associations who have signed an MOU with IAGES are also eligible. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the course.
 - Candidates also have to register for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress, to be held in Mumbai from February 13 to 15, 2026 in order to attend Live Surgeries, Lectures and Convocation Ceremony.
1. Non-Examination category
 - Surgeons who have been doing Robotic surgery for 5 or more years are eligible for Non-Examination Category.
 - Candidates should have performed more than 100 Robotic surgeries and need to submit a logbook to substantiate the claim.
 - All the candidates will be interviewed by the IAGES board for final assessment before the award of fellowship.
 2. Examination Category
 - All surgeons with a minimum of 1 year experience in Robotic Surgery. (Includes experience as a postgraduate surgical resident).
 - The applicant should have performed over 25 Robotic procedures either jointly or independently.
 - All the candidates would appear for MCQ assessment and Viva by the IAGES FALS board for final assessment during the forthcoming annual national conference (IAGES ELSA 2026) before awarding the fellowship.

Logbook

Age/Sex/Surgery/Role/Post-op course/Complication/Remarks

Role - Assisted/under supervision/Independent (as drop down)

Post-op course - Uneventful / Eventful (as drop down)

Complications - Infection, Bleeding, Leak, Stricture, Obstruction, Others (type if others) as drop down



FALS Robotics Guidelines

Assessment of FALS Robotics fellowship candidates will be conducted by IAGES Central Office.

Suggested Reading:

Any textbooks/ journals pertaining to Advanced Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgery.

Schedule:

Self-paced Online lectures: Link shall be provided to registered candidates on or before January 1, 2026. The candidate needs to complete all lectures + short evaluation on or before February 11, 2026 in order to be eligible to attend the onsite module.

Onsite Module: Will include Hands on Training sessions, Lectures/ Panel discussions & exams/ viva on February 12, 2026.

MCQ Exam:

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 60 minutes (Maximum number of marks: 100)

The exam will have 100 MCQ questions (single best response type) and will be conducted via an online link. The candidate has to be present at the venue in person.

Practical Examination:

Interview/assessment for approximately 10 minutes on each candidate. The candidates will be divided in to batches and interviewed by senior faculty members of IAGES depending upon the number of candidates. Maximum of 50 marks are allotted for the interview.

Outcome of written and practical assessment will be prepared by the organizing team and to be signed and to be sent to the President with a copy to Hon Secretary Office and FALS Board board and results will be published in the IAGES website.

Successful candidates would be expected to attend IAGES ELSA 2026 and convocation ceremony on February 15, 2026 in order to receive the fellowship certificate. The Fellowship certificate would be posted to the candidate if he /she fails to attend two consecutive annual congress/convocation.



FALS Robotics Course Outline

- Essentials in Robotic Surgery
- Introduction to various Robotic Systems
- Finances in Robotic Surgery
- Patient Counselling in RAS
- Starting a successful Robotic Surgery Program
- Upper GI Session
- Hiatus Hernia & Diaphragmatic Hernia
- Colo-Rectal Session
- Bariatric Surgery Session
- Primary Bariatric Surgery
- Revision Bariatric Surgery
- Cholecystectomy
- Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary Surgery
- Splenectomy
- Hernia - AWR
- Groin Hernia Session - TAPP & ETEP-RS
- Ventral Hernia Session - IPOM, TAPP, TARM / TARUP, PETEP, TAPE & ETEP-RS
- RoboTAR
- Complications in Robotic Surgery
- Combined Robotic Surgery
- Speciality Robotics: Thoracic, Head - Neck, Urology & Gynecology
- Virtual Live Session - Minimally edited Surgeries

Panel Discussions

Meet the Professor Sessions

Live Surgical Workshop



FALS Robotics Registration Details

Course Registration*

Early Bird (Till Sept 30th, 2025)		Oct 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025		January 1st, 2025 to January 31st, 2026	
Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons
INR 20000 + 18% GST = INR 23,600	USD 300 + 18% GST = USD 354	INR 25,000 + 18% GST = INR 29,500	USD 350 + 18% GST = USD 413	INR 27,500 + 18% GST = INR 32,450	USD 400 + 18% GST = USD 472

*For delegates who have already registered for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress and wish to add the FALS Robotics course.

Combo Registration (Course + Congress)**

Early Bird (Till Sept 30th, 2025)		Oct 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025		January 1st, 2025 to January 31st, 2026	
Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons
INR 30000 + 18% GST = INR 35,400	USD 450 + 18% GST = USD 531	INR 32,500 + 18% GST = INR 38,350	USD 500 + 18% GST = USD 590	INR 35000 + 18% GST = INR 41,300	USD 550 + 18% GST = USD 649

**For delegates who wish to register for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress and the FALS Robotics course.

**Complete Registration details & Eligibility criteria
are available on: www.iages2026.com**

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