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**Annual Meeting
of the Association
for European
Paediatric and
Congenital
Cardiology**

13-16 May 2026

**Padua,
Italy**

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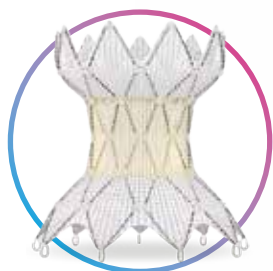
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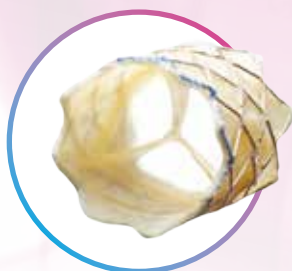
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WELCOME TO PADUA!

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Association for European Paediatric and Congenital Cardiology (AEPC), which will take place in Padua, Italy, from 13 to 16 May 2026.

This year's meeting is proudly hosted by the University of Padova, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world, renowned for its centuries-long tradition of excellence in education, research, and innovation.

The scientific program will focus on cutting-edge topics, including advanced cardiovascular imaging, artificial intelligence, and virtual reality applications in paediatric cardiology. We are confident that this forward-looking programme will stimulate engaging discussions, foster collaborations, and contribute to shaping the future of our specialty.

We look forward to welcoming you to Padua in May 2026 for what promises to be an inspiring and memorable meeting.

Warm regards,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee Chairs,

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Prof. Giovanni Di Salvo

University of Padua
Department of Women's and
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Director Pediatric Cardiology Unit
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VENUE & FLOORPLANS

ANNUAL MEETING VENUE

Padova Congress Center

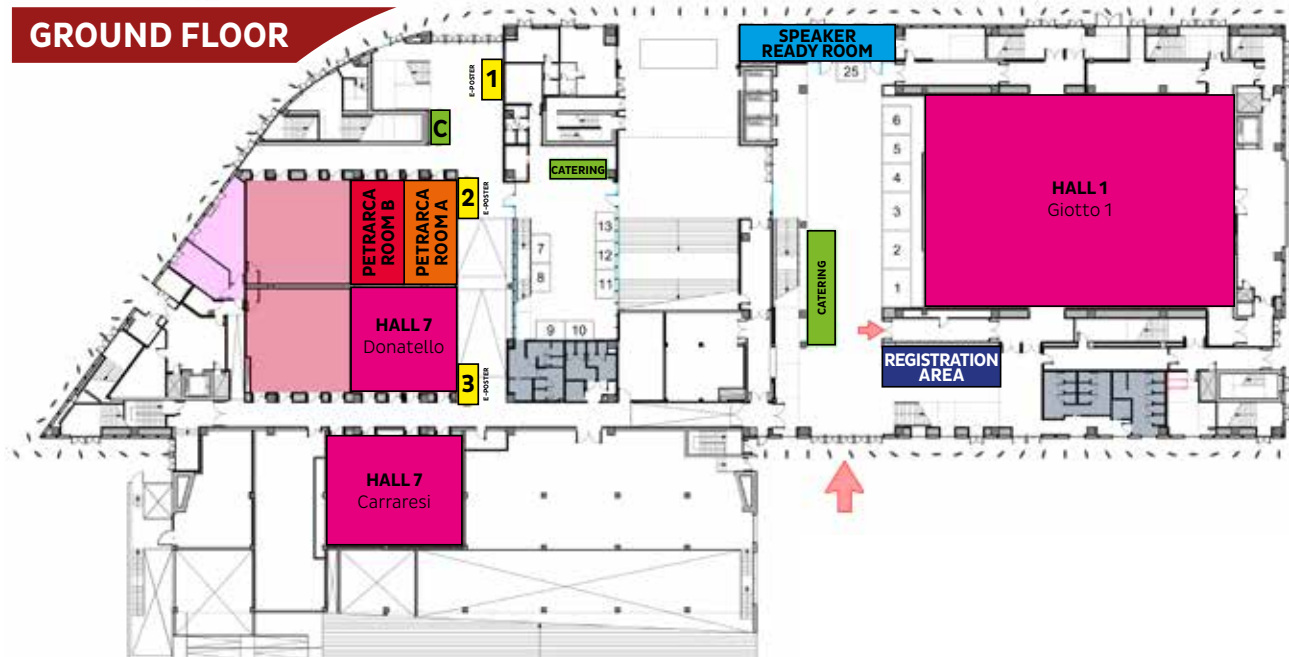
Website: <https://www.padovacongress.it/>

Address: 35131 Padua, Province of Padua, Italy

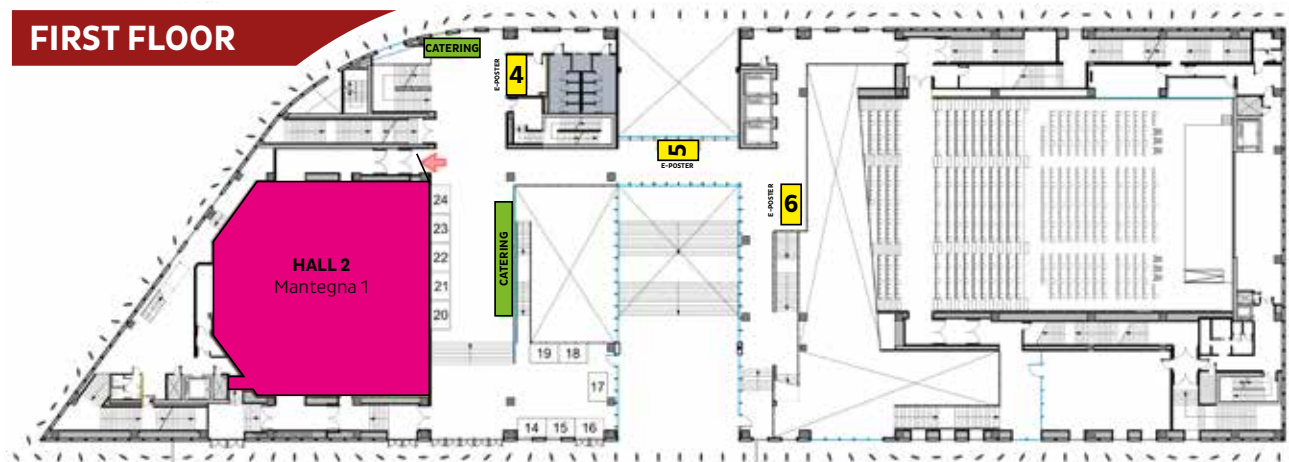


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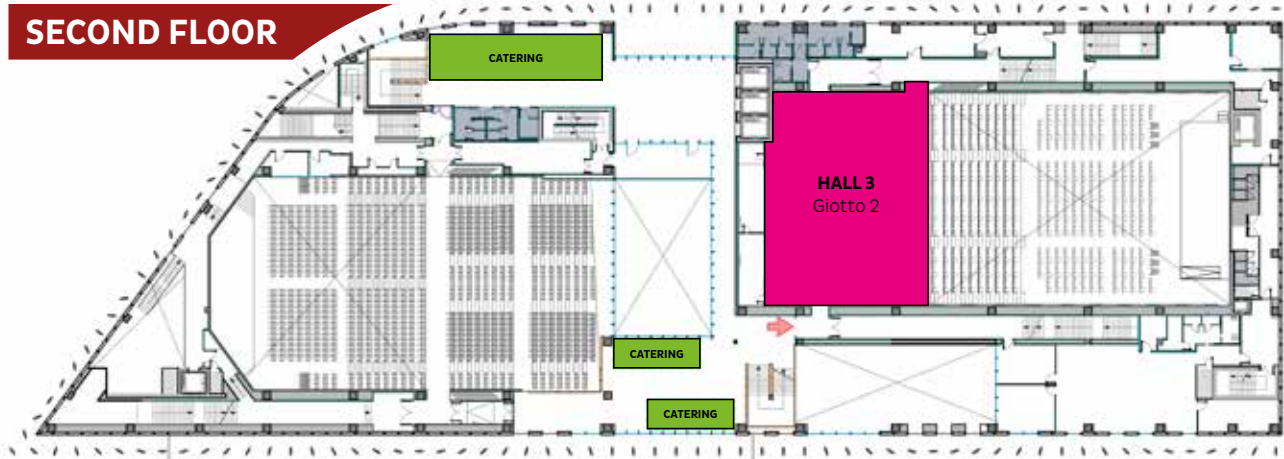


- HALL 1-8
- SPEAKER READY ROOM
- E-POSTER TOTEM
- PHILIPS WORKSHOP ROOM - PETRARCA ROOM A
- PETRARCA ROOM B
- REGISTRATION AREA
- CATERING

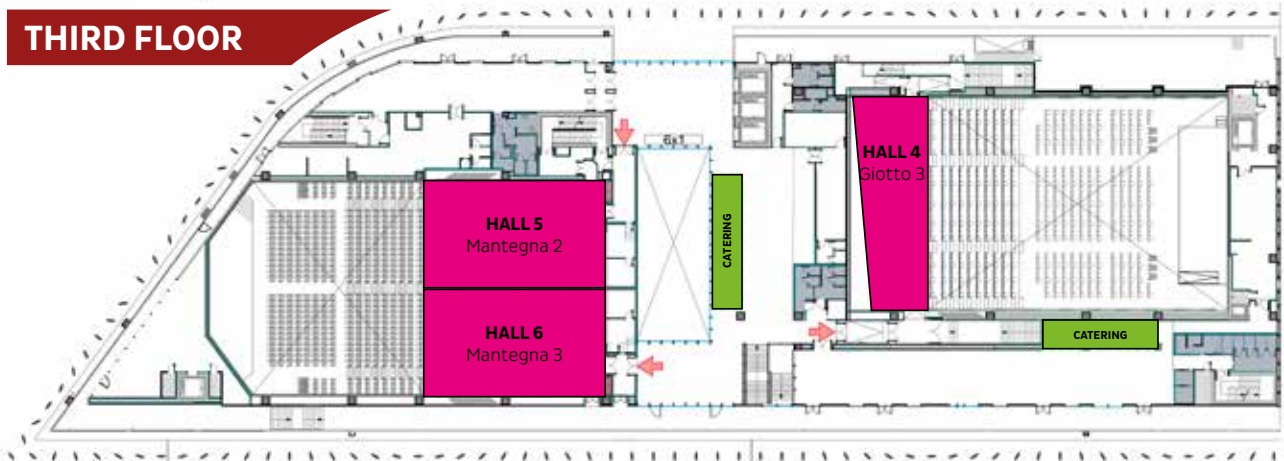
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SECOND FLOOR



THIRD FLOOR



- HALL 1-8
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- PETRARCA ROOM B
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- CATERING

GENERAL INFORMATION

Annual Meeting Dates | Website

13-16 May 2026

<https://www.aepc2026.org/>

Annual Meeting Hours

Registration Desk Opening Hours

Wednesday, 13 May 2026	07:00-17:00
Thursday, 14 May 2026	07:00-18:00
Friday, 15 May 2026	07:30-18:00
Saturday, 16 May 2026	08:30-12:30

Daily Scientific Program Hours

Wednesday, 13 May 2026	16:00-17:30 Update Course and Nursing & AHP Education Day take place from 08:00
Thursday, 14 May 2026	11:30-18:00 AEPC Business Meeting takes place between 09:00-11:00
Friday, 15 May 2026	09:00-18:00
Saturday, 16 May 2026	09:00-13:50

Exhibition Opening Hours

Wednesday, 13 May 2026	08:00-19:30 (Including Welcome Reception)
Thursday, 14 May 2026	09:00-18:00
Friday, 15 May 2026	09:00-18:00
Saturday, 16 May 2026	09:00-11:30

Speakers' Ready Room Opening Hours

Wednesday, 13 May 2026	07:00-17:00
Thursday, 14 May 2026	07:00-18:00
Friday, 15 May 2026	07:30-18:00
Saturday, 16 May 2026	08:30-12:30

Closed Meetings | Committee

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026

13:15-14:30	Scientific Advisory Committee
14:45-15:45	National Delegates

THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2026

18:00-19:00	Educational Committee meeting
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FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026

08:15-09:00	Industry Breakfast Meeting
10:30-11:00	Japanese Society Meeting

SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2026

08:15-09:00	Future Chairs Meeting
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Closed Meetings | Working Group Business Meetings

THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2026 | 08:00 – 09:00

Working Group Business Meeting Name	Room	Floor
Fetal Cardiology	Hall 1 - Giotto 1	Ground Floor
Cardiac dysrhythmias & electrophysiology	Hall 2 - Mantegna 1	First Floor
Interventional cardiology	Hall 3 - Giotto 2	Second Floor
Clinical trials TF	Hall 4 - Giotto 3	Third Floor
Pulmonary hypertension, heart failure and transplantation	Hall 5 - Mantegna 2	Second Floor
Adult congenital heart disease	Hall 6 - Mantegna 3	Second Floor
Neurodevelopment and Psychosocial Care	Hall 7 - Carraresi Room	Ground Floor

FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026 | 08:00 – 09:00

Working Group Business Meeting Name	Room	Floor
Paediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care	Hall 1 - Giotto 1	Ground Floor
Cardiac Imaging	Hall 2 - Mantegna 1	First Floor
Congenital Heart Surgery	Hall 3 - Giotto 2	Second Floor
Cardiovascular Morphology	Hall 4 - Giotto 3	Third Floor
Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease	Hall 5 - Mantegna 2	Second Floor
Nursing and Allied Health Professionals	Hall 6 - Mantegna 3	Second Floor
Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention	Hall 7 - Carraresi Room	Ground Floor

Social Activities

Opening Ceremony

Date | Time: Wednesday, 13 May 2026 | 16:00 – 17:30

Location: Padova Congress Center | Hall 1 – Giotto 1 | Ground Floor

All Annual Meeting participants are cordially invited to attend the Opening Ceremony with Venetian performances.

Welcome Reception

Date | Time: Wednesday, 13 May 2026 | 17:30 – 19:00

Location: Padova Congress Center | Exhibition & EPosters' Area | Ground & First Floor

All Annual Meeting participants are cordially invited to attend the Welcome Reception.

Junior Members' Party

Date: Thursday, 14 May 2026 | 20:00

Venue: EX FORO – Circolo Cocktail Bar (Second Floor)

Organised for the Junior Members of the AEPC, the Junior Members' Party is an informal, optional and limited-capacity event organised directly by the association. Attendance is booked through the registration system. Drink tickets will be provided to the attendees who have booked for their party attendance.

Address: Prato della Valle, 70/a, 35123 Padova PD, Italy

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Nurses & AHP Reception

Date: Thursday, 14 May 2026 | 20:00

Venue: EX FORO Restaurant (First Floor)

The Nurses & AHP Reception is an informal, optional and limited-capacity event organised by the Nursing and AHPs Working Group of the AEPC. Attendance is booked through the registration system. Drink tickets will be provided to the attendees who have booked for their party attendance.

Address: Prato della Valle, 70/a, 35123 Padova PD, Italy

Annual Meeting Aperitivo

Date: Friday, 15 May 2026 | 19:00 – 19:45

Venue: The Palazzo della Ragione

Address: Piazza delle Erbe, 35100 Padova PD, Italy

Annual Meeting Networking Dinner

Date: Friday, 15 May 2026 | 20:00 – 23:00

Venue: Cultural Center Altinate San Gaetano

Address: Via Altinate, 71, 35121 Padova PD, Italy

The printed tickets will be included in the participants' name badges.

Closing Ceremony

Date | Time: Saturday, 16 May 2026 | 12:30 – 13:50

Location: Padova Congress Center | Hall 1 – Giotto 1 | Ground Floor

All Annual Meeting participants are cordially invited to attend the Closing Ceremony with Venetian performances.

Practical Information within the Meeting Venue

Language of the Annual Meeting

The official language of the AEPC 2026 Annual Meeting is English. No translations will be available during the meeting sessions.



Wi-Fi Network for Meeting Participants

We are pleased to offer complimentary Wi-Fi access to all AEPC 2026 participants.

The network name and credentials will be provided at the venue.

The Wi-Fi at this event is sponsored by the National Association of Noonan Syndrome and RASopathies ODV

Dress Code for Meeting Participants

The dress code for the AEPC 2026 Annual Meeting is business formal or business casual for all occasions unless stated otherwise.

Coffee Breaks & Lunches

Coffee breaks and lunches will be served across all four floors of the congress centre.

CME Accreditation

The AEPC 2026 Annual Meeting has been granted **23 European CME credits (ECMEC@s)** by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®).

Information for Speakers & Presenters (speakers, oral, poster)

All speakers and oral abstract & flash talk presenters are kindly requested to upload their presentations in the Speakers' Ready Room located on the ground floor at least 3 hours prior to the start time of their sessions. If the session is the first session in the morning, please upload your presentation the day before.

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Meeting Materials for Participants

AEPC Annual Meetings Are Green Meetings!

Started at the 2022 Meeting in Geneva, AEPC Annual Meetings are now Green Meetings. Therefore, there will be no printed materials besides the name badges and essential vouchers/tickets. All meeting materials will be provided as online and/or PDF documents, and all details regarding AEPC 2026 can be found on the Annual Meeting Mobile Application.

Name Badges

The name badges will be distributed from the Registration Area. All participants are kindly requested to wear their name badges throughout the Annual Meeting.

Certificates of Attendance

The certificates of attendance will be sent to all participants after the Annual Meeting via e-mail.

Certificates of Presentation

The presenters of oral and poster abstracts will be eligible to receive a certificate of presentation, which will be sent to the presenters upon request after the Annual Meeting. You may contact the Annual Meeting Organising Secretariat (Ms. Cagla Avcioglu at cavcioglu@kenes.com) to get your presentation certificates.

Post-Meeting Survey

A post-meeting survey will be sent to all participants after the Annual Meeting. In order to claim your CME Credits, you will be required to fill in this survey and submit it.

Abstract Publication

The accepted abstracts of the AEPC 2026 will be available within the Annual Meeting Mobile Application during the meeting days.

Besides this, there will be an online publication as a supplement to the *CitY - Cardiology in the Young Journal*: The accepted abstracts of AEPC 2026 are being published in the *CitY Journal*. The publication time will be in December 2026. The link to the *CitY Journal* will be shared with all participants via e-mail once the publication is completed.

Mobile Application

The Annual Meeting Mobile Application is designed to help you navigate through the Annual Meeting details with ease, and to enhance your participation. You may download it via IOS/App Store or Android/Google Play using the QR codes below.



Download via IOS/App Store



Download via Android/Google Play

The event code for the mobile application is **aepc2026**

To log into the mobile app, please use the credentials that were sent to you via e-mail before the Annual Meeting.

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Practical Details About Padua

Time Zone

During the month of May 2026, Italy observes Central European Summer Time (CEST), which is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

Climate

The average temperature in Padua in May for a typical day ranges from a high of 23°C to a low of 16°C. Some would describe it as moderately chilly and breezy.

Electricity



The standard voltage in Italy is 230V at 50 Hertz. Sockets accept two-round pin-style plugs. If you travel with a device that does not accept 230 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need to bring a voltage converter with you.

Currency & Exchange

The Euro is the currency of Italy. 1 euro equals 100 cents, with the denominations 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 & 50 cents as well as 1 & 2 euro being available as coins. Euro notes come in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euro.

Exchanging Money: Most banks offer a foreign exchange facility and generally offer the best exchange rates.

Credit & Debit Cards: Credit cards Visa and MasterCard are more widely accepted in Padua than Amex or Diners Club, which may not be accepted in smaller establishments.

Emergency Phone Numbers

As in the rest of Italy, the single emergency number is 112. This free number connects you to the appropriate emergency service, including police, ambulance and fire brigade.

Police: 112

Ambulance: 112

Fire Services: 112

Poison Information Center (Veneto): 800 011 858

Disclaimer

Liability & Insurance

The Annual Meeting Secretariat and Organisers cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to private property of participants. Upon registration, participants agree that neither the AEPC Council, the Local Organising Committee nor the Annual Meeting Secretariat assume any liabilities. Participants are advised to arrange their personal travel and health insurance for their trip.

Safety and Security

Bags and/or suitcases must not be left unattended at any time whether inside or outside the meeting venue and session halls. As all hotels do, we strongly recommend our participants to use their safety deposit boxes for their valuables.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

AEPC 2026 ANNUAL MEETING - PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME TEMPLATE (AT A GLANCE)							
Time Slot	Wednesday, 13 May 2026	Time Slot	Thursday, 14 May 2026	Time Slot	Friday, 15 May 2026	Time Slot	Saturday, 16 May 2026
08:00 - 16:00	UPDATE COURSE & PRECONFERENCE NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' EDUCATION DAY & COMMITTEE MEETINGS <i>(to be held in various halls)</i>	08:00 - 09:00	WORKING GROUP BUSINESS MEETINGS <i>(to be held in various halls)</i>	08:00 - 09:00	WORKING GROUP BUSINESS MEETINGS <i>(to be held in various halls)</i>	08:00 - 09:00	WORKING GROUP BUSINESS MEETINGS <i>(to be held in various halls)</i>
		09:00 - 11:00	AEPC BUSINESS MEETING <i>(in plenary hall)</i>	09:00 - 10:30	SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (WG SESSIONS, ABSTRACT SESSIONS, JOINT SESSIONS, ETC) <i>(to be held in up to 8 halls)</i>	09:00 - 10:30	SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (WG SESSIONS, ABSTRACT SESSIONS, JOINT SESSIONS, ETC) <i>(to be held in up to 8 halls)</i>
		11:00 - 11:30	BREAK	10:30 - 11:00	BREAK	10:30 - 11:00	BREAK
		11:30 - 13:00	SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (WG SESSIONS, ABSTRACT SESSIONS, JOINT SESSIONS, ETC) <i>(to be held in up to 8 halls)</i>	11:00 - 11:30	HAUSDORF LECTURE <i>(in plenary hall)</i>	11:30 - 13:00	SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (WG SESSIONS, ABSTRACT SESSIONS, JOINT SESSIONS, ETC) <i>(to be held in up to 8 halls)</i>
		13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH BREAK /INDUSTRY SESSIONS	13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH BREAK /INDUSTRY SESSIONS	13:00 - 14:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE & AWARD & CLOSING CEREMONY <i>(in plenary hall)</i>
		14:30 - 16:00	SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (WG SESSIONS, ABSTRACT SESSIONS, JOINT SESSIONS, ETC) <i>(to be held in up to 8 halls)</i>	14:30 - 16:00	SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (WG SESSIONS, ABSTRACT SESSIONS, JOINT SESSIONS, ETC) <i>(to be held in up to 8 halls)</i>		
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16:00 - 17:30	OPENING CEREMONY & MANNHEIMER LECTURE <i>(in plenary hall)</i>						
SOCIAL PROGRAM							
17:30 - 19:00	WELCOME RECEPTION <i>(in the Exhibition Area)</i>	20:00 - ...	JUNIOR MEMBERS' PARTY NURSES & ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS RECEPTION <i>(optional, to be held in an offsite venue)</i>	20:00 - ...	MEETING NETWORKING DINNER <i>(optional ticket event, to be held in an offsite venue)</i>	TBD	POST-MEETING TOUR <i>(optional ticket event, details to be shared at a later stage)</i>

INVITED SPEAKERS & SESSION CHAIRS

The invited speakers and session chairs are listed in alphabetical order for each country. Please visit the Annual Meeting website for the full biographies of the invited speakers.

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 Andreas Tulzer
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UPDATE COURSE PROGRAMME

UPDATE COURSE AEPC 2026: "Imaging in Congenital Heart Diseases"

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

Tetralogy Of Fallot

Chairs: Yiu-Fai Cheung, China & Aphrodite Tzifa, Greece

08:00 – 08:15	Diagnosis and Native Anatomy	John Simpson, UK
08:15 – 08:30	Intraoperative Echocardiography And Early Post-Operative Assessment	Beatrice Bonello, UK
08:30 – 08:45	How to Assess Tricuspid Valve	Elena Surkova, UK
08:45 – 09:00	Long Term Follow-Up And Decision Making On Reinterventions	Inga Voges, Germany
09:00 – 09:20	General Discussion	
09:20 – 09:50	Coffee Break	

Atrio-Ventricular Septal Defect

Chairs: Roberta Biffanti, Italy & Maria Clara Escobar-Díaz, Spain

09:50 – 10:05	Diagnosis and Native Anatomy	Annemien Van den Bosch, The Netherlands
10:05 – 10:20	Intraoperative Echocardiography and Early Post-Operative Assessment	Misha Bhat, Sweden
10:20 – 10:35	Long Term Follow-Up	Gabriele Egidy Assenza, Italy
10:35 – 10:50	Post-Surgical Left Atrio-Ventricular Valve Diseases, Which Options?	Guido Michielon, Italy
10:50 – 11:10	General Discussion	

Transposition Of Great Arteries

Chairs: Elena Reffo, Italy & Monique Jongbloed, The Netherlands

11:10 – 11:25	Transposition Of Great Arteries Diagnosis And Presurgical Assessment	Andreea Dragulescu, Canada
11:25 – 11:40	Anatomy-Based Surgical Decision Making	Ali Dodge-Khatami, Germany
11:40 – 11:55	Intraoperative assessment	Mark Friedberg, Canada
11:55 – 12:10	Follow-up After Arterial Switch – Which Imaging and When	Sylvia Krupickova, UK
12:10 – 12:30	General Discussion	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	

Hands-on Demonstration of CHD Morphology Using Virtual Reality

12:45 – 13:45	Tutors: Claudio Capelli, UK & Elena Milano, UK & Andrew Cook, UK & Beatrice Bonelli, UK
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UPDATE COURSE PROGRAMME

Aortic Coarctation

Chairs: Martina Avesani, Italy & Katarina Hanseus, Sweden

14:00 - 14:15	Diagnostic Workflow in Neonates	Josefa Kristin Paredes, UK
14:15 - 14:30	Imaging in late AoC	Emanuela Valsangiacomo Buchel, Switzerland
14:30 - 14:45	Long Term Follow-Up and Decision Making on Reinterventions	Almudena Ortiz Garrido, Spain
14:45 - 15:00	Arterial Hypertension Management in repaired AoC patients	Lilia Oreto, Italy
15:00 - 15:20	General Discussion	

NURSING & AHP EDUCATION DAY PROGRAMME

Preconference Nursing and Allied Health Professions Education Day 2026

organized by the WG on Nursing and Allied Professionals

Themes: Current Practices – Palliative care what do we do and how can we improve this across the ages?

& Innovation in Action – AI, VR and the Human Touch in Congenital Heart Disease Care

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

Session 1: What do we need to know about Palliative Care?

Chairs: Lynda Shaughnessy, UK & Chantal Etter, Switzerland

09:00 - 09:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
09:10 - 09:30	The importance of early involvement of paediatric palliative care for patients with severe congenital heart disease	Diana Freitas, UK
09:30 - 09:50	Advanced Care Planning in Adolescence / ACHD care	Corina Thomet, Switzerland
09:50 - 10:10	Risky Behaviours	Sheena Vernon, UK
10:10 - 10:30	Panel and Audience Discussion	All Speakers & Audience
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	

Session 2: The role of the MDT in Palliative Care

Chairs: Amanda Potterson, UK & Michele De Hosson, Belgium & Anna Santini, Italy

11:00 - 11:15	Nurse	Eva Goossens, Belgium
11:15 - 11:30	Psychologist	Louise Clegg, UK
11:30 - 11:45	Speech & Language Therapist	Noemie Berger, Belgium
11:45 - 12:00	Cardiologist - Paediatric & Adolescence	Angela Oxenius, Switzerland
12:00 - 12:15	Cardiologist - ACHD	Markus Schwerzman, Canada
12:15 - 12:30	Panel Discussion Q&A	All Speakers
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	

Session 3: Enhancing Holistic Care with AI and VR

Chairs: Ewa-Lena Bratt, Sweden & Jo Wray, UK

13:30 - 13:50	What's the role of the nurse/therapist in supporting digital self-management?	Elin Hjorth Johansen, Norway
13:50 - 14:10	Smart monitoring and AI	Kerry Gaskin, UK
14:10 - 14:30	Inclusivity – will AI and Digital Technology enable or be a barrier to better care for all?	Philip Moons, Belgium
14:30 - 14:50	Building a digitally empowered workforce – what skills do we need?	Adrienne Cottam, UK
14:50 - 15:00	Close and Final Remarks	Ewa-Lena Bratt, Sweden

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WEDNESDAY / 13 MAY 2026

HALL 1: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

08:00 - 15:20 UPDATE COURSE

16:00 - 17:30 OPENING CEREMONY & MANNHEIMER LECTURE

Pediatric Cardiology across the life span. Building the future of congenital heart care
2026-2046, Ornella Milanesi, Italy

ROOM 7: FLASH TALKS ROOM

09:00 - 15:00 NURSING & AHP EDUCATION DAY

12:30 - 13:30 Young Community Meeting: Updates, Opportunities and Future Directions

12:30 - 12:40 Young Community Updates: Current Activities and Future Plans,
Sara Moscatelli, UK

12:40 - 12:50 Navigating Research Grants and International Exchanges: Keys to Success,
Werner Budts, Belgium

12:50 - 13:00 Succeeding in the Japan Exchange Programme: Practical Tips, Tricks and
 Personal Insights, **Domenico Sirico, Italy**

13:00 - 13:10 How to Secure AEPC Research Grants: Tips, Tricks and Lessons Learned,
Alessia Callegari, Italy

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THURSDAY / 14 MAY 2026

HALL 1: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

08:00 - 09:00 Fetal Cardiology WG Business Meeting

09:00 - 11:00 AEPC Update Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 Artificial Intelligence in Perinatal Cardiology

Joint WG: Fetal Cardiology & Cardiac Imaging

Chairs: **Anita Moon-Grady, USA & Emanuela Valsangiacomo, Switzerland**

11:30 - 11:52 Artificial Intelligence for Screening of Congenital Heart Disease,
Anita Moon-Grady, USA

11:52 - 12:14 Artificial Intelligence for Fetal Cardiac Diagnosis, **Thomas Day, UK**

12:14 - 12:36 Deep Learning in CHD Imaging: How to Train a Neural Network,
Francesco Sturla, Italy

12:36 - 12:58 Artificial Intelligence Ready to Serve Multimodality Imaging of CHD
 After Birth?, **Vivek Muthurangu, UK**

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 Joint Session Canadian Pediatric Cardiology Association (CPCA) - AEPC

Chairs: **Biagio Castaldi, Italy & Marisha McClean, Canada**

14:30 - 14:52 Choosing the Right Imaging Modality, **Francesca Raimondi, Italy**

14:52 - 15:14 Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality: Will Technology Help Us Use Less
 Radiation, **Robert Chen, Canada**

15:14 - 15:36 Cumulative Radiation Exposure in Congenital Heart Disease: Are We
 Accounting for Lifetime Risk?, **Michael Hofbeck, Germany**

15:36 - 15:58 Fluoroscopy-Free and Low-Dose Interventions: Current Practice and
 Future Directions, **Nicholas Fitzgerald, Canada**

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

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THURSDAY / 14 MAY 2026

HALL 1: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- 16:30 - 18:00** **Advanced Imaging, 3D Reconstructions and Virtual Reality:
 How It Applies to Cardiac Morphology**
 Joint WG: Cardiovascular Morphology & Cardiac Imaging & Congenital Heart Surgery

 Chairs: **Annalisa Angelini, Italy & Seda Tierney, USA**
- 16:30 - 16:52 Navigating in Heart Specimens :Augmented Reality,
Cloé Huet, France & Segolene Bernheim, France
- 16:52 - 17:14 Imaging the Conduction System with Synchrotron-based HiP-CT : the
 EuReCCA Consortium Project, **Andrew Cook, UK**
- 17:14 - 17:36 How Real Are Our Imaging Techniques?, **Seda Tierney, USA**
- 17:36 - 17:58 Value of 3D Models and Virtual Reality for Planning Surgery,
Vladimiro Vida, Italy

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HALL 2: IMAGING

08:00 - 09:00 Cardiac Dysrhythmias & Electrophysiology WG Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 Coronary Arteries Anomalies and Sport

Joint WG: Cardiac Imaging & Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention

Chairs: **Ugo Giordano, Italy & Francesca Raimondi, Italy**

11:30 - 11:52 Playing Sport with Coronary Anomalies: When is Safe and When is Not, Joao Rato, Portugal

11:52 - 12:14 Indication for Surgery in Coronary Arteries Anomalies: Big Debate?, Silvana Molossi, USA

12:14 - 12:36 Cardiac Surgery and Return to Play in Coronary Artery Anomalies: The Paediatric Sport Cardiologist Perspectives, Tristan Ramcharan, UK

12:36 - 12:58 Impact of Sport Restriction in Childhood, Giulia Meneguzzo, Italy

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 Current State of the Art in CMR: What's New for You?

Separate WG: Cardiac Imaging

Chairs: **Tarek Alsaied, USA & Heynric Grotenhuis, The Netherlands**

14:30 - 14:52 Stress CMR and its Application in P/CHD, **Tam Doan, USA**

14:52 - 15:14 4D Flow in Complex CHD, **Malenka Bissell, UK**

15:14 - 15:36 Myocardial Tissue Characterization: Myocardial Disease and Tumors, **Supriya Jain, USA**

15:36 - 15:58 Artificial Intelligence in CMR: Post-Processing Cut Short and More, **Vivek Muthurangu, UK**

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

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HALL 2: IMAGING

16:30 - 18:00 Cardiac Imaging Abstract Session

Chair: **Almudena Ortiz, USA & Sylvia Krupickova, UK**

- 16:30 - 16:37 O-026 Tricuspid Septal Offsetting in Healthy Children: Age-Specific Reference Values to Refine Ebstein Anomaly Diagnosis, **Simon Alexander Classen, Denmark**
- 16:37 - 16:44 O-027 Beyond Volumes: The Role of 4D Flow MRI in Optimizing Pulmonary Valve Replacement Timing in Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot, **Enrico Piccinelli, Italy**
- 16:44 - 16:51 O-028 Left Atrial Function in Paediatric Cardiomyopathies, **Martina Avesani, Italy**
- 16:51 - 16:58 O-029 From Metabolism to Anatomy: Integrating 18F-FDG PET/CT and CT-Derived Virtual Reality to Diagnose Infective Endocarditis and Guide Management in Children With Complex Congenital Heart Disease, **Judyta Szeliga, Poland**
- 16:58 - 17:05 O-030 CMR T1 Mapping Reveals Distinct Coronary Territory Signatures, **Sakari Helmi, Finland**
- 17:05 - 17:12 O-031 Systemic Arterial Stiffening and Its Association With Left Ventricular Adverse Remodeling in Children After Repaired Coarctation of the Aorta, **Raphael Joye, Canada**
- 17:12 - 17:19 O-032 Impact of Device Type on Atrial Dynamics After Transcatheter ASD Closure in Children: A 3D Speckle-Tracking Study, **Akio Kato, Japan**
- 17:19 - 17:26 O-033 Unmasking the Silent Burden: Subclinical Myocardial and Vascular Impairment in Childhood-Onset Takayasu Arteritis via Multimodal Imaging, **Berkcan Hasan Dilaver, Türkiye**
- 17:26 - 17:31 O-034 Volumetric and Functional Right Ventricular Assessment by Principal Strain Analysis in Children With Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot, **Ryusuke Numata, Japan**
- 17:31 - 17:38 O-035 4D Flow MRI-Derived Hemodynamics in Patients With Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot, **Joost van Schuppen, Netherlands**
- 17:38 - 17:45 O-036 Predicting Perioperative Adverse Outcomes in Congenital Heart Disease Patients Undergoing Re-Thoracotomy Based on CT-Detected Adhesion Extent and Risk Scoring, **Xiangnan Li, China**
- 17:45 - 17:52 O-037 Developing an Open-Source Pipeline for Robust Energy-Loss Quantification in TCPC Patients Using 4D Flow Magnetic Resonance and Computational Simulation, **Maren Treiber, Germany**

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HALL 3: INVASIVE TREATMENTS

08:00 - 09:00 Interventional Cardiology WG Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 Interventions in Premature Babies
Separate WG: Interventional Cardiology

Chairs: *Petra Louriero, Portugal & Petru Liuba, Sweden*

11:30 - 11:52 The Critically Ill Premature Baby – What is Possible in the Cath Lab?,
Stanimir Georgiev, Germany

11:52 - 12:14 Premie Interventions – Vascular Access and Other Technical Difficulties,
Derize Boshoff, Belgium

12:14 - 12:36 The Ductal Dependency in Premature Babies – PGE or Ductal Stenting,
Ingrid van Beynum, The Netherlands

12:36 - 12:58 Premie PDA Closures – Quo Vadis?, Alain Fraise, UK

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 The Large Right Ventricular Outflow Tract - Valves and Other Options
Joint WG: Interventional Cardiology & Cardiac Imaging & Congenital Heart Surgery

Chairs: *Sir Shakeel Qureshi, UK, Israel & Vladimiro Vida, Italy*

14:30 - 14:52 Anatomical Challenges in Large RVOT: Defining the Candidates and the
Landscape, Peter Ewert, Germany

14:52 - 15:14 TPVR Strategies for Large RVOTs: What's Available and When to Choose
Self-Expanding, Sir Shakeel Qureshi, UK

15:14 - 15:36 Balloon-Expandable Valves in Large RVOT: When and Why They Still Matter,
Enrico Piccinelli, Italy

15:36 - 15:58 When Not to Intervene Percutaneously: Hybrid and Surgical Insights Into
Challenging RVOTs, Joachim Photiadis, Germany

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

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HALL 3: INVASIVE TREATMENTS

16:30 - 18:00 **Challenges in Becoming an Interventional Cardiologist**
 Joint WG: Interventional Cardiology & Education Committee

Chairs: **Michael Rigby, UK & Ina Michel Behnke, Austria**

16:30 - 16:48 Expectations – the Trainers View, **Gianfranco Butera, Italy**

16:48 - 17:06 Expectations – The Trainees View, **Alessia Callegari, Italy**

17:06 - 17:24 Training Guidelines, **Thomas Krasemann, The Netherlands**

17:24 - 17:42 How Does This Fit into the General Training?, **Ruth Heying, Belgium**

17:42 - 18:00 Isn't this too much?, **Sigitas Cesna, Lithuania**

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HALL 4: JUNIOR TRACK

08:00 - 09:00 Clinical Trials TF Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 Fake Hearts, Real Insight - Videodemonstration of Heart Specimens and 3D Models
Separate WG: Cardiovascular Morphology

Chairs: **Cristina Basso, Italy & Matthias Sigler, Germany**

11:30 - 11:52 Ventricular Septal Defects, Gaetano Thiene, Italy
11:52 - 12:14 Tetralogy of Fallot, Bjarke Jensen, The Netherlands
12:14 - 12:36 Atrioventricular Septal Defects, Andrew Cook, UK
12:36 - 12:58 Transposition, Lucile Houyel, France

13:00 - 14:30 Juniors Meet Seniors
Separate WG: Interventional Cardiology

Chairs: **Enrico Piccinelli, Italy & Thomas Krasemann, The Netherlands**

14:30 - 16:00 Speckle Tracking Echocardiography in CHD: Where Are We?
Separate WG: Cardiac Imaging

Chairs: **Colin McMahon, Ireland & Pei-Ni Jone, USA**

14:30 - 14:52 Ventricular strain in children with CHD: reliable and reproducible?, Giovanni Di Salvo, Italy
14:52 - 15:14 Atrial strain in Congenital Heart Disease: Only a Research or Also a Diagnostic Tool, Justin Tretter, USA
15:14 - 15:36 Myocardial Work in Congenital Heart Disease, Leo Lopez, USA
15:36 - 15:58 Blood Speckle Tracking in Pediatric Cardiology: Advances and Limitations, Massimiliano Cantinotti, Italy

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

16:30 - 18:00 How to Make an Electrocardiographic Diagnosis of Selected Pathologies
Separate WG: Cardiac Dysrhythmias and Electrophysiology

Chairs: **Fabrizio Drago, Italy & Jan Janousek, Czechia**

16:30 - 16:48 Long QT Syndrome, **Tomasz Książczyk, Poland**
16:48 - 17:06 Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, **Mitchell Cohen, USA**
17:06 - 17:24 Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia, **Jan Till, UK**
17:24 - 17:42 Brugada Syndrome, **Cecilia Gonzalez Corcia, Canada**
17:42 - 18:00 Cardiomyopathies, **Maria Mluszczak-Knecht, Poland**

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HALL 5: FAILING HEARTS

08:00 - 09:00 Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation WG Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 Pharmacotherapy in Pediatric Heart Failure

Separate WG: Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation

Chairs: **Michael Burch, UK & Hakan Wahlander, Sweden**

11:30 - 11:52 Pediatric Drug Trials in Heart Failure - Update, Michael Burch, UK

11:52 - 12:14 Ivabradine, SGL2 inhibitors, Sacubitirl-Valsartan in Paediatric Heart Failure, Joseph Rossano, USA

12:14 - 12:36 Monitoring Drug Therapy - Biomarkers, Imaging What Else?, Biagio Castaldi, Italy

12:36 - 12:58 Are We Underdosing Our Heart Failure Patients?, Joseph Rossano, USA

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 Right Heart Failure Management in the Intensive Care Unit

Joint WG: Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation & Paediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care & Task Force on Clinical Drug Trials

Chairs: **Menno Douwes, The Netherlands & Ioana Ghiorghiu, Romania**

14:30 - 14:52 Treatment of Acute Right Heart Failure in the ICU, Cho Ng, UK

14:52 - 15:14 How to Support a Newly Transplanted RV in Patients with Elevated PVR, Karin Tran-Lundmark, Sweden

15:14 - 15:36 When to Use the Berlin Heart EXCOR Venous Cannula in TCPC Patients? Ever without LVAD?, Emma Simpson, UK

15:36 - 15:58 Transcatheter Treatments in RV Failure, Gianfranco Butera, Italy

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

16:30 - 18:00 Failing Single Ventricles in Adult CHD Patients - Challenges and Potential Solutions

Joint WG: Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation & Adult Congenital Heart Disease

Chairs: **Yi Wang, China & Werner Budts, Belgium**

16:30 - 16:52 Failing Single Ventricles in ACHD - Optimising Medical Management, **Giancarlo Scognamiglio, Italy**

16:52 - 17:14 How to Optimise Chances of Cardiac Transplantation for ACHD Patients, **Lucy Roche, Canada**

17:14 - 17:36 VAD is a Valid Destination Therapy for End Stage Heart Failure in ACHD Patients - CON, **Emanuela Angeli, Italy**

17:36 - 17:58 VAD is a Valid Destination Therapy for End Stage Heart Failure in ACHD Patients - PRO, **David Crossland, UK**

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HALL 6: CARE IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

08:00 - 09:00 Adult Congenital Heart Disease WG Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 AI and ChatGPT: Advanced Imaging, Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality
 Joint WG: Nursing and Allied Health Professionals & Neurodevelopment and Psycho-Social Care

Chairs: **Eva Goossens, Belgium & Edward Callus, Italy**

11:30 - 11:52 Enhanced Diagnostics & Treatments - Applications of AI in CHD Care,
Jef Van den Eynde, Belgium

11:52 - 12:14 Wound Management Using Digital Applications,
Miriam Giacobbe, UK & Arlaine French, UK

12:14 - 12:36 Can Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Help Us with the
 Outpatient Consultation, **Kerry Gaskin, UK**

12:36 - 12:58 Pros & Cons of AI in Professional Practice, **Gareth Morgan, USA**

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 Exercise in Children with Cardiomyopathies: A Case-based Session
 Joint WG: Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease & Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention

Chairs: **Joao Rato, Portugal & Andrea Greco, Spain**

14:30 - 14:52 How Do I Handle Physical Activity in an Athlete with Newly Diagnosed
 ARVC?, **Domenico Corrado, Italy**

14:52 - 15:14 How Do I Handle Physical Activity in a Young Child with Severe HCM?,
Andrea Greco, Spain

15:14 - 15:36 How Do I Handle Physical Activity in a Young Athlete with Mild HCM?,
Iacopo Olivotto, Italy

15:36 - 15:58 How Do I Handle Physical Activity in a Young Child with DCM?,
Juan Pablo Kaski, UK

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

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HALL 6: CARE IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

16:30 - 18:00 **Hearts Under Pressure - Doping, Supplements and the Cardiovascular Costs of Enhancements**

Separate WG: Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention

Chairs: **Gino Degano, Italy & Renata Oberhoffer, Germany**

16:30 - 16:52 The Systemic Effects of Steroids, Growth Enhancer Substances, EPO, **Armando Grossi, Italy**

16:52 - 17:14 Taurine and Creatine – What They Promise for Heart Health – and What Can Also Happen, **Renata Oberhoffer, Germany**

17:14 - 17:36 Caffeine on the Heart, **Felix Oberhoffer, Germany**

17:36 - 17:58 Bigger, Stronger...At What Cost? Bodybuilding and The Culture of Enhancement, **Marco Vecchiato, Italy**

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HALL 7: FLASH TALKS ROOM

08:00 - 09:00 Neurodevelopment and Psychosocial Care WG Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 Flash Talk Session 1

Chairs: **Anwar Baban, United Arabs of Emirates & Johanna Calderon, France**

11:30 - 11:34 FT-001 Cognitive Outcome In Fontan Patients From Preschool To School Age: Stability And Predictors, **Claudia Jessen, Germany**

11:34 - 11:38 FT-002 Therapy Utilization In Children With Congenital Heart Disease: A Retrospective Study At The Children's Heart Center Vienna, **Anna Scholten, Austria**

11:38 - 11:42 FT-003 Five - Year Neurodevelopment In Children With Congenital Heart Disease: Insights From A Multidisciplinary Program In Spain, **Alba Mendoza Jiménez, Spain**

11:42 - 11:46 FT-004 Management Of Patients With Scn5a Mutation With Possible Mixed-Phenotype, **Vasiliki Tsolaki, Greece**

11:46 - 11:50 FT-005 R222q Mutation Of The Scn5a Gene In Pediatric Age: Phenotype And Response To Pharmacological Therapy, **Silvana Catucci, Italy**

11:50 - 11:54 FT-006 Exploring Genetic Variants Associated With Pulmonary Valve Size In Tetralogy Of Fallot: A Genome-Wide Association Study, **Noor Al Kharusi, Oman**

11:54 - 11:58 FT-007 Linking Plasma-Derived Extracellular Vesicle Micrnas To Cardiac Remodeling Mechanisms In Pediatric Congenital Heart Defects, **Nesrine Farhat, Belgium**

11:58 - 12:02 FT-008 Znf516 Identified As A Novel Genetic Regulator Of Heart Development And Congenital Heart Disease, **Lieke Van Roon, Netherlands**

12:02 - 12:06 FT-009 Male Violence Reprograms Cardiac Cell Identity, Driving Maladaptive Remodeling In Female Mice, **Jacopo Agrimi, Italy**

12:06 - 12:10 FT-010 Refined Clinical Diagnosis In Loeys-Dietz-Syndrome: The Need For A Distinct Nosology, **Veronika Stark, Germany**

12:10 - 12:14 FT-011 Cardiac Involvement In Noonan Syndrome: Genotype-Phenotype Correlations, **Luca Varnier, Italy**

12:14 - 12:18 FT-012 Psychological Aspects And Mental Health Risks In Children And Adolescents With Congenital Heart Defects, **L.Eliza Chiperi, Romania**

12:18 - 12:22 FT-013 Double-Chambered Left Ventricle Associated With Left Ventricular Non-Compaction And An Mybpc3 Variant Presenting With Restrictive Physiology In An Adolescent, **Hirokuni Yamazawa, Japan**

12:22 - 12:26 FT-014 Oral Hygiene Behavior And Knowledge On Prevention Of Infective Endocarditis In Transition-Aged Adolescents With Congenital Heart Disease, **Céline Steiner, Switzerland**

12:26 - 12:30 FT-015 Cardiogame: A Family-Oriented Game-Based Approach To Health Education In Pediatric Congenital Heart Disease, **Pia Cassanello, Spain**

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- 12:30 - 12:34 FT-016 Genetic Testing In Congenital Heart Disease: A 6-Year Neonatal Cohort Exploring Genotype-Phenotype Associations, **Maxsuel Xiloj, Spain**
- 12:34 - 12:38 FT-017 Neuroimaging Findings Before And After Cardiac Surgery In Neonates And Infants With Critical And Non-Critical Congenital Heart Disease, **Cosimo Marco Campanale, Italy**
- 12:38 - 12:42 FT-018 Revisiting The Concept Of "Phenotype" In Pediatric Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Using Myocardial Stiffness And Strain Variations Assessed By Ultrafast Ultrasound Imaging, **Maelys Venet, France**
- 12:42 - 12:46 FT-019 Clinical And Echocardiographic Profile Of Pediatric Cardiomyopathies In Children In A Tertiary Care Centre In India, **Nikhil Sunil, India**
- 12:46 - 12:50 FT-020 Screening For Psychiatric Symptoms And Mental Health Support In Danish Children And Adolescents With Tetralogy Of Fallot, **Sara Lau-Jensen, Denmark**
- 12:50 - 12:54 FT-021 Efficacy Of Nadolol In Rasopathies With Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: A Case Series, **Nicoletta Cantarutti, Italy**
- 12:54 - 12:58 FT-022 Novel Digenic Inheritance Involving Ttn And Ctnna3 Truncating Variants In Familial Dilated Cardiomyopathy: From Acute Heart Failure To Subclinical Disease, **Rania Gargouri, Tunisia**
- 12:58 - 13:02 FT-023 Indicators Of Parental Distress After Infant Hospitalization In Paediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Units: A Two - Centre Observational Study, **Katharina Schmitt, Germany**

13:00 - 14:30 Mentoring - Small Group Discussion
 (Limited Participation - Additional Registration Required)
 Separate WG: Education Committee

Chair: **Ruth Heying, Belgium**

Navigating Paediatric Heart Failure: Mentorship Across Career Stages,
Dimpna Calila Albert, Spain

How I can become a (basic) researcher in Paediatric Cardiology,
Ruth Heying, Belgium

Debriefing after critical events: coping with patient death or severe injury,
Merja Kallio, Finland

Key Professional and Personal Growth Areas to Discuss with Your Mentor,
Skaiste Sendžikaitė, Lithuania

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14:30 - 16:00 Flash Talk Session 2

Chairs: **Giulia Tuo, Italy & Agnieszka Grzyb, Poland**

- 14:30 -14:34 FT-024 Pharmacological Management Of Foetal Svt: A Single-Centre Retrospective Study, **Ifunanya Azike, United Kingdom**
- 14:34 - 14:38 FT-025 A Four-Year Retrospective Analysis Of Fetal Cardiology Referrals Based On National Fetal Anomaly Screening Criteria In Wales, **Yağmur Önal, United Kingdom**
- 14:38 - 14:42 FT-026 Practical Experience In Applying Real-Time Artificial Intelligence-Based Prenatal Echocardiography, **Tamara Yarygina, Russia**
- 14:42 - 14:46 FT-027 Differentiating Pseudo-Delta Waves From Typical Pre-Excitation In Post-Fontan HLhs: A Morphological Analysis, **Sookyong Sung, United Kingdom**
- 14:46 - 14:52 FT-028 Ductus Venosus Agenesis: Diagnostic Challenges And Outcomes From Fetal To Neonatal Life, **Agata Michalczyk, Poland**
- 14:52 - 14:56 FT-029 Right Aortic Arch With Right Ductus Arteriosus: Clinical Spectrum And Outcomes From Fetal Life To Post-Natal Follow-Up, **Paola Giordano, Italy**
- 14:56 -15:02 FT-030 Borderline Left Ventricle (Blv): A Challenge In Fetal And Postnatal Period, **Olga Panagiotopoulou, United Kingdom**
- 15:02 -15:06 FT-031 Primary Junctional Ectopic Tachycardia In Children: A 15-Year Single-Center Experience, **Merve Maze Aydemir, Türkiye**
- 15:06 - 15:10 FT-032 Electrical, Mechanical, And Structural Remodeling After Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy In Pediatric And Young Adult Patients, **Ayşen Haksayar, Türkiye**
- 15:10 - 15:14 FT-033 Efficacy Of Left Cardiac Sympathetic Denervation In Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia During Mid- And Long-Term Follow-Up, **Matthias Mueller, Germany**
- 15:14 - 15:18 FT-034 Regional Variation In Prenatal And Neonatal Screening Outcomes For Critical Coarctation Of The Aorta In Sweden, **Mats Mellander, Sweden**
- 15:18 - 15:22 FT-035 Fetal Ventricular Outpouchings - A Center's Experience, **Maria Kiaffas, United States**
- 15:22 - 15:26 FT-036 Prevalence Of Congenital Heart Defects In Twins: The Role Of Chorionicity And Assisted Reproduction, **Lucia Viola Camilla Mauri, Italy**
- 15:26 - 15:30 FT-037 Impact Of Electrophysiologic Study And Catheter Ablation Before Conversion To Total Cavo-Pulmonary Connection, **Keiko Toyohara, Japan**
- 15:30 - 15:34 FT-038 Optimisation Of Fetal Strain By Cmr And Its Use In Suspected Coarctation Of The Aorta, **Katrin Fricke, Sweden**
- 15:34 - 15:38 FT-039 The Added Value Of Fetal Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging (4d-Flow, Black-Blood And Cine) In Prenatal Cardiac Clinical Decision-Making, **Gal Sela, Netherlands**
- 15:38 - 15:42 FT-040 A Patient With Congenitally Corrected Transposition Of Great Arteries And An Accessory Pathway That Involved Over Time, **Gabriel-Laurentiu Cismaru, Romania**

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- 15:42 - 15:46 FT-041 Empirical Ablation Points On The Coronary Ostium - Tricuspid Line For The Avnrt Rf Ablation In Children, **Gabriel-Laurentiu Cismaru, Romania**
- 15:46 - 15:50 FT-042 Two-Stage Fetal Intervention For Critical Aortic Valve Stenosis With Highly Restrictive Foramen Ovale In A Twin Pregnancy, **David Kielmayer, Austria**
- 15:50 - 15:54 FT-043 A Single-Center Case Series Of Pediatric Refractory Atrial Tachycardia Treated With Pulmonary Vein Isolation, **Aycan Çelebi, Türkiye**
- 15:54 - 15:58 FT-044 A Single Centre Twenty Year Experience Of Vascular Ring Repair: Comparison With Complex Arch Repair, Frequency Of Persistent Symptoms And Rates Of Reintervention, **Abigail Sharpe, United Kingdom**
- 15:58 - 16:02 FT-220 Symptomatic Fetal Congenital Heart Disease: Pathological Characterization At Fetal Autopsy, **Marny Fedrigo, Italy**

16:00 - 16:30 **BREAK**

16:30 - 18:00 Flash Talk Session 3

Chairs: **Karin Tran Lundmark, Sweden & Gabriele Assenza, Italy**

- 16:30 - 16:34 FT-045 Carotid-Femoral Pulse Wave Velocity And Strain Echocardiography In Neonates: Impact Of Maternal Diabetes And Hypertension, **Umut Berk Mercan, Türkiye**
- 16:34 - 16:38 FT-046 De-Escalation Of Milrinone Using Sacubitril/Valsartan In A Child Under 1-Year With Dilated Cardiomyopathy, **Teresa Brooks, United Kingdom**
- 16:38 - 16:42 FT-047 Increased Prenatal Diagnosis Of Vascular Ring By Fetal Echocardiogram: Has It Improved Postoperative Outcomes?, **Takeshi Tsuda, United States**
- 16:42 - 16:46 FT-048 Oral Cyclosporine A Monotherapy For Kawasaki Disease With Smoldering Inflammation: A Retrospective Study On Efficacy And Coronary Outcomes, **Sorachi Shimada, Japan**
- 16:46 - 16:50 FT-049 Longitudinal Echocardiographic Severity Scoring For The Prediction Of Chronic Lung Disease Or Death In Neonates With Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Pda), **Sarah Long, Germany**
- 16:50 - 16:54 FT-050 Are Hematologic Markers Independent Predictors Of Rheumatic Heart Disease Stage In Children?, **Nida Gülderen Kalay Şentürk, Türkiye**
- 16:54 - 16:58 FT-051 Machine Learning-Driven Functional Phenotyping Of Hfpwf Based On Resting And Stress Echocardiography, **Qingfeng Zhang, China**
- 16:58 - 17:02 FT-052 Outcome Of Anti-IL1 Therapy For The Treatment Of Acute Myocarditis In Young Children Complicated With Lv Dysfunction, **Pierluigi Zaza, Italy**
- 17:02 - 17:06 FT-053 Early Clinical Outcomes Of Stepwise Sacubitril/Valsartan And Dapagliflozin Therapy In Postoperative Congenital Heart Disease, **Pelin Ayyildiz, Türkiye**

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17:06 - 17:10	FT-054 Profile Of Pediatric Infective Endocarditis From A Tertiary Care Centre In India, Nikhil Sunil, India
17:10 - 17:14	FT-055 Home Exercise Program For Adult Congenital Heart Disease Patients: Feasibility, Outcomes And Persistent Barriers From A Pilot Study, Navaneetha Sasikumar, Canada
17:14 - 17:18	FT-056 Predictive Value Of Inflammatory Biomarkers For Coronary Artery Involvement And Ivig Resistance In Kawasaki Disease, Timur Meşe, Türkiye
17:18 - 17:22	FT-057 The Heartmate 3 Assist Device In Paediatric Cardiomyopathy: A Report From Single Cardiac Centre, Matus Kovac, Slovakia
17:22 - 17:26	FT-058 Early IL-1 Blockade With Anakinra In Paediatric Acute Myocarditis: A Single-Centre Retrospective Study, Marco Basile, Italy
17:26 - 17:30	FT-059 Reframing Exercise In Repaired Congenital Heart Disease: Cardiopulmonary Exercise Test Data Supporting Safe, Personalized Sport Participation, Silvia Passantino, Italy
17:30 - 17:34	FT-060 The Molecular Microscope Diagnostic System (Mmdx-Heart) In Paediatric Heart Transplant Recipients: Comparison With Histology And Impact On Clinical Management, Karel Koubský, Czech Republic
17:34 - 17:38	FT-061 Droplet Digital Pcr For Donor-Derived Cell-Free Dna Measurement In A National Pediatric Heart Transplant Cohort, Jens Böhmer, Sweden
17:38 - 17:42	FT-062 Comprehensive Retrospective Analysis Of 104 Scimitar Syndrome Patients Over 33 Years, Hicran Gül Emral, United Kingdom
17:42 - 17:46	FT-063 Double-Orifice Tricuspid Valve: An Unusual Diagnosis In A Young Patient, Cyrine Issaoui, Tunisia
17:46 - 17:50	FT-064 Use Of Chronic Total Occlusion Techniques For Successful Stenting Of Thoracic Aortic Atresia, Claudiu Florin Răşinar, Romania
17:50 - 17:54	FT-065 Clinical Utility Of Neutrophil-To-Lymphocyte Ratio And Systemic Inflammation Response Index In Pediatric Kawasaki Disease, Burcu Acar Alkan, Türkiye
17:54 - 17:58	FT-066 Attitudes Towards And Barriers Against Exercise In Adults Living With Congenital Heart Disease, Conor Gibb, United Kingdom
17:58 - 18:02	FT-067 Diagnostic Yield Of The Just Project For Early Identification Of Youth At Risk For Sudden Cardiac Death, Francesca Bonanni, Italy
14:38 - 14:42	FT-114 Towards Improved Pediatric Fitness Assessment: Validation Of A Vo ₂ Max Z-Score Model In Healthy Spanish Children, Esteban Peiro, Spain

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HALL 8: ORAL ABSTRACT SESSIONS

11:30 - 13:00 Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease Abstract Session

Chairs: **Laura Mosquera, Belgium & Andrea Greco, Spain**

- 11:30 - 11:37 O-001 Prevalence and Clinical Significance of Cardiac Autoantibodies in Paediatric Myocarditis, **Nele Rolfs, Germany**
- 11:37 - 11:44 O-002 Rethinking Prognosis in Genetic Infant DCM: Long-Term Outcomes After PAB, **Thushiha Logeswaran, Germany**
- 11:44 - 11:51 O-004 Adjacent N-Terminal SCN5A Variants (Leu212Pro and Arg222Gln) and a Novel Clinical Phenotype: a Two-Family Comparative Case Report, **José Luis López Guillén, Canada**
- 11:51 - 11:58 O-005 Fibrotic Signature in the Serum Proteome of Fontan Patients – Results of a Mass Spectrometry Analysis of Extracellular Matrix Proteins, **Isabel Mihajlovic, Austria**
- 11:58 - 12:05 O-006 Congenital Long QT Syndrome – From Screening of Family Members to Sudden Cardiac Death – a Case Series, **Lilia Bardarska, Bulgaria**
- 12:05 - 12:12 O-007 The Role of Epicardium-Derived Cells in the Development of the Sinus Venosus and the Sinoatrial Node, **Thomas Bos, Netherlands**
- 12:12 - 12:19 O-008 MEK Inhibitors for the Treatment of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy in Patients With RASopathies (MEKINRAS) – Preliminary Results, **Maciej Kołodziej, Poland**
- 12:19 - 12:26 O-009 ELN-Related Vascular Disease: Are We Treating Too Early?, **Simon D'hulst, Belgium**
- 12:26 - 12:33 O-010 A Novel Nonsense CAPNS1 Variant in Paediatric-Onset Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Associated With Neurological Manifestations, **Rebeca Weldeghebreal, Netherlands**
- 12:33 - 12:40 O-011 Potential Predictors of Reverse Remodeling in Pediatric Primary Dilated Cardiomyopathy, **Chiara Servoli, Italy**
- 12:40 - 12:47 O-012 Gut Microbiome in Children With Congenital Heart Disease Following Cardiopulmonary Bypass Surgery (GUMIBEAR Study) – Shotgun Metagenomic Analysis, **Sean Kelleher, Ireland**
- 12:47 - 12:54 O-013 Prevalence And Role Of Pathogenic Cardiomyopathy Gene Variants In Pediatric Biopsy-Proven Acute Myocarditis, **Nicoletta Cantarutti, Italy**

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

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14:30 - 16:00 Nursing and Allied Health Professionals Abstract Session

Chairs: **Yael Van Haren, Belgium & Amanda Potterton, UK**

- 14:30 - 14:37 O-014 Parents of Children With Heart Disease; Experiences and Challenges After Long Term Hospitalization, **Elin Friberg, Sweden**
- 14:37 - 14:44 O-015 A National Review of Pharmacist Provision in Paediatric Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) in the United Kingdom (U.K.) and Ireland, **Susie Gage, United Kingdom**
- 14:44 - 14:51 O-016 Fontan Family Camp Has a Positive Impact on Psychosocial Well-Being and Human Connections, **Jody Gingrich, Canada**
- 14:51 - 14:58 O-017 Adolescents' Opinions and Informational Needs About Sexual and Reproductive Health, **Åsa Burström, Sweden**
- 14:58 - 15:05 O-018 Perceived Barriers and Facilitators for Implementing Family-Centered Clinical Rounds in Pediatric Cardiology, a Health Care Professionals Survey, **Josien Klein & Isabel Jessurun-Olivieira, Netherlands**
- 15:05 - 15:12 O-019 Development of Medical Digital Technology to Support Self-Reliance-Promoting Activities for Patients Including Congenital Heart Disease, **Atsuhito Takeda, Japan**
- 15:12 - 15:19 O-020 Listening to Their Voices: Strengths and Support Needs of Individuals With Congenital Heart Disease, Down Syndrome, and Both Conditions, **Marcia Van Riper, United States**
- 15:19 - 15:26 O-021 Effects of Preoperative Nutrition-Based Interventions on Pre-, Intra-, and Postoperative Outcomes in Children Undergoing Cardiac Surgery: a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, **Maciej Kołodziej, Poland**
- 15:26 - 15:33 O-022 Care Closer to Home: a Regional Project Report From the United Kingdom, **Susana De Sousa, United Kingdom**
- 15:33 - 15:40 O-023 When Seconds Matter: Paediatric Basic Life Support Training for Families of Children With Heart Disease, **Helena Roos, Sweden**
- 15:40 - 15:47 O-024 Response to Increased CLABSI in PICU Through Simulation-Based Interventions, **Faryal Kanwal, Pakistan**
- 15:47 - 15:54 O-025 Children and Youth With Heart Disease in Focus - an Intervention to Increase Person-Centeredness in Highly Specialized Care, **Marina Björk, Sweden**

16:00 - 16:30 **BREAK**

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16:30 - 18:00 Neurodevelopment and Psychosocial Care & Paediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care Abstract Session

Chairs: **Frank Casey, USA & Angelica Weber, UK**

- 16:30 - 16:37 O-038 Integrating Polygenic and Clinical Risk: Predicting ADHD and Autism in Individuals With Congenital Heart Defects, **Sara Lau-Jensen, Denmark**
- 16:37 - 16:44 O-039 Neurodevelopmental Screening in Children With Congenital Heart Disease: The Necker Children's Hospital Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Center Follow-Up, **Johanna Calderon, France**
- 16:44 - 16:51 O-040 Examining Neuropsychological Outcomes and Neural Correlates of Children Diagnosed With Congenital Heart Disease and Children Born Very Preterm, **Samantha Roberts, Canada**
- 16:51 - 16:58 O-041 Long-Term Neurodevelopment After Pediatric Cardiac Arrest: Trajectories, Individual Outcomes, and the Role of Interdisciplinary Follow-Up, **Lucy Liem, Germany**
- 16:58 - 17:05 O-042 Vineland-II Adaptive Behavior Scales and Neurodevelopmental Catch-Up in Fontan Patients: Who Can Catch Up?, **Shin Ono, Japan**
- 17:05 - 17:12 O-043 Cardiopulmonary Fitness and Emotional Concerns in Fontan Youth, **Haley Forbes, United States**
- 17:12 - 17:19 O-044 Biomarker-Based Neurologic Prognostication After Pediatric Cardiac Arrest: Clinical Predictors, Feasibility and Outcomes in a Pediatric Cardiology Cohort, **Lucy Liem, Germany**
- 17:19 - 17:26 O-045 Inhaled Nitric Oxide via High-Flow Nasal Cannula in Post-Repair Congenital Heart Disease Patients With Pulmonary Hypertension After Extubation: a Cohort Study With Propensity Score Matching, **Xiaofeng Wang, China**
- 17:26 - 17:33 O-046 Neurodevelopment in Children With Severe Congenital Heart Defects; Relation With Prenatal Parameters, **Victorien Luppés, Netherlands**
- 17:33 - 17:40 O-047 Prevalence and Risk Factors of Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms and Anxiety in Parents of Children With Congenital and Acquired Heart Diseases, **Neil Derridj, France**
- 17:40 - 17:47 O-048 Iatrogenic Withdrawal Syndrome (IWS) Has a Specific Risk Profile in Children After Cardiac Surgery, **Ida Hüners, Germany**
- 17:47 - 17:54 O-152 Use Of Epoprosterenol In Perioperative Period In Patients With Congenital Heart Surgery, **Pelin Ayyildiz, Türkiye**

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HALL 1: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

08:00 - 09:00	Paediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care WG Business Meeting
09:00 - 10:30	<p>Redefining Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Education: Technology, Innovation & Collaboration Joint WG: Paediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care & Education Committee</p> <p>Chairs: Dimpna Albert-Brotos, Spain & Ruth Heying, Belgium</p> <p>09:00 - 09:18 Simulation-Based Learning in Pediatric Cardiac ICUs: Building Competence Before the Crisis, Ulrich Krause, Germany</p> <p>09:18 - 09:40 Artificial Intelligence in Critical Care: Can AI Support Clinical Decisions in Real-Time?, Ricardo Munoz, USA</p> <p>09:40 - 09:58 Telemedicine-Driven Ultrasound Image Quality Control, Yi Zhou, China</p> <p>09:58 - 10:16 Shaping the Future: Educational Strategies for the Next Generation of Pediatric Cardiac Intensivists, Nico Blom, The Netherlands</p> <p>10:16 - 10:30 Panel Discussion, Audience Q&A</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:30	<p>Hausdorf Lecture</p> <p>Chairs: Thomas Krasemann, The Netherlands & Sir Shakeel Qureshi, UK</p> <p>From Idea to Daily Clinical Practice, Eric Rosenthal, UK</p>
11:30 - 13:00	<p>Digital, OMICS Profiling & Predictive Analytics for Paediatric Inherited Cardiovascular Conditions Separate WG: Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease</p> <p>Chairs: Laura Muino-Mosquera, Belgium & Eugenio Baraldi, Italy</p> <p>11:30 - 11:52 Omics-guided Target Discovery and Early-intervention Trials in Marfan, Laura Muino-Mosquera, Belgium</p> <p>11:52 - 12:14 From In-Silico Heart to 3-D Print: Informing Surgery in Complex Congenital Heart Defects, Aurelio Secinaro, Italy</p> <p>12:14 - 12:36 AI and Accidental Findings in Multiomics and Multiimaging: How to Manage the Unpredictable in Clinics?, Anwar Baban, United Arabs of Emirates</p> <p>12:26 - 12:58 AI-enhanced ECG. How Can AI Help Us?, Francesca Faraci, Switzerland</p>
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH BREAK

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14:30 - 16:00 **Virtual or Reality - A Dig Deeper**

Joint WG: Congenital Heart Surgery & Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease & Cardiovascular Morphology

Chairs: **Giuseppe Limongelli, Italy & Kalliopi Pilichou, Italy**

14:30 - 14:52 Genetic Treatment for CHD. Where Are We and Where Do We go?,
Georgia Sarquella Brugada, Spain

14:52 - 15:14 See How the Myocytes Communicate in an Electron Microscopy Video
 Perspective, **Eva Rog-Zielinska, Germany**

15:14 - 15:36 The Salamanders Can Regenerate Their Myocardium After Damage: Why
 Can't We?, **Anita Dittrich, Sweden**

15:36 - 15:58 The Lymphatic System In Congenital Heart Disease,
Vibeke Hjortdal, Denmark

16:00 - 16:30 **BREAK**

16:30 - 18:00 **3D Printing and VR - The Future of Imaging in CHD**

Joint WG: Cardiac Imaging & Congenital Heart Surgery

Chairs: **Thomas Salaets, Belgium & Biagio Castaldi, Italy**

16:30 - 16:52 Complex Congenital Cardiac Repairs Warrant 3D Printed Models for
 Planning - PRO, **Colin McMahon, Ireland**

16:52 - 17:24 Complex Congenital Cardiac Repairs Warrant 3D Printed Models for
 Planning - CON, **Claudio Capelli, UK**

17:24 - 17:36 Virtual Reality is the Future of Cardiac Imaging - PRO,
Tristan Ramcharan, UK

17:36 - 17:58 Virtual Reality is the Future of Cardiac Imaging - CON,
Adam Kolesnik, Poland

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HALL 2: IMAGING

08:00 - 09:00 Cardiac Imaging WG Business Meeting

09:00 - 10:30 Joint Session JSPCCS - AEPC
Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome from the Fetus, Throughout the Fontan Palliation

Chairs: *Hiroshi Ono, Japan & Jan Janousek, Czechia*

09:00 - 09:22 In Utero Intervention in Hypoplastic Left Heart Diseases: Where Are We Now?, *Andreas Tulzer, Austria*

09:22 - 09:44 Norwood Procedure Variants, Hot to Choose Among Them, *Takahisa Sakurai, Japan*

09:44 - 10:06 Old and New Therapeutical Options for PLE and Fontan Failure, *Takayuki Oyanagi, Japan*

10:06 - 10:28 Creation of a Fontan Fenestration, *Enrico Picinelli, Italy*

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:30 - 13:00 AV Valves and the Myocardium: A Two-sided Story

Joint WG: Cardiac Imaging & Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease

Chairs: *Giovanni Di Salvo, Italy & Stephen Sanders, USA*

11:30 - 11:52 Embryology of the Atrio-ventricular Valves, *Stephen Sanders, USA*

11:52 - 12:14 The Common AV Valve and Myocardium, *John Simpson, UK*

12:14 - 12:36 Ebstein's Anomaly and the Myocardium, *Giulia Pasqualin, Italy*

12:36 - 12:58 AV Valve Dysplasia in Cardiomyopathies, *Juan Pablo Kaski, UK*

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 Advanced Imaging in Electrophysiology and Cardiac Devices

Joint WG: Cardiac Dysrhythmias and Electrophysiology & Cardiac Imaging

Chairs: *Ulrich Krause, Germany & Sylvia Krupickova, UK*

14:30 - 14:52 Intracardiac Echocardiography to Guide Paediatric EP and CHD Ablations, *Laszlo Kornyei, Hungary*

14:52 - 15:14 Usefulness of 3D TOE to Guide Paediatric Ablation and Conduction System Pacing in Children, *Ferran Roses-Noguer, Spain*

15:14 - 15:36 MRI in Patients with Non-MRI Conditional Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices (CIEDs), *Sylvia Krupickova, UK*

15:36 - 15:58 MRI Prior to EP Procedures - What an EP Expert Should Know, *Sonya Babu-Narayan, UK*

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

16:30 - 18:00 ECG Quiz

Separate WG: Cardiac Dysrhythmias and Electrophysiology

Juha-Matti Happonen, Finland & Joachim Hebe, Germany

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HALL 3: INVASIVE TREATMENTS

08:00 - 09:00 Congenital Heart Surgery WG Business Meeting

09:00 - 10:30 The Lymphatic system - Why Bother

Joint WG: Congenital Heart Surgery & Cardiovascular Morphology

Chairs: **Marc Gewillig, Belgium & Vibeke Hjortdal, Denmark**

09:00 - 09:18 Lymphatic Drainage: The Importance for CHD and Heart Failure, **Benjamin Kelly, Denmark**

09:18 - 09:36 The Pulmonar Lymphatic Vessels and Their Function are Altered in Shunt Lesions Such As VSD and AP Window. Mechanism for Pulmonary Changes?, **Sanjeev Datar, USA**

09:36 - 09:54 Lymphatic Interventions. Where Are We Today, **Adam Kolesnik, Poland**

09:54 - 10:12 The Lymphatic System Under Respiratory Influences Such as Mechanical Ventilation and Non-invasive Biphasic or Negative Pressure Ventilation, **Lene Thorup, Denmark**

10:12 - 10:30 Imaging and Evaluation of Cervicothoracic Lymphatic Drainage Pathways in Single Ventricle Patients with Fontan Circulation Using the mDixon Steady State MR Angiography, **Inga Voges, Germany**

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:30 - 13:00 EACTS / ECHSA - AEPC Joint Session Mechanical Support in Children

Chair: **Sebastian Michel, Germany & Vladimiro Vida, Italy**

11:30 - 11:52 The New Burden of Ventricular Failure, **Karel Koubský, Czechia**

11:52 - 12:14 Modern Results of Post-Cardiotomy ECMO, **Attilio Lotto, UK**

12:14 - 12:36 Berlin Heart - EXCOR Results, **Rudolf Poruban, Czechia**

12:36 - 12:58 Ped-Impella, **Bart Meyns, Belgium**

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

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14:30 - 16:00 Congenital Heart Surgery Abstract Session

Chairs: **Rudolf Poruban, USA & Yanbing Ma, China**

- 14:30 - 14:37 O-074 Successful Long Term Outcome Of Cabg In Paediatric Patients: A Retrospective Analysis At A Tertiary Centre, **Riyanka Gupta, United Kingdom**
- 14:37 - 14:44 O-075 Long Term Ventricular Assist Devices In Children And Congenital Adults: 20 Years Of Experience, **Bunty Ramchandani, Spain**
- 14:44 - 14:51 O-076 Long-term Outcomes After Pediatric Epicardial Pacing: Critical Impact Of Surgical Access And Ventricular Lead Position Over Time, **Uladzislau Kolbik, Belarus**
- 14:51 - 14:58 O-077 Clinical Outcomes Of Tricuspidization Repair For Congenital Bicuspid Aortic Valve Malformation In Children, **Yanbing Ma, China**
- 14:58 - 15:05 O-078 Toward Prediction Of Mitral Valve Repair Using Patient-specific Fluid-structure Interaction Modeling, **Nina Hakacova, Sweden**
- 15:05 - 15:12 O-079 Surgical Management Of Ascending Aortic Aneurysm In Patients With Genetic Connective Tissue Disorders, **Merlin Lemke, Germany**
- 15:12 - 15:19 O-080 Results And Long-term Outcomes Following Surgical Decompression Of Vascular Rings With Or Without Concomitant Tracheal Surgery, **Andrea Linnenbank, Germany**
- 15:19 - 15:26 O-081 Modeling First-stage Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Strategies Using A Zero-dimensional Closed-loop Framework, **Aseem Milind Pradhan, France**
- 15:26 - 15:33 O-082 Early Repair Of Truncus Arteriosus Is Associated With Fewer Preoperative Complications And Comparable Postoperative Outcomes, **Patrizio Moras, Italy**
- 15:33 - 15:40 O-083 Mechanical Prostheses For Valve Replacement In Children: A Lifelong Challenge, **Eline-Alice Brys, Belgium**
- 15:40 - 15:47 O-084 Circle Of Willis Variants And Their Association With Congenital Heart Disease And Postoperative Brain Injury, **Judit Alsina Rossell, Spain**
- 15:47 - 15:54 O-085 Early Repair Of Truncus Arteriosus Is Associated With Fewer Preoperative Complications And Comparable Postoperative Outcomes, **Eva Sames-Dolzer, Austria**

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

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HALL 3: INVASIVE TREATMENTS

16:30 - 18:00 Knowledge Transfer in Low-and-Middle Income Countries
 Joint WG: Congenital Heart Surgery & Nursing and Allied Health Professionals & Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation

Chairs: **Massimo Chessa, Italy & Chantal Etter, Switzerland**

16:30 - 16:52 CHD Treatment. Knowledge Transfer as Experienced from The Receiver Side, **Michael O'Ketcho, Uganda**

16:52 - 17:14 Transferring Nursing Knowledge Between UK and LMIC is A Two Way Process, **Lynda Shaughnessy, UK & Mohamed Elkhatab, Egypt**

17:14 - 17:36 How To Teach Interventional Treatment in LMIC, **Alan Magee, UK**

17:36 - 17:58 Organising CHD Missions in LMIC, **Giovanni Stellin, Italy**

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HALL 4: JUNIOR TRACK

08:00 - 09:00 Cardiovascular Morphology WG Business Meeting+E24

09:00 - 10:30 Meet the Morphologists

Separate WG: Cardiovascular Morphology

Chairs: **Nikola Topuzov, Poland & Marny Fedrigo, Italy**

09:00 - 09:22 Case 1, **Matthias Sigler, Germany**

09:22 - 09:44 Case 2, **Andrew Cook, UK**

09:44 - 10:06 Case 3, **Annalisa Angelini, Italy**

10:06 - 10:28 Case 4, **Monique Jongbloed, The Netherlands**

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:30 - 13:00 ASD Closure - What's New?

Joint WG: Interventional Cardiology & Congenital Heart Surgery & Junior Councillor

Chairs: **Petra Loureiro, Portugal & Mario Carminati, Italy**

11:30 - 11:48 Ten Years of Sinus Venosus ASD Closure: Where Are We?,
Clément Batteux, France

11:48 - 12:06 ASD in Small Children - Challenges and Threats, **Carles Bautista, UK**

12:06 - 12:24 Minimally Invasive ASD Repair: Is It A Better Option?, **Alvise Guariento, Italy**

12:24 - 12:42 Bioresorbables Devices and Percutaneous Sutures - What Can We Expect,
Oliver Kretschmar, Switzerland

12:42 - 13:00 Percutaneous ASD Closure - Learning Challenges, **Mirko Topalovic, Slovenia**

13:00 - 14:30 Young Minds Meet the Experts

Separate WG: Junior Council

Chair: **Sara Moscatelli, Italy & Enrico Piccinelli, Italy**

13:00 - 13:11 Cardiac Imaging Working Group, **John Simpson, UK**

13:11 - 13:22 Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention Working Group,
Ugo Giordano, Italy

13:22 - 13:33 Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation Working
Group, **Colin McMahon, Ireland**

13:33 - 13:44 Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease Working Group,
Anwar Baban, United Arabs of Emirates & Georgia Brugada, Spain

13:44 - 13:55 Paediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care Working Group, **Cho Ng, UK**

13:55 - 14:06 Interventional Cardiology Working Group,
Thomas Krasemann, The Netherlands

14:06 - 14:17 Fetal Cardiology Working Group, **Taisto Sarkola, Finland**

14:17 - 14:28 Journey from Fellow to Professor Endowed Chair and Chief,
Ricardo Munoz, USA

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14:30 - 16:00 Young Investigator Award

Chairs: **Werner Budts, Belgium & Mikiko Ishido, Japan**

- 14:30 - 14:45 O-086 Risk Factors For The Development Of Prosthetic Valve Thrombosis After Systemic Atrioventricular Valve Replacement In Pediatric Patients With A Functional Single Ventricle, **Yuya Yamada, Japan**
- 14:45 - 15:00 O-087 A Biopsychosocial Model For Understanding Early Neurodevelopmental Vulnerability In Children With Congenital Heart Defects, **L.Eliza Chiperi, Romania**
- 15:00 - 15:15 O-088 Nationwide Observed Prevalence, Trends, And Future Projections Of Congenital Heart Disease In Japan: An 8-Year Registry-Based Population Analysis In A Declining-Birth Society, **Tadashi Inoue, Japan**
- 15:15 - 15:30 O-089 Yield Of Clinical Screening In Paediatric First-Degree Relatives Of Patients With Desmosomal Cardiomyopathy, **Sara Moscatelli, UK**
- 15:30 - 15:45 O-090 Association Between Blood Biomarkers And Hemodynamic Parameters In Adolescents And Adults After The Fontan Procedure: A Retrospective Cohort Study, **Kentaro Kogawa, Japan**
- 15:45 - 16:00 O-091 Longitudinal Assessment Of Cardiac Function After Craniospinal Irradiation In Pediatric Central Nervous System Tumor Survivors, **Alice Pozza, Italy**

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

16:30 - 18:00 Puzzle The Juniors - Rapid-fire Cases

Separate WG: Junior Council

Chairs: **Enrico Piccinelli, Italy & Marco Alfonso Perrone, Italy**

- 16:30 - 16:52 Dilemmas: Thinking Fast & Slow, **Ronel Talker, UK**
- 16:52 - 17:14 Tetralogy of Fallot. What else?, **Elettra Pomiato, Italy**
- 17:14 - 17:36 Decoding a Mystery: A Changing Fetal Arrhythmia and the Challenge of Predicting the Postnatal Trajectory, **Nicola Boyd, UK**
- 17:36 - 17:58 When the Skin Tells a Deeper Story, **Sara Moscatelli, UK**

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HALL 5: FAILING HEARTS

08:00 - 09:00 Genetics, Basic Science and Myocardial Disease WG Business Meeting

09:00 - 10:30 Frailty in Pediatric Patients with Congenital and Acquired Heart Disease
Joint session AEPC - Italian Society of Pediatric Cardiology

Chairs: **Maria Giovanna Russo, Italy & Kostas Dimopoulos, UK**

09:00 - 09:22 Translation of Frailty Paradigm From Adults to Children with CHD,
Katya De Groote, Belgium

09:22 - 09:44 Frailty in CHD Associated with Genetic Syndromes or Extracardiac Disease,
Rosario Caruso, Italy

09:44 - 10:06 Frailty and Prognosis in Children and Adolescents with Fontan Physiology,
Kostas Dimopoulos, UK

10:06 - 10:28 Care Needs and Therapeutic Choices in 'Frail' Pediatric Patients with Heart
Disease, Silvia Favilli, Italy

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:30 - 13:00 Surgical Therapy of Congenital Heart Disease - An Interdisciplinary Collaboration
Separate WG: Paediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care

Chairs: **Ricardo Munoz, USA & Dimpna Calila Albert, Spain**

11:30 - 11:52 Risk Scoring and Assessment, **Ferran Espuny-Pujol, UK**

11:52 - 12:14 Anesthesia in the Operating Room - What's New?, **Stefano Pezzato, Italy**

12:14 - 12:36 Hands Over from OR to ICU ; Tools and Safety?, **Cho Ng, UK**

12:36 - 12:58 Non-cardiac Surgery in CHD Patients, **Karmi Shafer, Italy**

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 Cardiotoxicity and Heart Failure

Joint WG: Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation & Cardiac Imaging

Chairs: **Thomas Möller, Norway & Biagio Castaldi, Italy**

14:30 - 14:52 Cardiotoxicity - Mechanisms and Extent of Problem, **Milind Chaudhari, UK**

14:52 - 15:14 Imaging Modalities for Assessment and Monitoring Cardiotoxicity,
Luc Mertens, Canada

15:14 - 15:36 Strategies to Reduce Cardiotoxicity, **Joe Rossano, USA**

15:36 - 15:58 Management of Heart Failure in Patients with CHD After Cancer Treatment,
Zdenka Reinhardt, UK

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

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16:30 - 18:00 (P)rehabilitation for Pediatric Heart Transplantation Patients: Prevention at Work
 Joint WG: Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention & Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation

Chairs: **Valeria Pergola, Saudi Arabia & Henk Schipper, The Netherlands**

16:30 - 16:52 The Potential Role of Mechanical Support in Prehabilitation,
Gino Gerosa, Italy

16:52 - 17:14 Listing and Bridging Left Heart Failure Patients to Heart Transplantation by Means of Pulmonary Vasodilators, Mechanical Circulatory Support or Atrial Shunt Device, **Georg Hansmann, Germany**

17:14 - 17:36 Rehabilitation in Pediatric HTx: Current Practice and Future Perspective,
Zdenka Reinhardt, UK

17:36 - 17:58 Prevention of Late Immune-mediated Complications of Pediatric HTx,
Henk Schipper, The Netherlands

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HALL 6: CARE IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

08:00 - 09:00 Nursing and Allied Health Professionals WG Business Meeting

09:00 - 10:30 Challenging Practical Solutions - How to Improve Care and Patient Flows

Separate WG: Nursing and Allied Health Professionals

Chairs: **Lynda Shaughnessy, UK & Jennie Ryan, Ireland**

09:00 - 09:22 Resuscitation Education for Parents of Children with High Risk for Cardiac Arrest, **Helena Roos, Sweden**

09:22 - 09:44 Rehabilitation and Early Mobilisation - Preventing Deconditioning, **Kerry Gaskin, UK**

09:44 - 10:06 Motivational Techniques - Developing Tailor-made Psychology Interventions for Patients Following Cardiac Surgery, **Edward Callus, Italy**

10:06 - 10:28 Nutritional Support for Going Home - How To Prepare and Support Families, **An Desloovere, Switzerland**

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:30 - 13:00 Florence Nightingale Lecture

Chair: **Lynda Shaughnessy, UK**

Mind the Gaps: Understanding Nursing Science, Bridging Practice, and Supporting Lifelong Transitions in Congenital Heart Disease, **Ewa-Lena Bratt, Sweden**

13:00 - 14:30 Train the Trainer - How to Become Educated As A Valuable Trainer?

Joint WG: Congenital Heart Surgery & Education Committee & Nursing and Allied Health Professionals

Chairs: **Merja Kallio, Finland & Melina Winkler, Austria**

13:00 - 13:22 Train The Trainer - General Thoughts, **Ruth Heying, Belgium**

13:22 - 13:44 My Experience As A Trainer, **Sir Shakeel Qureshi, UK**

13:44 - 14:06 Training Skills - How To Teach?, **Merja Kallio, Finland**

14:06 - 14:28 Do We Need To Become Educated As A Trainer?, **Skaiste Sendzikaite, Lithuania**

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HALL 6: CARE IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

14:30 - 16:00 **Communication Challenges and Solutions in Diverse and Vulnerable Populations: Advantages and Limitations of AI**
Joint WG: Neurodevelopment and Psycho-Social Care & Nursing and Allied Health Professionals

Chairs: **Frank Casey, Belgium & Michèle de Hosson, Belgium**

14:30 - 14:52 Communication with Vulnerable Populations: Strategies for Engagement and Inclusion, **Bea Latal, Switzerland**

14:52 - 15:14 Health Literacy and Communication Inequalities: Addressing Barriers in Underserved Groups, **Jenny Högstedt, Sweden**

15:14 - 15:36 Lost in Translation? Understanding the Barriers in Youth Communication, **Katya De Groote, Belgium**

15:36 - 16:00 Panel Discussion with Speakers & Audience

16:00 - 16:30 **BREAK**

16:30 - 18:00 **Navigating Pregnancy with CHD: Risks, Management and Outcomes**
Joint WG: Nursing and Allied Health Professionals & Adult Congenital Heart Disease

Chairs: **Malin Berghammer, Sweden & Pier Paolo Bassareo, Ireland**

16:30 - 16:52 Genetic Roadmaps: Preconception Screening and Congenital Heart Disease, **Jolanda Sabatino, Italy**

16:52 - 17:14 Ethical Considerations in Pregnancy Risk Assessment in Patients with CHD, **Eva Furenäs, Sweden**

17:14 - 17:36 Psychosocial Wellbeing in the Peripartum Period, **Yael Vanharen, Belgium**

17:36 - 17:58 Management of Arrhythmias in the Peripartum Period, **Gabriele Egidy Assenza, Italy**

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08:00 - 09:00 Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention WG Business Meeting

09:00 - 10:30 Flash Talk Session 4

Chairs: **Domenico Sirico, Italy** & **Joeri Van Puyvelde, Belgium**

09:00 - 09:04 FT-068 Pre-Procedural 3d Modelling And Guided Percutaneous Pulmonary Artery Banding In A 1-Month-Old Infant With Tricuspid Atresia, **Stasa Krasic, Serbia**

09:04 - 09:08 FT-069 Incidence And Treatment Of Postoperative Acute Kidney Injury Following Congenital Heart Surgery, **Helene Wendt, Germany**

09:08 - 09:12 FT-070 Clinical Outcome Following Repair Of Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection: Comparison Of Biventricular And Single-Ventricular Patients, **Viola Kellerer, Germany**

09:12 - 09:16 FT-071 Early Outcomes Of Perventricular Device Closure Of Ventricular Septal Defect Through Partial Lower Sternotomy: A Single-Centre Retrospective Study, **Varsha Walavalkar, India**

09:16 - 09:20 FT-072 Impact Of Surgical Exposure And Anastomotic Techniques On Outcomes In Infracardiac Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection: Insights Into The Mechanisms Of Postoperative Pulmonary Vein Obstruction, **Dongdong Wu, China**

09:20 - 09:24 FT-073 Tetralogy Of Fallot Repair With Creation Of A Neopulmonary Valve From Autologous Right Atrial Appendage, **Fabrizio Gandolfo, Italy**

09:24 - 09:28 FT-074 Growth Potential Of The Pulmonary Valve Annulus Following Valve-Sparing Repair In Tetralogy Of Fallot, **Aws Al-Farsi, Oman**

09:28 - 09:32 FT-075 Durability And Elongation Of Artificial Chords In Pediatric Mitral Valve Repair: A Comprehensive Echocardiographic Analysis, **Emmanuelle Fournier, Canada**

09:32 - 09:36 FT-076 Surgical Outcome And Mid-Term Follow Up Of Patients With Shone's Complex, **Walter Knirsch, Switzerland**

09:36 - 09:40 FT-077 Reintervention In Neonates With Symptomatic Tetralogy Of Fallot - A Swedish Nationwide Study Comparing Different Management Strategies, **Marie Bartos, Sweden**

09:40 - 09:44 FT-078 Cardiac Interventions Performed In Individuals Up To 35 Years Of Age With Down Syndrome And Congenital Heart Disease, **Orla Megraw, United Kingdom**

09:44 - 09:48 FT-079 First European Report Of Partial Heart Transplantation As An Alternative To Valve Replacement In Complex Congenital Heart Disease, **Julie Wacker, Switzerland**

09:48 - 09:52 FT-080 Ductal Stenting Versus Aorto-Pulmonary Shunt For Lesions With Duct-Dependent Pulmonary Blood Flow: A Systematic Review And Meta-Analysis, **Huzeifa Elhedai, United Kingdom**

09:52 - 09:56 FT-081 Percutaneous Edge-To-Edge Repair For Systemic Atrioventricular Valve Regurgitation In Patients With Congenital Heart Disease: The First Descriptive Cohort, **Patrice Guerin, France**

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- 09:56 - 10:00 FT-082 Establishing A Regional Multidisciplinary Single-Ventricle Care System: Rationale, Structure, And Initial Results, **Anton Avramenko, Russia**
- 10:00 - 10:04 FT-083 When The Septum Restricts: Predictors And Outcomes Of Atrial Septectomy In Fontan Patients, **Saad Ahmad Malik, United Kingdom**
- 10:04 - 10:08 FT-084 Atrioventricular Septal Defect Repair: Does Trisomy 21 Alter The Long-Term Course?, **Teresa Helbing, United States**
- 10:08 - 10:12 FT-085 Transcatheter And Hybrid Closure Of Muscular Ventricular Septal Defects Using The Konar-Mf™ Occluder: A Multicenter Pediatric Experience In India, **Usha Sastry, India**
- 10:12 - 10:16 FT-086 Use Of Impella Device In A Paediatric Hospital Over 9 Years, **Lisa Bianco, Italy**
- 10:16 - 10:20 FT-087 Interstage Outcomes In Single Ventricle Neonates: Ductal Stenting Versus Modified Blalock-Taussig Shunt, **Neil Derridj, France**
- 10:20 - 10:24 FT-088 Impact of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (Ecmo) On Morbidity, Mortality and Neurodevelopmental Outcome In Young (< 6 Weeks) Infants After Cardiopulmonary Bypass (Cpb) Surgery, **Walter Knirsch, Switzerland**
- 10:24 - 10:30 FT-089 When Time Matters: Early Catheterization As A Determinant Of Recovery After Congenital Heart Surgery, **Nujin Uluğ Murt, Türkiye**
- 10:30 - 10:34 FT-221 Systematic Review And Meta-Analysis Of Clinical Scientific Evidences On Self-Expandable Percutaneous Pulmonary Valve Implantation, **Gianfranco Butera, Italy**

10:30 - 11:00 **Break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Flash Talk Session 5**

Chairs: **Mara Pilati, Italy & Nora Lang, Germany**

- 11:30 - 11:34 FT-090 Emergency Radiofrequency Atrial Septostomy In A Preterm And Small For Gestational Age Neonate With Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome And Prenatally Closed Foramen Ovale, **Simon Schmid, Germany**
- 11:34 - 11:38 FT-091 Percutaneous Pulmonary Valve Implantation With Venus P-Valve: A Single Center Experience, **Alper Güzeltaş, Türkiye**
- 11:38 - 11:42 FT-092 Evaluating The Accuracy Of A Novel 3d Visualization Software For Preprocedural Planning Of Aortic Coarctation Stenting, **Francesco Rango, Italy**
- 11:42 - 11:46 FT-093 Mid-Term Outcomes After Pulsta Valve Implantation: Procedural Insights And Multimodality Imaging Follow-Up, **Zelal Yalinkaya, Germany**
- 11:46 - 11:50 FT-094 Restoring Flow: Mid Term Outcomes Of Transcatheter Palliation In Children With Decreased Pulmonary Blood Flow, Experience From India, **Nikhil Sunil, India**
- 11:50 - 11:54 FT-095 "“Second Coronary Wire” Across Congenital Lesion Types And Complex Pulmonary Interventions: A Multi-Anatomy Technical Series And Lessons From The Cathlab Battlefield, **Judyta Szeliga, Poland**

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- 11:54 - 11:58 FT-096 Covered Stent Exclusion Of Svc Stenting- Institutional Experience And An Unique Approach With Anchoring Stent, **Shreeshma Maiya, India**
- 11:58 - 12:02 FT-097 Interventional Extracardiac Fontan (Iecf): Eight-Year Single-Centre Experience With A Staged, Catheter-Based Fontan Completion Strategy, **Shreeshma Maiya, India**
- 12:02 - 12:06 FT-098 The Impact Of Circular Shunting As A Complication Of A Challenging Therapeutic Strategy In A Newborn With Critical Pulmonary Stenosis And Unfavorable Anatomy, **Ali Jassar, Romania**
- 12:06 - 12:10 FT-099 Balloon Versus Surgical Aortic Valvuloplasty In Neonates And Infants With Critical Aortic Stenosis: Long - Term Impact On Subsequent Interventions, **Zeynep Gulben Kuk Ozalp, Australia**
- 12:10 - 12: 14 FT-100 Procedural Time, Radiation Exposure (Dap), And Contrast Volume In Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve Implantation For Severe Pulmonary Regurgitation: A Comparison Between Self-Expanding And Balloon-Expandable Platforms, **Giorgia Rocchetti, Italy**
- 12:14 - 12: 18 FT-101 Transcatheter Embolization Of A Large Right Coronary-Cameral Fistula In A Low Weight Newborn With Heart Failure, **Maurizio Brighenti, Italy**
- 12:18 - 12:22 FT-102 Toward A National Standard: Defining Italian Diagnostic Reference Levels (Drl) In Pediatric Interventional Cardiology, **Biagio Castaldi, Italy**
- 12:22 - 12:26 FT-103 Clinical Impact Of Fontan Conduit Stenting On Functional Capacity, **Enrico Piccinelli, Italy**
- 12:26 - 12:30 FT-104 The Euro-Lymph Registry: Design, Implementation, And Early Characteristics Of A European Multicenter Initiative For Lymphatic Interventions, **Sanam Safi-Rasmussen, Denmark**
- 12:30 - 12: 34 FT-105 Italian Multicenter Experience With Self-Expanding Pulmonary Valves, **Francesco Prati, Italy**
- 12:34 - 12:38 FT-106 Innovative Interventional Approach To Pediatric Thrombosis: Dubai Experience With Mechanical Thrombectomy, **Ahmed Hassan, United Arab Emirates**
- 12:38 - 12: 42 FT-107 A Multicenter Italian Experience About Trans-Catheter Patent Foramen Ovale Closure In Paediatric Age: Early Outcomes And Long-Term Follow-Up, **Mario Giordano, Italy**
- 12:42 - 12:46 FT-108 Progressive Right Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction Following Perimembraneous Vsd Closure With Mfo: A Rare Case Of Valve-Device Interaction, **Boran Cakan, Türkiye**
- 12:46 - 12:50 FT-109 Predictors Of Residual Shunt After Patent Foramen Ovale Closure: A Single Center Study, **Luca Giugno, Italy**
- 12:50 - 12:54 FT-110 In Vitro, In Silico And Ex Vivo Characterization Of Modified Microvascular Plugs As Pulmonary Flow Restrictors: Understanding Challenges Of Device Personalisation, **Nora Lang, Germany**
- 12:54 - 12:58 FT-111 Timing and Preoperative Management of D-Transposition of The Great Arteries: Impact of Balloon Atrial Septostomy, **Francesco Prati, Italy**

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13:00 - 14:30 **Mentoring - Small Group Discussion**
(Limited Participation - Additional Registration Required)
Separate WG: Education Committee

Chair: **Ornella Milanesi, Italy**

Navigating Early Career as a Female, especially in Interventional Cardiology,
Alessia Callegari, Italy
Key Professional and Personal Growth Areas to Discuss with Your Mentor,
Inga Voges, Germany
From Junior to Early-Career Interventionist: New Responsibilities, Old Headaches,
Domenico Sirico, Italy
Sustaining excellence. Thriving in Pediatric Cardiology Without Losing Yourself,
Ornella Milanesi, Italy

14:30 - 16:00 **Flash Talk Session 6**

Chairs: **Adam Kolesnik, Poland & Peter Fritsch, Austria**

- 14:30 - 14:34 FT-112 Long-Term Impaired Exercise Capacity In Kawasaki Disease,
Säid Bichali, Canada
- 14:34 - 14:38 FT-113 Medium- To Long-Term Outcomes In A Pediatric Cohort Of L-Aaoca With Interarterial Course (L-Aaoca/Ia): Are We Changing The Landscape?,
Silvana Molossi, United States
- 14:38 - 14:42 FT- 219 Toward Physiology-Guided Neuroprotection In Infant Cardiac Surgery: A Tinybrains Multimodal Neuromonitoring Study,
Marta Camprubí-Camprubí, Spain
- 14:42 - 14:46 FT-115 Improving Preventive Cardiology In Congenital Heart Disease: Lessons From The Qualirehab Trial, **Mathieu Andrianoely, France**
- 14:46 - 14:50 FT-116 Exercise Echocardiography In Pediatric And Congenital Heart Disease: Assessing Cardiac Reserve To Inform Clinical Decisions,
Tomás Sim-Sim, Portugal
- 14:50 - 14:54 FT-117 Disease-Specific Reference Values For Exercise Capacity In Children With Congenital Heart Disease, **Elena Gribaudo, Italy**
- 14:54 - 14:58 FT-118 App-Based Exercise Intervention For Children And Adolescents With Congenital Heart Disease, **Charlotte Schöneburg, Germany**
- 14:58 - 15:02 FT-119 What Limits Cardiorespiratory Fitness In Adolescents With Fontan Circulation: An Integrated Haemodynamic And Pulmonary Perspective,
Vibeke Klungerbo, Norway
- 15:02 - 15:06 FT-120 Patient Perspectives Of A Pediatric Cardiac Rehabilitation (Fitness) Program, **Barbara Cifra, Canada**
- 15:06 - 15:10 FT-121 Activity Limitations In Pediatric Fontan Circulation,
Jessica Peter, Germany
- 15:10 - 15:14 FT-122 Ai-Enabled Digital Stethoscope For Early Detection Of Congenital Heart Disease In Children: A Prospective Study, **Niharika Karandikar, India**

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- 15:14 - 15:18 FT-123 Commotio Cordis In Pediatric Athlete: Safe To Return To Play With Myocardial Scarring?, **Jacob Davidson, United States**
- 15:18 - 15:22 FT-124 Digital Diagnosis Of Cardiac Sound In Pediatric Patients [Di-Sound Study] – Preliminary Results, **Vittoria Mastromarino, Italy**
- 15:22 - 15:26 FT-125 Cardiovascular Risk Screening In Developmental Age (Riscaped Study), **Silvia Alessandra Magrassi, Italy**
- 15:26 - 15:30 FT-126 Long-Term Outcomes Of A Personalised Exercise Programme In Athletes With Inherited Arrhythmogenic Syndromes: A Single-Centre Experience, **Andrea Greco, Spain**
- 15:30 - 15:34 FT-127 Deep Learning-Derived Myocardial Strain In Children: Validation Of A Fully Automated, Open-Source Model For Left Ventricular Global Longitudinal Strain Inference, **Hannah Brower-Rabinowitsch, Germany**
- 15:34 - 15:38 FT-128 Functional Arterio-Ventricular Coupling And Its Echocardiographic Determinants In Healthy, Physically Active Adolescents, **Maximilian Dettenhofer, Germany**
- 15:38 - 15:42 FT-129 Next-Generation Sudden Cardiac Death Risk Assessment In Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Integrating Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging With Artificial Intelligence, **Lotta Poltto, Finland**
- 15:42 - 15:46 FT-130 Echocardiographic Assessment Of Ventricular Remodelling In Junior Athletes By Speckle Tracking Strain And Myocardial Work Indices, **Massimiliano Cantinotti, Italy**
- 15:46 - 15:50 FT-131 Pulse Wave Velocity In Children 6-18 Years After Surgical Or Interventional Repair Of Aortic Coarctation - Can We Measure Early Vascular Aging ?, **Ina Michel-Behnke, Germany**
- 15:50 - 15:54 FT-132 Effectiveness Of Ehealth-Supported Physical Activity Interventions In Children With Congenital Heart Disease: A Systematic Review, **Hidde Hardon, Netherlands**
- 15:54 - 15:58 FT-133 Ventilatory Limitation To Exercise In Patients With Fontan Circulation, **Gino Degano, Italy**
- 15:58 - 16:02 FT-134 Robustness Of The Oxygen Uptake Efficiency Slope Under Submaximal Exercise Conditions In Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing, **Stefanie Huber, Germany**

16:00 - 16:30 **BREAK**

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16:30 - 18:00 Flash Talk Session 7

Chairs: **Angela Amigoni, Italy & Nicole Sekarski, Switzerland**

- 16:30 - 16:34 FT-135 Formula Or Fortification Initiation Is Associated With Necrotizing Enterocolitis In Infants With Critical Congenital Heart Disease: A Multisite Study From Collaborative Research From The Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society, **Kristin Elgersma, United States**
- 16:34 - 16:38 FT-136 Six-Hour Renal Resistive Index For Early Prediction Of Acute Kidney Injury After Infant Cardiac Surgery: A Prospective Cohort Study, **Hamadah Mohamad Hussam, Saudi Arabia**
- 16:38 - 16:42 FT-137 Ultrasound For Diaphragmatic Dysfunction In Postoperative Cardiac Children: A Prospective Cohort Study, **Hamadah Mohamad Hussam, Saudi Arabia**
- 16:42 - 16:46 FT-138 Human Milk And Breastfeeding Are Associated With Shorter Hospital Length Of Stay For Neonates Undergoing Cardiac Surgery: A Multisite Study From Collaborative Research From The Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society, **Kristin Elgersma, United States**
- 16:46 - 16:50 FT-139 Postoperative Aeg Monitoring Is An Essential Tool For Every Ventilated Child After Cardiac Surgery Until Extubation, **Friederike Jess, Germany**
- 16:50 - 16:54 FT-140 Oxidative Stress Biomarkers And Postoperative Mri Brain Injury In Neonates With Congenital Heart Disease, **Ruth Ibáñez Llorente, Spain**
- 16:54 - 16:58 FT-141 Artificial Intelligence In Medical Education: Perceptions And Use Among Pediatric Cardiology Fellows – A Pilot Survey Study, **Sofia Grinenco, Argentina**
- 16:58 - 17:02 FT-142 High-Sensitivity Cardiac Troponin T And Intravenous Immunoglobulin In Children With Cmr- Confirmed Or Probable Myocarditis: A Retrospective Cohort Study, **Timur Mese, Türkiye**
- 17:02 - 17:06 FT-143 "Ready For Home?" Multidisciplinary And Caregiver Perspectives On Children Supported With Berlin Heart - Excor®Active (Bh-Ea): A Qualitative Study, **Katharina Schmitt, Germany**
- 17:06 - 17:10 FT-144 Outcome Determinants After Ihca And Cpr In Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Patients, **Laura Glasmeyer, Germany**
- 17:10 - 17:14 FT-145 Observational Study Of Impact Of Cardiac Cycle Efficiency In Infants Undergoing Tetralogy Repair In Terms Of Peri-Operative Outcome, **Sahasinee Deokar, India**
- 17:14 - 17:18 FT-146 Nine Years Multiplate® Testing In Infants With Shunt Dependent Lung Perfusion: Lessons Learned, **Flora Staunau, Germany**
- 17:18 - 17:22 FT-147 Practice Variation In Cardiac Care For Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: Results Of A European Multicentre Survey, **Jarosław Meyer-Szary, Poland**
- 17:22 - 17:26 FT-148 Intraoperative Temperature Management But Not Time On Cardiopulmonary Bypass Predicts Postoperative Delirium In Children With Congenital Heart Disease, **Sebastian Harms, Germany**

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- 17:26 - 17:30 FT-149 Idiopathic Left Ventricular Tachycardia: Successful Radiofrequency Catheter Ablation Under Veno-Arterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation With Additional Microaxial Left Ventricular Assist Device In A 16-Year-Old Patient, **Laura Glasmeyer, Germany**
- 17:30 - 17:34 FT-150 Levosimendan: Efficacy As A Rescue Medication In Paediatric Heart Failure And Post-Cardiac Surgery, **Cyprian Umeogaju, United Kingdom**
- 17:34 - 17:38 FT-151 Critically Ill Neonates With Tricuspid Valve Anomalies, **Jana Budáčová, Slovakia**
- 17:38 - 17:42 FT-152 Extracorporeal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation For In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest In Pediatric Cardiac Patients With Systemic-To-Pulmonary Artery Shunt, **Kazuhiro Shoya, Japan**
- 17:42 - 17:46 FT-153 Delivery Room And Early Postnatal Interventions With Oxygen Saturation Profiles In Newborns With Transposition Of The Great Arteries, **Jesse Weeda, Netherlands**
- 17:46 - 17:50 FT-154 The Prevention Utility Of Central Venous Pressure Management For Postoperative Delirium Following Pediatric Total Cavopulmonary Bypass, **Itsumi Sato, Japan**
- 17:50 - 17:54 FT-222 The Postoperative Course Of Troponin T And Nt-Probnp Levels In The Pediatric Population Implanted With The Heartmate 3 Device, **Şeyma Şebnem Ön, Türkiye**
- 17:54 - 17:58 FT-223 Making The Invisible Visible: Lived Experiences Of Adolescents And Young Adults Enrolled In The Transition-Chd Randomized Trial, **Alyssia Venna, United States**

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09:00 - 10:30	Cardiac Dysrhythmias and Electrophysiology & Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention Abstract Session
	Chairs: Alice Maltret, France & Costance Weismann, Germany
09:00 - 09:07	O-050 Intracardiac Echocardiography-Guided Transseptal Puncture in the Pediatric Population: a Single-Center Experience, Mirko Topalovic, Slovenia
09:07 - 09:14	O-051 Cardiac and Muscle Health in Pediatric Super Fontans, Mavis Lui, United States
09:14 - 09:21	O-052 Ventricular Arrhythmias in Tetralogy of Fallot Patients Undergoing Pulmonary Valve Replacement: Comparison Between Proactive Slow-Conducting Anatomical Isthmus Evaluation and Ablation and Conventional Approach, Gianluca Mirizzi, Italy
09:21 - 09:28	O-053 Exercise Intensity Prescription in Pediatric Cardiology: Comparing Heart Rate Reserve and Ventilatory Threshold Methods, João Rato, Portugal
09:28 - 09:35	O-054 Surgical ICDs in Small Children: Lead Longevity, Complication Burden, and Long-Term Efficacy, Aycan Çelebi, Türkiye
09:35 - 09:42	O-055 Transvenous Pacemaker and ICD Implantation in Children Under 20 kg: a Single-Center Experience With Device-Related Complications Over 25 Years, Nilay Korgal, Türkiye
09:42 - 09:49	O-056 Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis Parameters as Predictors of Cardiopulmonary Exercise Capacity in Fontan Patients, Paola Koepcke, Germany
09:49 - 09:56	O-057 Clinical Outcomes of Bilateral Cardiac Sympathetic Denervation in Children With Inherited Ventricular Arrhythmias, Merve Maze Aydemir, Türkiye
09:56 - 10:03	O-058 Electromechanical Interaction And Effect Of Right Ventricular Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy In Patients With Ebstein's Anomaly Undergoing Cone Repair, Jennifer Fumanelli, Czech Republic
10:03 - 10:10	O-059 Off-Label Multi-Lead Wearable ECG Monitoring for Paediatric Syncope in Complex Congenital Heart Disease, Mindaugas Smetaninas, Lithuania
10:10 - 10:17	O-060 Electromechanical Interaction in Post-Repair Tetralogy of Fallot and Similar Lesions, Michal Vrbík, Czech Republic
10:17 - 10:24	O-061 Transition From Fluoroscopic to Fluoroless Atrial Transseptal Puncture for Pediatric Catheter Ablation, Zsafia Nagy, Hungary
10:30 - 11:00	Break

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11:30 - 13:00 Fetal Cardiology Abstract Session

Chairs: **Taiso Sarkola, Finland & Anna Seale, UK**

- 11:30 - 11:37 O-062 Outcome of Prenatally Diagnosed Single Ventricle Heart Disease Through 18 Years of Age: a Single-Centre Retrospective Study, **Swapna Sivadas Thilakam, Canada**
- 11:37 - 11:44 O-063 Rigid Motion Compensation of Fetal Gross Motion and Maternal Respiration for 3D Fetal Cardiac Cine, **Marjolein Piek, Sweden**
- 11:44 - 11:51 O-064 Integrating Multimodal Imaging in Fetal Congenital Heart Disease: the Combined Role of Echocardiography and Cardiovascular MRI in a Precision Medicine Approach, **Marco Masci, Canada**
- 11:51 - 11:58 O-065 Anatomical Study of Tricuspid Atresia: Insights Into Right Ventricle Development, **Julie Karila Cohen, France**
- 11:58 - 12:05 O-066 Evaluating the Role of Fetal Speckle Tracking Echocardiography in Ventricular Disproportion?, **Carla Blunt, United Kingdom**
- 12:05 - 12:12 O-067 Impact of Fetal Pulmonary Valvuloplasty on Right and Left Ventricular Function in Fetuses With Critical Pulmonary Stenosis or Pulmonary Atresia With Intact Ventricular Septum, **Martin Schoeber, Austria**
- 12:12 - 12:19 O-068 Trends in Perinatal Outcomes of Prenatally Diagnosed Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Over 20 Years, **Sofie Dannesbo, Denmark**
- 12:19 - 12:26 O-069 Increased Atrioventricular Length Ratio As A Marker Of Isomerism On Fetal Echocardiography, **Zornitsa Vassileva, Bulgaria**
- 12:26 - 12:33 O-070 Autoantibodies to the Sodium/Potassium Pump Alpha-1 Subunit AT1A1 Identify at-Risk Pregnancies That Will Develop Fetal/Congenital Heart Block: Evidence and Translational Plan, **Robert Hamilton, Canada**
- 12:33 - 12:40 O-071 Long-Term Effects of Fetal Growth Restriction on Cardiovascular Structure and Function: a Cohort Study in Growth-Discordant Identical Twins, **Jip Spekman, Netherlands**
- 12:40 - 12:47 O-072 Prenatal 3D Multiplanar Neurosonography and Artificial Intelligence-Based Assistance Scanning in Fetuses With Congenital Heart Defects, **Tamara Yarygina, Russia**
- 12:47 - 12:54 O-073 Foetal Myocardial Deformation: Insights Into Normal and Pathological Cardiac Mechanics, **Irene Cattapan, Italy**

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

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14:30 - 16:00 Adult Congenital Heart Disease Abstract Session

Chairs: **Gabriele Egidy Assenza, Italy & Jolanda Sabatino, Italy**

- 14:30 - 14:37 O-092 Clinical Outcomes And Right Ventricular Remodeling After Pulmonary Valve Replacement In Repaired Tetralogy Of Fallot: A Meta-Analysis Of Contemporary Cohort Studies, **Ludovica Bossio, Italy**
- 14:37 - 14:44 O-093 Digital Health Passport For Congenital Heart Disease Patients: Enabling Lifelong Care And Empowerment, **Giovanna Campioni, Italy**
- 14:44 - 14:51 O-094 Aortic Coarctation: Long-Term Outcomes After Repair With Vs. Without Foreign Material, **Simon Schiessler, Germany**
- 14:51 - 14:58 O-095 Long-Term Outcomes Of Heart Transplantation In Adults With Congenital Heart Disease: A Single Center Experience, **Domenico Crea, Italy**
- 14:58 - 15:05 O-096 Clinical Outcome Of Late Survivors Following The Classic Fontan Procedure, **Jasmin Reyhaniye, Germany**
- 15:05 - 15:12 O-097 Fontan-Associated Liver Disease: Clinical And Epidemiological Impact On A Large Cohort In The Uk, A Retrospective Multicenter Study, **Eleonora Munaretto, Italy**
- 15:12 - 15:19 O-098 Relationships Between Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing, Cardiac Biomarkers, And Cmr Parameters In Young Adults With Repaired Tetralogy Of Fallot, **Benedetta Leonardi, Italy**
- 15:19 - 15:26 O-099 Factors Associated With Post-Transplantation Survival In Adults With Congenital Heart Disease: A Single Center Analysis, **Selin Oncul, United Kingdom**
- 15:26 - 15:33 O-100 Diastolic Dysfunction, Atrial Mechanics And Functional Capacity In Fontan Circulation: Clinical Implications For Patients Surveillance And Heart Transplant Consideration, **Ylenia Bartolacelli, Italy**
- 15:33 - 15:40 O-101 Identification Of Risk Factors Influencing The Onset Of Fontan Failure, **Victor Lengyel, Germany**
- 15:40 - 15:47 O-102 Follow-Up Strategies And Multidisciplinary Management Of Patients With Fontan Circulation: Preliminary Results Of An Aepc Survey, **Jolanda Sabatino, Italy**
- 15:47 - 15:54 O-103 Expert-Recommended Integrated Cardio-Obstetric Pathway For Preconception Care In Women With Intermediate- To High-Risk Cardiovascular Conditions, **Yaël Vanharen, Belgium**

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

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16:30 - 18:00 Interventional Cardiology Abstract Session

Chairs: **Mikael Rigby, UK & Mario Carminati, Italy**

- 16:30 - 16:37 O-104 Mid-Term Outcomes of Echocardiography-Guided Bedside Arterial Duct Closure in Premature Infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, **Antonia Erb, Germany**
- 16:37 - 16:44 O-105 Novel Bailout Technique in Melody Valve Valve-in-Valve Procedure: Ensemble Balloon Rupture and Side Cell Balloon Rescue Strategy, **Anuradha Agarwal, India**
- 16:44 - 16:51 O-106 Twelve Years of Arterial Ductal Stenting for Pulmonary Perfusion: Predictors of Technical Success and Effective Palliation to the Intended Endpoint, **Katarzyna Gendera, Germany**
- 16:51 - 16:58 O-107 Comprehensive Long-Term Follow-Up of Balloon Angioplasty in Newborns, Infants and Children, **Wolfgang Radtke, United States**
- 16:58 - 17:05 O-108 Use of Atrial Flow Regulator in Pediatric Patients With Congenital Heart Disease and Cardiomyopathies, **Robert Sabiniewicz, Poland**
- 17:05 - 17:12 O-109 Achieving a Biventricular Circulation After Pulmonary Valve Perforation in Neonates With Pulmonary Atresia and Intact Septum, **Doaa Abdel Aziz, Germany**
- 17:12 - 17:19 O-110 Outcomes of Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve-in-Valve Implantation: a Single-Centre Observational Study, **Davide Ceruti, Italy**
- 17:19 - 17:26 O-111 Outcomes of Transcatheter Patent Ductus Arteriosus Closure in Infants Weighing 2 to 6 kg, **Paul Padovani, France**
- 17:26 - 17:33 O-112 Outcomes of Patent Ductus Arteriosus Stenting in Duct-Dependent Pulmonary Circulation: a Prospective-Retrospective Study From a Tertiary Center in India, **Kishore SV, India**
- 17:33 - 17:40 O-113 Long-Term Follow Up After Transcatheter Valve Repair in Congenitally Corrected Transposition of the Great Arteries, **Isabel Drexler, Germany**
- 17:40 - 17:47 O-114 Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis After Percutaneous Pulmonary Self-Expandable Valves: the Key Role of Valve Underexpansion, **Mara Pilati, Italy**
- 17:47 - 17:54 O-115 Transcatheter Pulmonary Valvuloplasty in Native Tetralogy of Fallot - Is It Profitable? AEPC Interventional Working Group Grant, **Michal Galeczka, Poland**

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HALL 1: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

09:00 - 10:30 Artificial Intelligence for Cardiovascular Load Management in Cardiac patients and Athletes

Separate WG: Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention

Chairs: **João Rato, Portugal & Andrea Ermolao, Italy**

09:00 - 09:22 Is AI the Magic Bullet to Develop Effective Preventive Strategies in Childhood?, **Alberto Tozzi, Italy**

09:22 - 09:44 AI-Guided Exercise Prescription in Cardiovascular Disease: From Digital Phenotyping to Safe Training, **Marco Vecchiato, Italy**

09:44 - 10:06 Wearable Driven AI for Cardiovascular Readiness, Leon Brudy, Germany

10:06 - 10:28 Artificial Intelligence in Sports Cardiology: To Embrace or To Avoid?, **Stefano Palermi, Italy**

10:30 - 11:00 BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 Artificial Intelligence in Paediatric and GUCH Electrophysiology – A Real Game Changer?

Separate WG: Cardiac Dysrhythmias and Electrophysiology

Chairs: **Nico Blom, The Netherlands & Mitchell Cohen, USA**

11:00 - 11:22 Non-Invasive Digital Twin for Paediatric/Congenital EP, Henry Chubb, USA

11:22 - 11:44 Virtual Reality in the EP lab, Jennifer Silva, USA

11:44 - 12:06 Update on Novel EAM Algorithms to Guide Paediatric and CHD Ablations, Thomas Kriebel, Germany

12:06 - 12:28 Why Do We Still Need Electrophysiologists in the Era of Artificial Intelligence?, Roman Gebauer, Germany

12:30 - 13:50 CLOSING LECTURE & CLOSING CEREMONY

Chair: **Giovanni Di Salvo, Italy**

Historical Insights into the Birth of Echocardiography – The Legacy of Edler & Hertz, **Benjamin Eidem, USA**

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HALL 2: IMAGING

09:00 - 10:30 Puzzle the Expert
Separate WG: Fetal Cardiology

Chairs: **Sally-Ann Clur, The Netherlands & Taisto Sarkola, Finland**

Experts: **Ulrike Herberg, Germany & Joanna Dangel, Poland & Alessia Cerutti, Italy**

09:00 - 09:15 Case 1, Shilpa Marathe, Canada
09:15 - 09:30 Case 2, Eloy Cabello, Spain
09:30 - 09:45 Case 3, Nadezhda Dzhelepova, UK
09:45 - 10:00 Case 4, Ashwin Srivatsav, USA

10:30 - 11:00 BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation Abstract Session

Chairs: **Milind Chaudhari, UK & Karel Koubský, Czechia**

11:00 - 11:07 O-127 Abnormal Glucose Metabolism in Individuals With a Fontan Circulation: a Systematic Review of Prevalence, Pathophysiology, and Clinical Implications, David Renaud, Poland
11:07 - 11:14 O-128 Immunomodulatory Treatment Strategies and Clinical Outcomes in Pediatric Parvovirus B19 Myocarditis: Insights From the Mykke Registry, Nele Rolfs, Germany
11:14 - 11:21 O-129 Pulmonary Abnormalities in Patients With Pulmonary Hypertension of Greater Than 6 Units·m² by Digital Subtraction Angiography, Kak-Chen Chan, United States
11:21 - 11:28 O-130 Totality of Evidence for Selexipag in Pediatric Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: Integrated Analysis of Phase 2 and Phase 3 Trial Data Using Pediatric Extrapolation, Maurice Beghetti, Switzerland
11:28 - 11:35 O-131 Novel Approaches in Pediatric Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Trials: Outcomes of Selexipag and Macitentan Pediatric Development Programs – Challenges and Successes, Mian Saeed, Switzerland
11:35 - 11:42 O-132 Optical Coherence Tomography Reveals Early Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy Associated With Graft Dysfunction and Loss in Pediatric Heart Transplant Recipients, Lisa-Maria Rosenthal, Germany
11:42 - 11:49 O-133 Regenerative Interventions in Children, Martin Záhorec, Slovakia
11:49 - 11:56 O-134 Ovarian Cyst Rupture as a Rare Cause of Abdominal Pain and Hypotension in Female LVAD Patients: a Three-Case Series, Burcu Acar Alkan, Türkiye
11:56 - 12:03 O-135 Left Atrial Hypertension and Postcapillary Pulmonary Hypertension in Infants, Children and Young Adults With Congenital and Acquired Heart Diseases: a Consensus Statement From the EPPVDN, Georg Hansmann, Germany

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12:03 - 12:10	O-136 Comparison of Hemodynamic Effects of Treprostinil and Surgical Prognosis Between Patients Combined With Pulmonary Hypertension Following Glenn and Fontan Procedures, Xiaofeng Wang, China
12:10 - 12:17	O-137 CardioMEMS Device for Monitoring Treatment Responses in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: Preliminary Experience in a Single Centre, Jose Manuel Puyana Rodriguez, Spain
12:17 - 12:24	O-138 Redefining Pediatric Heart Failure Therapy: Early Experience With Sacubitril/Valsartan, Rania Gargouri, Tunisia

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HALL 3: INVASIVE TREATMENTS

09:00 - 10:30 PA Banding: Revisiting An Old Technique

Joint WG: Interventional Cardiology & Congenital Heart Surgery

Chairs: **Caroline Ovaert, France & Massimo Padalino, Italy**

09:00 - 09:22 Why, How and Who Should We Band Percutaneously?, **Guiti Milani, France**

09:22 - 09:44 Surgical Banding in Preparation for Interventional Procedures?,
Hakan Akintürk, Germany

09:44 - 10:06 Bilateral Percutaneous PA Banding : What Can We Expect?,
Stanimir Georgiev, Germany

10:06 - 10:28 PA Banding for Cardiomyopathy: Where Do We Stand?,
Christian Jux, Germany

10:30 - 11:00 BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 Failures and Successes in the Cathlab

Separate WG: Interventional Cardiology

Chairs: **Thomas Krasemann, The Netherlands & Sir Shakeel Qureshi, UK**

11:00 - 11:15 Transcatheter Closure of Aorto-Right Atrial Tunnel in a Neonate: When
Technical Success Meets Clinical Failure, **Ravi Pawar, India**

11:15 - 11:30 Aggressive angioplasty of pulmonary arteries after Lecompte maneuver?
No thanks!, **Domenico Sirico, Italy**

11:30 - 11:45 Complex Atrial Septal Defect Closure in an Aneurysmatic Interatrial Septum
Complicated by Repeated Device Migration Requiring Percutaneous
Retrieval and Re-intervention, **Emils Smitins, Latvia**

11:45 - 12:00 Iatrogenic Aortic Coarctation Following Transcatheter PDA Closure
Resulting with Tamponade and Acute Sternotomy, **Emils Smitins, Latvia**

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HALL 4: JUNIOR TRACK

09:00 - 10:30 Navigating Postoperative Challenges in Paediatric Cardiology

Separate WG: Junior Council

Chairs: **Segolene Bernheim, France & Elettra Pomiato, Italy**

09:00 - 09:22 Complication Anticipation: Common Postoperative Issues and Their Management, **Segolene Bernheim, France**

09:22 - 09:44 Stabilizing the Storm: Postoperative Arrhythmias in the PICU, **Andrea Bueno Gómez, Spain**

09:44 - 10:06 Echoing Recovery: The Role of Echocardiography in Postoperative Assessment, **Elena Panaioli, France**

10:06 - 10:28 ECMO in the Postoperative Setting: A Paediatric Cardiologist, **Damien Schaffner, Germany**

10:30 - 11:00 BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 Exercise Programs in Children with CHD - What's New?

Separate WG: Sports Cardiology, Physical Activity and Prevention

Chairs: **Berardo Sarubbi, Italy & Jesse Hansen, USA**

11:00 - 11:22 Outcomes for Exercise Interventions in CHD: Health-related Quality of Life, **Pascal Amedro, France**

11:22 - 11:44 Outcomes for Exercise Interventions in CHD: Peak VO₂, **Annelies van der Hulst, The Netherlands**

11:44 - 12:06 Moving Beyond Classic Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs in Children with CHD, **Jesse Hansen, USA**

12:06 - 12:28 Exercise Prescription in Clinical Practice: Bridging the Gap Between Guidelines and Real-World Needs, **Arend van Deutekom, The Netherlands**

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HALL 5: FAILING HEARTS

09:00 - 10:30 Pharmacotherapy in Pulmonary Hypertension
 Separate: Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation

Chairs: **Hannes Sallmon, Switzerland & Julie Wacker, Switzerland**

09:00 - 09:22 Current PH Pharmacotherapy – Effects, Side Effects and Interactions Worth Knowing About, **Shahin Moledina, UK**

09:22 - 09:44 Update on Clinical Trials in Paediatric PH – Challenges and Novelties, **Paola Argiento, Italy**

09:44 - 10:06 What do we Know About Sotatercept in 2026?, **Maurice Beghetti, Switzerland**

10:06 - 10:28 Treatment of PH in Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia – Vasodilators and Shunts, **Maria del Cerro, Spain**

10:30 - 11:00 BREAK

**11:00 - 12:30 Joint Session PCSI - AEPC
 CHD-PAH Across the World: Guidelines, Late Presenters, and Real-World Decision-Making**

Chairs: **Jayaranganath M, India & Karin Tran-Lundmark, Sweden**

11:00 - 11:22 Assessing Operability in CHD-PAH: Guideline Frameworks and Unresolved Gray Zones, **Julie Wacker, Switzerland**

11:22 - 11:44 Late-Presenting CHD-PAH: Physiology and Decision-Making in High-Burden Settings, **Saurabh Gupta, India**

Complex Operability Decisions in CHD-PAH: Case-Based Panel Discussion

Panellist: **Jayaranganath M, India & Karin Tran-Lundmark, Sweden & Saurabh Gupta, India & Julie Wacker, Switzerland**

11:44 - 11:59 Case PCSI, **Saurabh Gupta, India**

11:59 - 12:14 Case AEPC, **Oscar van der Have, Sweden**

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HALL 6: CARE IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

09:00 - 10:30 **Bridging the Gap: Innovations in Paediatric-to-Adult Congenital Heart Disease Care**
 Separate WG: Adult Congenital Heart Disease

Chairs: **Pier Paolo Bassareo, Ireland & Mark Friedberg, Canada**

09:00 - 09:22 Innovations in Echocardiographic Imaging Across Ages,
Jolanda Sabatino, Italy

09:22 - 09:44 Standardising European ACHD Certification, **Margarita Brida, UK**

09:44 - 10:06 Multicentric Clinical Research: Obstacles & Solutions, **Paolo Ferrero, Italy**

10:06 - 10:28 Paediatric-to-Adult Transition in Congenital Heart Disease: State of the Art
 in Europe, **Katja Prokselj, Slovenia**

10:30 - 11:00 **BREAK**

11:00 - 12:30 **Flash Talk Session 8**

Chair: **Heynric Grotenhuis, Netherlands & Tristan Ramcharan, UK**

11:00 - 11:04 FT-155 Association Between Neoaortic Arch Geometry And Adverse
 Outcomes Following Stage I Norwood Palliation, **Vasileios Avdikos, Sweden**

11:04 - 11:08 FT-156 Beyond Ejection Fraction: Ventricular Mechanics And The Functional
 Turning Point In Repaired Tetralogy Of Fallot Assessed By Cmr Feature
 Tracking, **Valeria Judith Hasbani, Spain**

11:08 - 11:12 FT-157 Advanced Cardiac Mri For Evaluating Myocardial Fibrosis And
 Hypertrophy In Patients With Aortic Coarctation,
Tobias Giertzsch, Germany

11:12 - 11:16 FT-158 Longitudinal Decline Of Serial Atrial Strain With Clinical Associations
 In Pediatric Fontan Patients, **Thipsumon Tangsiwong, Canada**

11:16 - 11:20 FT-159 Role Of Outpatient Transesophageal Echocardiography In Clinical
 Decision-Making For Pediatric Heart Disease: A Single-Center Experience,
Sweta Mohanty, India

11:20 - 11:24 FT-160 Myocardial Work Response To A Preload Challenge In The Fontan
 Circulation, **Simone Diab, Norway**

11:24 - 11:28 FT-161 Quantitative Myocardial Perfusion Imaging In Complex Congenital
 Heart Disease Patients - Initial Single-Center Experiences With 15o-Water
 Pet, **Sanna Kettunen, Finland**

11:28 - 11:32 FT-162 Right Heart Remodeling And Rhythm Dynamics After Asd Closure:
 A Comparison Of Surgical And Transcatheter Approaches,
Nida Gülderen Kalay Şentürk, Türkiye

11:32 - 11:36 FT-163 The Use Of Ecg-Gated Computed Tomography In Pediatric
 Population - Comparison With Non-Gated Studies And Cancer Risk In Heart
 Transplantation Surveillance, **Netta Ihanainen, Finland**

11:36 - 11:40 FT-164 3d Echocardiographic Evaluation Of Tricuspid Annulus Morphology
 In Patients With Pulmonary Atresia Or Severe Pulmonary Valve Stenosis
 With Intact Ventricular Septum, **Mika Saito, Japan**

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- 11:40 - 11:44 FT-165 Optimizing Hemodynamic Assessment By Integrating Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Flow Quantification With Catheterization Measurements, **Marlene Furtmüller, Germany**
- 11:44 - 11:48 FT-167 The Use Of The Technical Performance Score In The Norwood Procedure For Predicting Adverse Outcomes, **Lia Davies, United Kingdom**
- 11:48 - 11:52 FT-168 Longitudinal Echocardiographic Assessment In Patients With Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1, **Katharina Linden, Germany**
- 11:52 - 11:56 FT-169 Left Atrial Strain Pattern In Different Phenotypes Of Pediatric Cardiomyopathy, **Iolanda Muntean, Romania**
- 11:56 - 12:00 FT-170 Non-Invasive Assessment Of Vortex Patterns In Pediatric Ventricular Septal Defect Using Hyperdoppler Technology, **Giulia Pelaia, Italy**
- 12:00 - 12:04 FT-171 The Role Of Stress Echocardiography In The Follow-Up Of Repaired Congenital Heart Disease With Right Ventricle Outflow Tract Obstruction, **Gabriella Gaudieri, Italy**
- 12:04 - 12:08 FT-172 4d-Flow Cmr Reveals Reduced Pulmonary Flow Adaptability In Paediatric Fontan Circulation Compared With Healthy Controls, **Frida Dangardt, Sweden**
- 12:08 - 12:12 FT-173 Echocardiographic Assessment For Coronary Aneurysms In Kawasaki Disease: Results From A Systematic And Standardized Echocardiographic Method Of Diagnosis In Pediatrics, **Francesco Bianco, Italy**
- 12:12 - 12:16 FT-174 Correlation Of Echocardiographic Findings And Cmr Derived Ejection Fraction (Cmr-Ef) In Functionally Univentricular Hearts (Fuvh), **Florian Loeffelbein, Germany**
- 12:16 - 12:20 FT-175 Right Ventricular Dysfunction In Repaired Tetralogy Of Fallot: New Imaging Insights From Systolic Stretch Patterns, **Emmanuelle Fournier, Canada**
- 12:20 - 12:24 FT-176 Impact Of Overweight And Obesity On Blood Pressure And Cardiac Remodelling In Pediatric And Young Adult Patients With Congenital Heart Disease, **Benedetta Leonardi, Italy**
- 12:24 - 12:28 FT-177 Postoperative Longitudinal Myocardial Mechanics In Children With Aortic Regurgitation: Insights From Gls And Glsr Indexed To Wall Stress, **Ana Alexandra Oliveira, Belgium**

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- 09:00 - 09:04 FT-178 Identification of Novel Biomarkers via Metabolomic Profiling in Diagnosis and Monitoring of Pediatric Patients With Myocarditis, **Seçil Sayın, Türkiye**
- 09:04 - 09:08 FT-179 Apolipoprotein B Level Elevation and Glutathionylated Proteins as New Biomarkers for Cardiac Hypertrophy in Children, **Nicoletta Cantarutti, Italy**
- 09:08 - 09:12 FT-180 Clinical Characteristics and Predictors of Major Adverse Cardiac Events in Pediatric Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: a Multicenter Registry Study, **Keiichi Hirono, Japan**
- 09:12 - 09:16 FT-181 Morpho-Functional Characterization of Gene-Elusive Versus Gene-Positive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy in Children: a CMR-Based Study, **Francesca Bonanni, United Kingdom**
- 09:16 - 09:22 FT-182 Clinical Application of Blood Biomarkers and Heart Failure Scoring Systems in Children With Left to Right Shunts, **Claire McGinn, United Kingdom**
- 09:22 - 09:26 FT-183 Long-Term Outcomes of Pediatric Dilated Cardiomyopathy After Berlin Heart EXCOR® Explantation With Recovery of Cardiac Function, **Yuka Hayashida, Japan**
- 09:26 - 09:30 FT-184 Machine Learning-Based Mortality Prediction for Pediatric Fulminant Myocarditis Using Cytokine Profiles, **Saori Sugawara, Japan**
- 09:30 - 09:34 FT-185 Cardiac Troponins in Urine, **Matija Bakoš, Croatia**
- 09:34 - 09:38 FT-186 Natural Wave Velocity as a Marker of Fibrosis in a Reversible Right Ventricular Pressure Overload Model, **Maelys Venet, France**
- 09:38 - 09:42 FT-187 Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing in Paediatric Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Functional Profiles and Prognostic Value, **Gian Luca Ragazzoni, Italy**
- 09:42 - 09:46 FT-188 Non-Invasive Markers of Graft Injury in a Cohort of Paediatric and ACHD Patients After Heart Transplant: an Interim Analysis, **Simone Bonetti, Italy**
- 09:46 - 09:50 FT-189 Myocardial Recovery After Mitral Valve Surgery in Children With Marfan Syndrome: a Multicentre European Study, **Simon D'hulst, Belgium**
- 09:50 - 09:54 FT-190 Early Right Ventricular Remodeling in an Experimental Model of Pulmonary Regurgitation, **Nathalie Müller, Germany**
- 09:54 - 09:58 FT-191 Using Wearable Technology to Monitor Exercise Capacity in Childhood Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, **Kayla Hopkins, United Kingdom**
- 09:58 - 10:02 FT-192 Longitudinal Evaluation of Lymphatic Abnormalities in Noonan Syndrome and Mosaic RASopathies Using Sequential Dynamic Contrast-Enhanced Magnetic Resonance Lymphangiography, **Inger Norlyk Sheyanth, Denmark**

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- 10:06 - 10:10 FT-194 Clinical Features and Outcomes of Pediatric Restrictive Cardiomyopathy, **Hidekazu Ishida, Japan**
- 10:10 - 10:14 FT-195 MYH6 in Congenital Heart Defects: a Genotype-Phenotype Characterization in a French Cohort, **Elise Daire, France**
- 10:14 - 10:18 FT-196 Genetic Analysis and Clinical Outcomes of Noncompaction Cardiomyopathy in Fetuses and Children, **Balaganesh Karmegaraj, India**
- 10:18 - 10:22 FT-197 A Multi-Gene Regenerative Strategy to Boost Cardiomyocyte Proliferation and Angiogenesis Following Myocardial Injury, **Agustina Scharn, Italy**
- 10:22 - 10:26 FT-225 Lipidomics Landscape In Patients With Univentricular Heart Post-Fontan, **Lamia Ait Ali, Italy**
- 10:26 - 10:30 FT-226 Survival And Comorbidities In Down Syndrome: Insights From A Large Cohort Analysis (1990-2023), **Courtney Potts, United Kingdom**

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- 11:00 - 11:04 FT-198 Elevated Fecal Alpha1-Antitrypsin Concentration in Asymptomatic Fontan Patients Is a Risk Factor for the Development of Protein-Losing Enteropathy: a Report From the Fontan Care Network, **Kim Dam, Netherlands**
- 11:04 - 11:08 FT-199 Serum Catecholamine Levels as Biomarkers in Children With Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, **Faye Smits, Netherlands**
- 11:08 - 11:12 FT-200 Systolic and Diastolic Right Ventricular Myocardial Stiffness Based on Shear Wave Elastography in Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension, **Maelys Venet, France**
- 11:12 - 11:16 FT-201 Novel Data-Driven Phenotypic Clustering Approach for Predicting Prognosis in Paediatric Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, **Chantal Lokhorst, Netherlands**
- 11:16 - 11:20 FT-202 Atrial Strain as a Marker of Diastolic Dysfunction in Children With Fontan Circulation, **Carmen Corina Şuteu, Romania**
- 11:20 - 11:24 FT-203 Mechanical Signatures Of Post-Myectomy Lbbb In Pediatric Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, **Merve Maze Aydemir, Türkiye**
- 11:24 - 11:28 FT-204 Twenty-Year Structured Hepatic Surveillance in Fontan Patients: Evidence of Progressive Remodeling in a Contemporary Cohort, **Ana Raquel Marques, Portugal**
- 11:28 - 11:32 FT-205 Comparative Outcomes of Stage 1 Interventional Extracardiac Fontan Versus Conventional Bidirectional Glenn: Real-World Experience From a South Asian Tertiary Centre, **Varun Govindarajan, India**

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11:48 - 11:52	FT-210 Chest Pain and Troponin Rise in a Young Adult With Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot: Not Always Myocarditis, Giulia Guglielmi, Italy
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- 09:07 - 09:14 O-117 Use and Outcome of Anticoagulant Therapy in Children With Congenital Heart Disease: Insights From a Nationwide Population Based Study, Jana Logoteta, Switzerland
- 09:14 - 09:21 O-118 Right Aortic Arch From Fetal to Long-Term Follow-Up: Diagnosis, Management and Outcomes in More Than 30 Years, Cosimo Marco Campanale, Italy
- 09:21 - 09:28 O-119 VSD-Prove: Interim Results of Surgical Closure of Large VSD With Severe PAH in Children Older Than 2 Years, Saurabh Gupta, India
- 09:28 - 09:35 O-120 Mapping Care Pathways in the Last Year of Life in Congenital or Acquired Complex Chronic Heart Conditions: a Pediatric Observational Study, Ashley Ridley, France
- 09:35 - 09:42 O-121 Comprehensive Assessment of the Risk of Developing Coronary Artery Aneurysm in Kawasaki Disease: Kawacor Score Study, Stasa Krasic, Serbia
- 09:42 - 09:48 O-122 Metabolic Bone Disease in Fontan Patients: a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, Kerri Munn-Bookless, United Kingdom
- 09:48 - 09:54 O-123 Early Echocardiographic Risk Stratification for Aortic Valve Prolapse and Regurgitation in Infants With Isolated Ventricular Septal Defect, Nujin Uluğ Murt, Türkiye
- 09:54 - 10:01 O-124 Relationship Between Baseline NT-proBNP, Phenotype and Outcomes in Children With Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, Giuseppe Izzo, Italy
- 10:01 - 10:08 O-125 Cardiac and Autonomic Characteristics of Children With Duchenne and Becker Muscular Dystrophy, Betül Seda Guzelhan, Türkiye
- 10:08 - 10:15 O-126 The Importance of Vitamin D Monitoring in the Fontan Population, Abdulla Tarmahomed, United Kingdom
- 10:15 - 10:22 O-153 The Challenge of Late Repair of Tetralogy of Fallot in Children, Beatriz Picazo-Angelin, Spain

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- 11:07 - 11:14 O-140 Cardiac Structure and Function in Moderate-to-Late Preterm Newborns, Eleonora M. Gjerløff, Denmark
- 11:14 - 11:21 O-141 PDA and ASD Closure in Preterm Infants: Safety and Early Outcomes, Petru Liuba, Sweden
- 11:21 - 11:28 O-142 Real World Utility of a Mobile Application Based Echocardiographic Triage Tool for Early Detection and Referral of Neonates With Critical Congenital Heart Disease, Navaneetha Sasikumar, Canada
- 11:28 - 11:35 O-143 Research Opportunities Across Medical Training Among Pediatric Cardiology Fellows and Specialists: Interim Results of a Nationwide Survey From Türkiye, Boran Çakan, Türkiye
- 11:35 - 11:42 O-144 From Netflix to the Bedside: Transforming Paediatric Cardiovascular Critical Care Training for Today's Trainees, David Ferri Rufete, Spain
- 11:42 - 11:49 O-145 Morbidity and Predictors of Serious Events in Children and Adolescents With Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot: a Swedish Nationwide Study, Misha Bhat, Sweden
- 11:49 - 11:56 O-146 Entrustable Professional Activities as an Assessment Tool for a Global Pediatric Cardiology Curriculum: Results From an International Survey – an Empowering Hearts Globally Initiative, Shubhika Srivastava, United States
- 11:56 - 12:03 O-147 Virtual Reality as an Educational Aid for Pediatric Cardiology Trainees in Diagnosing Complex CHD Lesions, Leonard Grossmann, Canada
- 12:03 - 12:10 O-148 Aberrant Subclavian Artery in Interrupted Aortic Arch With Severe Left Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction: Random Occurrence or Purposeful Adaptation During Embryonic Development?, Takeshi Tsuda, United States
- 12:10 - 12:17 O-149 Morphological Analysis of 109 Cases of Double-Outlet Ventricles Using Immersive 3D Virtual Reality and Digital Dissection, Sakthi Saravanan, India
- 12:17 - 12:24 O-150 The Morphological Spectrum of Fatal TAPVD: a 25-Year Single Centre Experience, Saad Ahmad Malik, United Kingdom
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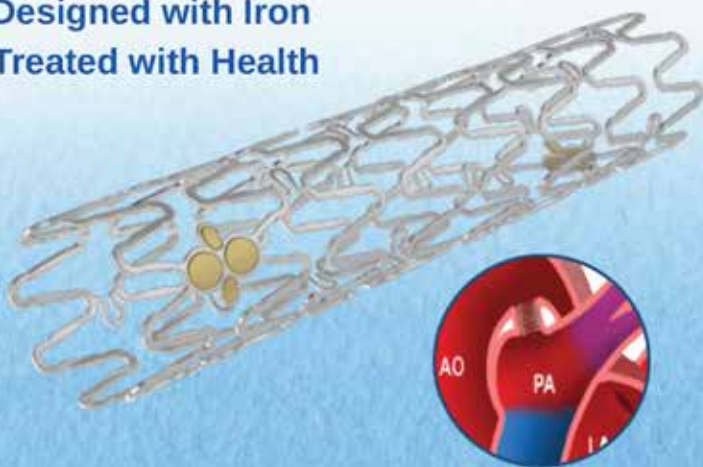


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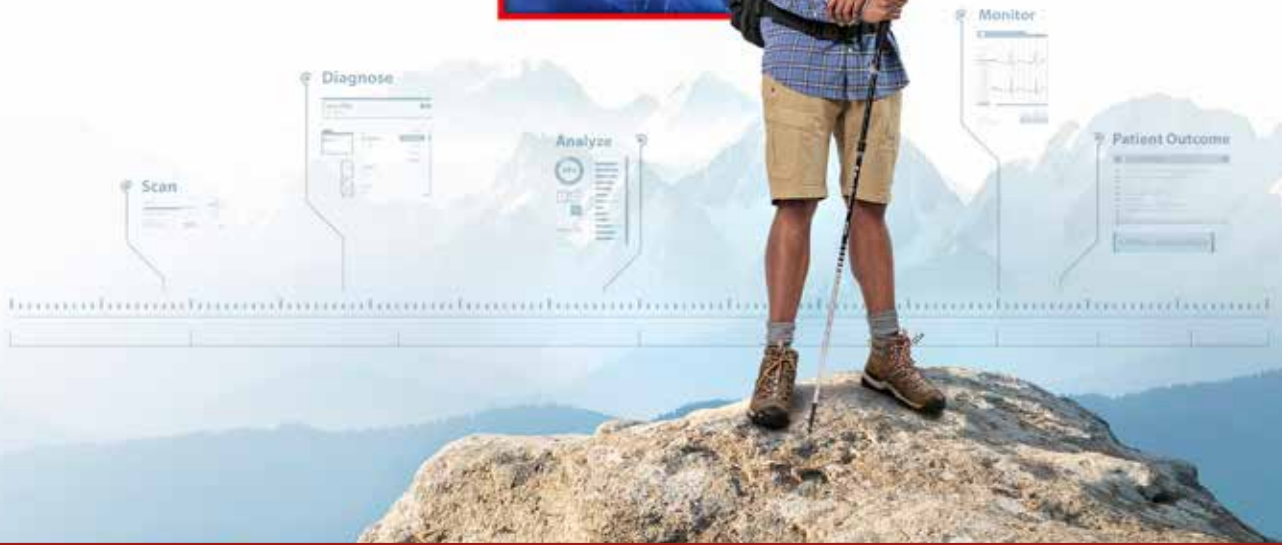
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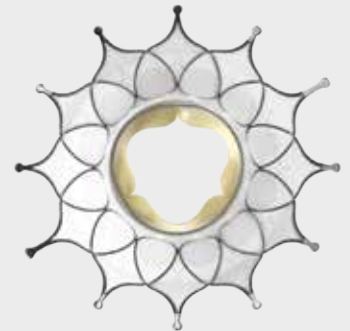
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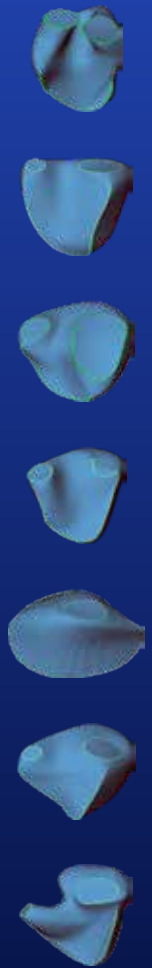
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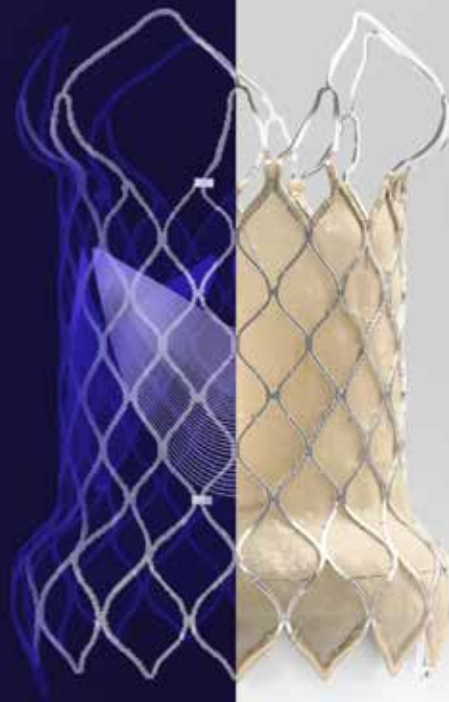
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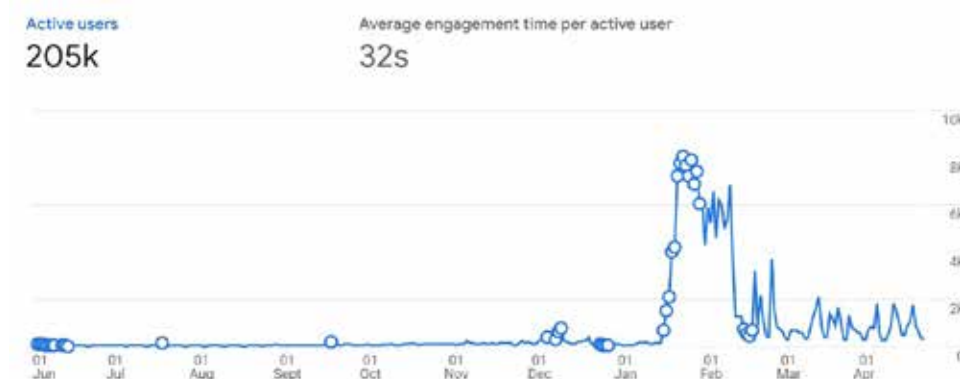
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Email Marketing:

- **12 mails** sent to a marketing database of **25K+ contacts** to promote the AEPC 2026 meeting cycle, including abstract submission, late abstract submission, registration, and scientific programme highlights.

Annual Meeting Website:

- The AEPC 2026 website (aepc2026.org) drew an impressive **205K** visitors over the months leading up to the annual meeting.



- The pages receiving the **highest number of visitors** were as follows:

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- We held a Google Ads campaign in late January & early February to promote early bird registration for AEPC 2026, drawing a remarkable **5.31 million impressions** and **334k clicks**.

Outreach:

- Word of mouth (WOM) campaigns for AEPC 2026 Council, Scientific Advisory Committee & Local Organising Committee to encourage early bird registration
- Word of mouth (WOM) campaign for speakers to promote their sessions at AEPC 2026
- Website banner exchange with related events & partners

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