

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



ECS CLUB
ENDOSCOPIC
CARDIAC SURGEONS

NOVEMBER
12th-14th
2026

MILAN - ITALY

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM



DAY 1 | Thursday 12th November 2026

AFTERNOON

13:00-13:25

WELCOME AND OPENING

P. Perier, R. Poffo, H. Vanermen, M. Glauber

13:25-13:30

GSD WELCOME

R. Crugnola

13:30-13:50

LECTURE

Is there a role for surgery in Functional MR?

M. Sarano

13:50-14:10

LECTURE

MAD: The missing link between prolapse and sudden cardiac death

C. Fiore

14:10-14:30

LECTURE

What I learned about valve repair over the past 3 decades

A. Berrebi

14:30-14:45

LECTURE

The role of exercise echo in moderate DMR

T. Viva

14:45-17:00

Moderator: *M. Glauber / C. Fiore (Echo)*

Case 1 Analyst: *D. Ramzy*

Case 2 Analyst: *D. Pereda*

Discussants: *D. Bouchard, E. Lehr, T. Hinna Danesi / T. Viva (Echo)*

((LIVE CASE)) FROM BERLIN ROBOTIC MVR

H. Balkhy

((LIVE CASE)) FROM MILAN ENDOSCOPIC MVR

M. Solinas

DURING LIVE CASES:

14:45-16:00

RAPID FIRE TALKS

- **Imaging: CT Planning**
J. Kaemmel
- **Echocardiography: What should we ask for a safe repair?**
A. Berrebi
- **Cannulation: Cut down vs. Percutaneous?**
G. Bianchi
- **Why I use pre-formed Chord-X loops**
J. Zacharias
- **An innovative APP to predict outcomes**
M. Silaschi

16:00-16:15

LIVE-IN-A-BOX

MV Replacement

M. Castillo-Sang

17:00-18:00

VIDEO COMPETITION SESSION

M. Castillo-Sang, C. Savini, S. Cerny, A. Liebold, A. Panos, A. Keltchev

18:00-18:30

ECS UPDATE FROM AROUND THE WORLD – SESSION 1

S. Ertugay, U. Aluthman, M. Matkovic

18:30-19:30

Welcome Cocktail

08:30-11:00

Moderators: P. Suwalski / T. Viva (Echo)

Case 1 Analyst: J. Bonatti

Case 2 Analyst: R.M. Siddhan

Discussants: R. Ribeiro, S. Sardar,
J.S. Yoo, C. Fiore (Echo)

**((LIVE CASE)) FROM BERLIN
ROBOTIC TECAB**

J. Kempfert

**((LIVE CASE)) FROM MILAN
ENDOSCOPIC AVR**

A. Pitsis

DURING LIVE CASES:

08:30-10:45

RAPID FIRE TALKS

- **CT sizing for sutureless valves**

M. Solinas

- **Endoscopic Aortic Sizers**

E. Petrovic

- **Miocardial protection:**

**Del Nido, Custodioli,
Beating Heart**

A. Miceli

- **Dealing with port-site
bleeding**

H. Balkhy

10:45-11:00

LIVE-IN-A-BOX

Endoscopic TECAB

S. Sardar

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30

Moderator: P. Suwalski

Case 3 Analyst: U. Benedetto

((LIVE TELESURGERY))

FROM WARSAW

ROBOTIC LIMA

HARVESTING + MIDCAB

P. Suwalski

12:30-13:00

**ROUND TABLE & DISCUSSION
ON GUIDELINES**

Discussants: L. Salvador, F. Van Praet,
J. Dreyfus, T. Holubec

- **Interpreting the 2025
ECSC/EACTS guidelines
on aortic stenosis**

P. Centofanti

- **EACTS/ECSC Partnership**

G. Färber

13:00-14:00

LUNCH SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

**"30 years experience in
Endoclamping"**

W. Peters, H. Vanermen, A. Liebold

14:00-14:30

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

14:30-16:00

Moderator: J. Zacharias / C. Fiore (Echo)

Case 1 Analyst: Speaker TBD

Case 2 Analyst: A. Keltchev

Discussants: F. Lakew, D. Pereda,
J. Dreyfus, G. Dahle, T. Viva (Echo)

**((LIVE CASE)) FROM BERLIN
TVR**

T. Holubec

**((LIVE CASE)) FROM MILAN
ENDOSCOPIC SUTURELESS
AVR WITH ROOT ENLARGEMENT
OF A SMALL ANNULUS**

M. Glauber

DURING LIVE CASES:

14:30-16:00

RAPID FIRE TALKS

- **Lifetime management -
The role of advanced
3D echo**

T. Viva

- **Endoscopic Surgery
for Redo AVR**

A. Pitsis

- **Endoscopic Surgery
for Congenital defects**

H.C. Nguyen

- **Endoscopic Surgery
after Mitraclip**

J. Kempfert

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

16:30-16:50

INVITED LECTURE

**When and how to intervene
in tricuspid regurgitation**

J. Dreyfus

17:00-18:00

VIDEO COMPETITION SESSION

M. Castillo-Sang, D. Ricci, E. Lopes,
F. Chiaramonti, J. Penaranda,
S. Kazakov

18:00-18:30

**ECS UPDATE FROM AROUND
THE WORLD - SESSION 2**

S.H. Lee, P. Jetwanna, H.C. Nguyen,
R.M. Siddhan

MORNING

Moderator: J. Kempfert / X. Wang
Case 1 Analyst: A. Pitsis
Case 2 Analyst: J.S. Yoo
Discussants: X. Wang, L. Salvador, T. Ito, M. Santoro

08:30-09:00
((LIVE CASE)) FROM CHINA
BEATING-HEART TRANSAPICAL SEPTAL MYECTOMY
 X. Wei

09:00-10:15
((LIVE CASE)) FROM CHINA
ENDOSCOPIC HOCM
 H. Guo

DURING LIVE CASES:

08:30-10:15

RAPID FIRE TALKS

- **Pushing the boundaries of Endoscopic Surgery**
L. Salvador
- **Endoscopic LA Appendage Occlusion**
P. Suwalski
- **Endoscopic AF Ablation**
M. Castella
- **New Instruments for Endoscopic Surgery**
ECSC

10:15-10:30

LECTURE

Medical vs Surgical Treatment in HOCM

D. Andreini

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-13:00

Moderator: J. Kempfert / T. Viva (Echo)
Case 1 Analyst: A. Pitsis
Case 2 Analyst: TBD
Discussants: L. Salvador, T. Ito, M. Santoro, C. Fiore (Echo)

((LIVE CASE)) FROM BONN
ENDOSCOPIC AORTIC ROOT REPLACEMENT
 F. Bakhtiary

((LIVE CASE)) FROM MILAN
ENDOSCOPIC AVR + MVR
 T. Hinna Danesi

13:00-14:00

Lunch Break

AFTERNOON

14:00-14:30

KEYNOTE LECTURE

The treatment of recurrent MR after TEER (transcatheter edge-to-edge repair)

P. Lancellotti

14:30-15:00

ECS UPDATE FROM AROUND THE WORLD - SESSION 3

R. Voeller, M. Santoro, H. Jeanmart

15:00-16:00

FOOD FOR THOUGHTS...

- **ECS live course presentation**
M. Castillo-Sang
- **Teaching surgeons using Endoscopic Simulators**
P. Sardari Nia
- **From Anatomy to Avatar: Digital Twins of the Surgical Pathology for Tomorrow's Surgeon**
O. Dzemali
- **AHA/ECSC Accreditation for Endoscopic Surgery**
D.P. Suresh, M. Bolles

16:00-17:30

VIDEO COMPETITION SESSION AND AWARD CEREMONY

M. Castillo-Sang, P. Akhyari, R. Poffo, W. Oosterlinck, R.M. Siddhan, W. Wisser

17:30-17:45

A. YILMAZ INNOVATION AWARD WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE

M. Glauber, P. Perier

20:00

Conference Dinner
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LEONARDO DA VINCI

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION

www.ecsclub.org

REGISTRATION FEES*

PHYSICIANS

- **Early bird (before September 10):** € 250
- **Standard (after September 10):** € 350
- **On-site:** € 450

RESIDENTS/FELLOWS/REGISTRARS, PERFUSIONISTS, NURSES/ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

- **Online pre-registration:** € 150
- **On-site:** € 200

*22% VAT included

Free registration for active Club members.

50% registration fee discount for the first 10 EACTS members.

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

- admittance to all Scientific Sessions
- access to the Exhibition Area
- congress kit
- catering services at IRCCS Galeazzi-Sant'Ambrogio Hospital

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The official language of the conference is English.

CONFERENCE VENUE

IRCCS GALEAZZI SANT'AMBROGIO HOSPITAL

Auditorium – 1st floor
Via Cristina Belgioioso, 173
20157 Milan (Italy)

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Take **Metro Line M1 (Red Line)** and get off at **Rho Fiera Milano station**. From the M1 ticket gates:

- Turn right and follow the signs to the Railway Station
- Continue following the signs for “Exit – Via Risorgimento”
- After passing Platform 6, keep to the right
- Exit via West Triulza (Ovest Triulza)

BY CAR

In the hospital area

- More than 300 toll parking spaces (P1 and P2 parking facilities).

In Rho

- Multi-level free parking lot with 900 spaces
Via Risorgimento, 44 – 20017 Rho (MI)
A free shuttle service is available from 6:00 to 22:00 on weekdays and from 6:00 to 16:00 on Saturdays.

EXHIBITION AREA

A technical exhibiton will take place throughout the conference.

CONFERENCE DINNER

Saturday, November 14th | h 20:00

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEONARDO DA VINCI

Via San Vittore, 21
20123 Milan (Italy)

Dinner fee: € 100,00 + 22% VAT

The dinner is reserved for a limited number of people.

VIDEO COMPETITION

Deadline for submission:

September 15

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