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Integrated Management of Acute and Chronic Cardiovascular Diseases

– From Prevention to Intervention

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PROGRAM**

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PREFACE

The 26th anniversary of this excellent meeting deals with current evidence in cardiovascular diseases and presents still existing controversies in form of pro&con debates.

This meeting is special with several aspects: The international faculty is participating only for travel support and accommodation, because of the extraordinary interactive and educational character of the meeting.

The mainly Austrian, German and Swiss audience consists of opinion leaders, but also offers young colleagues, cardiologists and intensivists in education, the opportunity to present their scientific data in selected high-quality abstracts in front of an international expert group – a situation that is rarely existent even in highly qualified international meetings.

The organizers are highly respected international experts and have recently invited Prof. Dr. Holger Thiele (current president of the German Society of Cardiology) into their group.

We need to thank the Austrian and international industry for their long-lasting support of this meeting. Some industry partners were present from the first meeting on.

And we thank the editor of the European Heart Journal, Prof. Dr. Filippo Crea for inviting the organizers to write a summary of experience after 25 successful years for CardioPulse, which hopefully will attract experts, audience and industry for visiting and supporting future international meetings of Integrated Management of Acute and Chronic Cardiovascular Diseases.



Kurt Huber
(for the organizers)

December 2025

PROGRAM

Arrivals: Friday, January 23, 2026 and
Saturday, January 24, 2026 (until noon)

Saturday, January 24, 2026

- 12:55 **Welcome**
 K. Huber (AT)
- 13:00 – 15:00 Symposium 1: Heart Failure**
 Chairs: A. Bauer (AT), R. De Caterina (IT)
- 13:00 – 13:10 ***Case Presentation #1***
 H. Alber (AT)
- 13:10 – 13:30 ***SCD in Newly Diagnosed Ischemic or
Non-ischemic Cardiomyopathy***
 I. Ahrens (DE)
- 13:30 – 14:00 ***Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy:
New Therapeutic Targets***
 S. Dobner (AT)
- 14:00 – 14:20 ***Undetected Heart Failure***
 C. Mueller (CH)
- 14:20 – 14:40 ***The Vulnerable Post-Discharge Phase in
Acute Heart Failure***
 C. Puelacher (AT)
- 14:40 – 15:00 ***Pacing-Induced Cardiomyopathy: Diagnosis and
the Role of Left Bundle Branch Area Pacing & CRT***
 R. Hatala (DE)
- 15:00 – 15:15 ***Break, Exhibition***

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Saturday, January 24, 2026

15:15 – 16:15 Symposium 2: Pro&Con Debate I

Chairs: R. Hatala (SK), D. Gulba (DE)

15:15 – 15:25 Case Presentation #2

J. Auer (AT)

**15:25 – 16:15 Renal Denervation for Hypertension:
Hope or Hype?**

PRO Renal Denervation (15 min)

F. Mahfoud (CH)

CON Renal Denervation (15 min)

B. Gersh (US)

Rebuttal (7 min each)

16:10 – 16:15 Summary

D. Gulba (DE)

16:15 – 16:30 New Treatment for Arterial Hypertension

K. Krychtiuk (AT)

16:30 – 17:30 Moderated Posters 1–6

Moderators: J. Auer (AT), A. Bauer (AT),
R. De Caterina (IT), H. Drexel (AT), S. Farhan (US),
D. Gulba (DE), H. Schühlen (DE), P. Serpytis (LI),
D. Zagher (IS), R. Zimmermann (CD)

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Sunday, January 25, 2026

09:00 – 10:15 Symposium 3: Structural Heart Disease

Chairs: R. Welsh (CD), U. Zeymer (DE)

09:00 – 09:10 Case Presentation #3

S. Harb (AT)

09:10 – 09:30 SAVR or TAVI in Asymptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis

S. Windecker (CH)

09:30 – 09:50 Update in AV Valve Interventions

H. Thiele (DE)

09:50 – 10:00 OCTAPRO: The Next Generation Balloon Expandable TAVI valve

U. Zeymer (DE)

10:00 – 10:15 Moderate Aortic Stenosis: To Treat or Not to Treat?

J.J. Bax (NL)

10:15 – 11:15 Symposium 4: Pro&Con Debate II

Chairs: S. Windecker (CH), H. Schühlen (DE)

10:15 – 10:25 Case Presentation #4

H. Thiele (DE)

10:25 – 11:10 CTO – a Valuable Intervention?

PRO CTO (15 min)

S. Harb (AT)

CON CTO (15 min)

S. Kristensen (DK)

Rebuttal (7 min each)

11:10 – 11:15 Summary

S. Windecker (CH)

11:15 – 11:30 Break, Exhibition

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11:30 – 12:00 Special Invited Lecture 1

Moderator: A.L. Baggish (CH)

The Twin Epidemics of HFpEF and Atrial Fibrillation: Epidemiology and Management and Innovative Approaches to Management

B. Gersh (US)

**12:00 – 12:30 Symposium 5: Cardiac Amyloidosis –
The Frequently Underestimated Cause
for Heart Failure**

(with friendly support of Alnylam)

Moderator: H. Schühlen (DE)

Speaker: M. Poledniczek (AT)

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch Break, Exhibition*

12:30 – 13:30 Moderated Posters 8–12

Moderators: P. Clemmensen (DK), H. Drexel (AT),
D. Gulba (DE), R. Hatala (SK), S.D. Kristensen (DK),
C. Puelacher (AT), H. Schühlen (DE), H. Thiele (DE),
D. Zagher (IS), R. Zimmermann (CD)

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**13:30 – 14:30 Symposium 6: 5 years of Tafamidis:
Real-World-Evidence for Efficacy and Safety**
(with friendly support of PFIZER)
Moderator: S. Dobner (AT)

13:30 – 13:55 Focus: Imaging and Biomarkers
C. Nitsche (AT)

13:55 – 14:20 Focus: Clinical Outcomes
M. Grübler (AT)

14:20 – 14:30 Panel Discussion

14:30 – 15:00 Special Invited Lecture 2
Chairs: A. Zirlik (AT)

Artificial Intelligence in CV Disease – An Update
A. Bauer (AT)

15:00 – 16:00 Symposium 7: Pro&Con Debate III
Chairs: D. Zagher (IS), A. Bauer (AT)

15:00 – 15:10 *Case Presentation #5*
Irene Lang (AT)

15:10 – 16:00 *Protected PCI for High-Risk Complex CAD*

PRO Protected PCI (15 min)
A. Geppert (AT)

CON Protected PCI (15 min)
P. Clemmensen (DK)

Rebuttal (7 min each)

15:55 – 16:00 *Summary*
D. Zagher (IS)

15:40 – 16:00 *Break, Exhibition*

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Sunday, January 25, 2026

16:00 – 17:00 Symposium 8: News in CV Medicine

Chairs: A. Zirlik (AT), H. Schühlen (DE)

16:00 – 16:20 *Key Changes in the Management of Acute Myocarditis*

K. Krychtiuk (AT)

16:20 – 16:40 *Update on Pulmonary Hypertension*

Irene Lang (AT)

16:40 – 17:00 *Cardio-Oncology. Update on New Trials*

Teresa Lopez-Fernandez (ES)

17:00 – 17:20 *Towards an Integrated Lipid Approach: Triglycerides, Apo B and Remnant cholesterol: Marker or Maker?*

H. Drexel (AT)

17:20 – 17:50 *Special Invited Lecture 3*

Moderator: Teresa Lopez-Fernandez (ES)

New Trials for Old Drugs: Beta-Blockers post-MI

C. Granger (US)

19:00 – 21:00 *Congress Dinner & Networking Evening*

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Monday, January 26, 2026

09:00 – 11:00 Symposium 9: Acute Cardiovascular Care
(Joint Symposium with ACVC/ESC)

09:00 – 10:00 Part One: Cardiogenic Shock
Chairs: A. Sionis (ES), I. Ahrens (DE)

09:00 – 09:10 *Case Presentation #6*
P. Clemmensen (DK)

09:10 – 09:25 *Cardiogenic Shock Treatment in Specific Patient Populations: Women and Elderly*
U. Zeymer (DE)

09:25 – 09:40 *Indications for MCS in CS*
A. Sionis (ES)

09:40 – 10:00 *DanGer Shock: Insights Beyond the 6 Months Survival Difference*
P. Clemmensen (DK)

10:00 – 11:00 Part Two: Pulmonary Embolism
Chairs: Susanna Price (UK), R. Cemin (IT)

10:00 – 10:10 *Case Presentation #7*
J. Auer (AT)

10:10 – 10:30 *Pharmacological Options*
Irene Lang (AT)

10:30 – 10:50 *Interventional Strategies in PE – An Update*
I. Ahrens (DE)

10:30 – 10:50 *Case Presentation #8*
U. Zeymer (DE)

11:00 – 11:30 *Break, Exhibition*

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11:30 – 12:00 Symposium 10: Pre-hospital Antiplatelet Therapy
(with friendly support of CELECOR)
Moderator: U. Zeymer (DE)

11:30 – 11:40 *Background Information*
R. Welsh (CD)

11:40 – 12:00 *The CELEBRATE Trial*
C. Granger (US)

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch Break, Exhibition*

12:00 – 13:00 Moderated Posters 13–18
Moderators: I. Ahrens (DE), H. Alber (AT),
R. Cemin (IT), C. Granger (US), D. Gulba (DE),
C. Mueller (CH), C. Puelacher (AT), H. Schühlen (DE),
P. Serpytis (LI), F.W.A. Verheugt (NL),
S. Windecker (CH)

**13:00 – 14:00 Symposium 11: Strike Early, Strike Strong:
Optimizing LDL-C Management in
High-Risk Cardiovascular Patients**
(with friendly support of Amgen)
Moderator: K. Huber (AT)

13:00 – 13:25 *LDL-C Management Across the CV Continuum:
Recent Insights*
E. Ohman (US)

13:25 – 13:50 *LDL-C in ACS: Are We Doing Enough,
Early Enough?*
H. Thiele (DE)

13:50 – 14:00 *Panel Discussion*

**14:00 – 15:00 Symposium 12: Acute & Chronic
Coronary Syndromes**
Chairs: R. Cemin (IT), P. Serpytis (LI)

14:00 – 14:10 *Case Presentation #9*
H. Alber (AT)

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- 14:10 – 14:30 ***Next Generation Biomarkers: hs-cTn and Beyond***
C. Müller (CH)
- 14:30 – 14:50 ***Optimal Medical Therapy first vs PCI first in Non-acute Myocardial Ischemic Syndromes***
R. De Caterina (IT)
- 14:50 – 15:10 ***Should We Revascularize the “Vulnerable Plaque”?***
B. Gersh (US)
- 15:10 – 15:40 ***Special Invited Lecture 3***
Moderator: F. Crea (IT)
- End of Life Decisions– Thoughts and Evidence***
Susanna Price (UK)
- 15:40 – 16:00 ***Break, Exhibition***
- 16:00 – 17:00 Symposium 13: Antithrombotic Therapy**
Chairs: F.W.A. Verheugt (NL), S. Pocock (UK)
- 16:00 – 16:15 ***Shortening or Avoiding DAPT After an ACS***
R. Welsh (CD)
- 16:15 – 16:30 ***Prehospital Antiplatelet Therapy for AMI***
H. Thiele (DE)
- 16:30 – 16:45 ***Antiplatelet Therapy in CS after DAPT Shock***
P. Clemmensen (DK)
- 16:45 – 17:00 ***FXI inhibitors: Quo vadis?***
H. Darius (DE)
- 17:00 – 18:00 Special Invited Lectures 4 & 5**
Moderators: H. Darius (DE), A. Zirikli (AT)
- 17:00 – 17:30 ***Return to Competitive Sports in CV Disease***
A. L. Baggish (UK)
- 17:30 – 18:00 ***The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Clinical Trial Design***
S. Pocock (UK)
- 20:00 ***Faculty Evening***

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Tuesday, January 27, 2026

09:00 – 10:00 Symposium 14: Atrial Fibrillation

Chairs: F.W.A. Verheugt (NL), R. Zimmermann (CD)

09:00 – 09:10 Case Presentation #10

S. Farhan (US)

09:10 – 09:30 Subclinical AFib: An Update

C. Granger (US)

**09:30 – 09:55 Upstream Therapy for the Prevention of AFib –
Does it Work?**

B. Gersh (US)

**10:00 – 11:00 Symposium 15: Chest Pain with Non-obstructive
Coronary Disease**

Chairs: R. De Caterina (IT), H. Darius (DE)

10:00 – 10:10 Case Presentation #11

R. Zimmermann (CD)

10:10 – 10:30 Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection (SCAD)

K. Huber (AT)

10:30 – 10:50 The Many Causes of MINOCA

F. Crea (IT)

10:50 – 11:10 Break, Exhibition

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11:10 – 12:50 Symposium 16: Risk Stratification and Prevention

Chairs: H. Drexel (AT), H. Schühlen (DE)

11:10 – 11:20 Case Presentation #12

S. Kristensen (DK)

11:20 – 11:40 Cardiovascular Prevention Beyond Traditional Risk Factors

F. Crea (IT)

11:40 – 12:00 Vaccination as Important Secondary Prevention Strategy

R. Dechend (DE)

12:00 – 12:20 Anti-inflammatory Strategies in Secondary Prevention

A. Zirlík (AT)

12:20 – 12:40 Reduced Risk of CV Disease with GLP-1 Agonists Beyond Weight Loss

C. Granger (US)

12:40 – 12:50 Panel Discussion

12:50 – 13:00 Poster Awards & Farewell

K. Huber (AT)

End of the Meeting

GENERAL INFORMATION

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*VAT included

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DFP

This meeting will be accredited for Austrian Diploma credit points
(Austrian Medical Association).

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The meeting is organized by the Association for the Promotion of Research in Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (ATVB), Vienna, Austria. It is patronized by the Association for Acute Cardiovascular Care (ACVC), a registered branch of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), by the European Platelet Academy (EPA), and by the Austrian Heart Foundation, respectively.

Information for Poster Presenters

Only the best 18 abstracts will be selected for poster presentation. You will get notion of acceptance of your abstract latest until January 10, 2026. There will be free access to the whole meeting for poster presenters. Posters (150 x 90 cm height x width) should be mounted on the indicated day (12:30 on Saturday and latest on 09:00 a.m. on Sunday and Monday) and removed at the evening of the same day.

Poster presentation (3 min) and discussion (3 min) will take part during the indicated poster moderation sessions.

The best posters will be awarded on Tuesday, January 27, 2025 at the end of the meeting.



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