

# FOCUS: VALVE 2025

16<sup>th</sup> Course for Minimally Invasive Heart Valve Surgery

SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2025

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3D LIVE SURGERIES - WORKSHOPS - WETLABS



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- DATE:** September 21 – 24, 2025
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## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

*Precision in motion: Shaping the future of endoscopic valve surgery*

### DAY 1 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

13:00-14:30	<b>Science Session: Data affecting daily practice</b>		
	CAMPAIGN registry Matterhorn RHEIA Benchmark for mitral repair - long term results Sneak preview: NAVIGATE		
14:30-16:00	<b>Workshop 1: Case-based learning in mitral disease</b> <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">NEW!</span>		
	<i>One case presenter and one surgeon from the same team present and comment on cases on a dialogue format. The case presenter shows the echo findings, the surgeon comments on the technique of repair. A Commentator provides theoretical knowledge on basic definitions</i>		
BLOCK 1	Case presenter	Surgeon Selection of surgical technique	Commentator Definitions
BLOCK 2	Case presenter	Surgeon Selection of surgical technique	Commentator Definitions
BLOCK 3	Case presenter Mitral surgery after failed TEER	Surgeon Selection of surgical technique	Commentator Definitions
16:00 –16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
BLOCK 1	Case presenter Concomitant mitral/tricuspid	Surgeon Selection of surgical technique	Commentator Definitions
BLOCK 2	Case presenter	Surgeon Selection of surgical technique	Commentator Definitions
BLOCK 3	Case presenter Mitral surgery after failed TEER	Surgeon Selection of surgical technique	Commentator Definitions
18:00	<b>End of Day 1</b>		

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### DAY 2 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

08:30-09:00	<b>Welcome</b>  <b>Honorary guest lecture:</b> <b>Valve meets support: The role of ECLS in heart valve interventions</b>
09:00-12:00	<b>Live surgeries</b> Case presentations live from the OR <b>Live surgery 1:</b> Endoscopic AVR with annular enlargement <b>Live surgery 2:</b> Endoscopic aortic valve replacement triangulated technique <b>Discussion of strategies: Panel</b>
10:00- 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b> <b>Presentations Block 1: Aortic valve/ concomitant disease</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AV Exposure in RAT</li><li>• When to use rapid deployment and sutureless valves</li><li>• Endoscopic Bentall</li><li>• Endoscopic treatment of HOCM</li><li>• <a href="#">Live-in-a-box</a>: TAVI valve explanation</li></ul>
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:00-14:00	<b>The technology corner</b> Dedicated robotic instruments for cardiac surgery TMVI Transapical treatment of HOCM Epygon: the mono-cusop transcatheter mitral valve
14:00-14:30	<b>Keynote lecture: Secondary mitral regurgitation: Personalized paths to treatment</b>
14:30-18:00	<b>Live surgeries</b> Case presentations live from the OR <b>Live surgery 3:</b> Endoscopic mitral/ tricuspid <b>Live surgery 4:</b> Endoscopic mitral repair – P2 <b>Discussion of strategies: Panel</b>
16:00-16:30	<b>Coffee break</b> <b>Presentations Block 2: Robotic   endoscopic   direct vision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Live-in-a-box</a>: Concomitant AV/ MV</li><li>• Direct vision axillary</li><li>• Endoscopic</li><li>• Robotic: From 3D mini to ports-only robotic</li></ul>
18:00	<b>End of Day 2</b>

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#### DAY 3 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

08:25	ICU report	Surgeon on duty
08:30-08:45	The heart of the matter: How new valve guidelines are redefining cardiac surgery	
08:45-09:00	Academic vs. industry sponsored studies in cardiovascular medicine	
09:00-12:30	<b>Live surgeries</b> Case presentations live from the OR <b>Live case 5:</b> Endoscopic MVR and atrial fibrillation surgery <b>Live case 6:</b> Endoscopic mitral valve repair (Barlow) <b>Discussion of strategies: Panel</b>	
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Presentations Block 3: Atrial fibrillation</b> <a href="#">Live-in-a-box:</a> Mitral valve repair after TEER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefit from ablation in mitral surgery</li> <li>• Afib surgery in AVR/ CABG procedures – Why and how</li> <li>• Reasons for LAA occlusion in cardiac surgery</li> <li>• Between success and failure – The best of my post-surgery imaging</li> </ul>	
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunchbreak</b>	
13:30-14:30	<b>Mastering the new guidelines for valvular heart disease: A practical playbook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pushing Boundaries, backed by proof in guidelines</li> <li>• Aortic</li> <li>• Mitral</li> <li>• Tricuspid</li> </ul>	
14:30-18:00	<b>Live surgeries</b> Case presentations live from the OR <b>Live case 7:</b> Endoscopic MVR, free-hand chordae <b>Live case 8:</b> Endoscopic MVR, loops and go <b>Discussion of strategies: Panel</b>	
16:00-16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Presentations Block 4: ERAS</b> <a href="#">Live-in-a-box:</a> Robotic Roman arch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MICS + ERAS: 7 pillars</li> <li>• Prehabilitation for MICS valve surgery</li> <li>• CPB/ cardioplegia modifications for ERAS</li> <li>• Towards a no ICU approach for MICS valve surgery</li> </ul>	
18:00	<b>End of Day 3</b>	

HANDS ON WORKSHOPS

DAY 4 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

08:00-12:00	Perioperative echocardiography for surgeons	conference room
08:30-16:30	Simulation Training on atrial fibrillation surgery 90 minutes & 4-5 participants per group – available timeslots: <u>Group 1</u> : 08:30 – 10:00 <u>Group 2</u> : 13:00 – 14:30 <u>Group 3</u> : 10:30 -12:00 <u>Group 4</u> : 15:00 – 16:30	seminar room 1
09:00-13:00	Endoscopic mitral valve repair wetlab on porcine hearts (Group 1)	seminar room 2
14:00-18:00	Endoscopic mitral valve repair wetlab on porcine hearts (Group 2)	seminar room 2
08:30-16:30	Endoscopic aortic and mitral valve simulator 90 minutes & 4-5 participants per group – available timeslots: <u>Group 1</u> : 08:30 – 10:00 <u>Group 2</u> : 13:00 – 14:30 <u>Group 3</u> : 10:30 -12:00 <u>Group 4</u> : 15:00 – 16:30	seminar room 3

REGISTRATION FEES 2025	before August 12	after August 12
DAY 1: Focus Valve Training Course	EUR 800	EUR 1.000
DAY 4: Perioperative echocardiography for surgeons	EUR 400	EUR 500
DAY 4: Simulation Training on atrial fibrillation surgery	EUR 100	EUR 100
DAY 4: Endoscopic mitral valve repair wetlab on porcine hearts	EUR 400	EUR 500
DAY 4: Endoscopic aortic and mitral valve simulator	EUR 100	EUR 100
DAY 2: Meet and Greet – Social Evening September 22, 2025, Restaurant 1809, Time: 19:30 Shuttle bus transfer included	EUR 75	EUR 75

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## REGISTRATION



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## SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

### **For Residents and Nursing Staff**

Enjoy a 50% discount on the Focus Valve Training Course and all workshops.

### **For Medical Students**

Register for just EUR 50 for the Focus Valve Training Course and/or the Wednesday Workshops.

### **Combo Discount – Simulation Trainings**

Participate in both the

[Atrial Fibrillation Surgery Simulation](#) and a

[Endoscopic Aortic & Mitral Valve Simulator session](#)

and receive a EUR 50 discount (combined price: EUR 150).

### **Team / Group Registration**

Bring your team to Focus Valve and save up to 50% on registration and workshop fees!

Here's how it works:

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2. **After registering, they will receive a team code by email.**
3. **Share the code to register up to 5 team members.**

Team Discount Breakdown:

- 2nd team member – 30% discount
- 3rd to 5th team members – 50% discount each

*Note: The team discount applies to a maximum of 5 members per team.*

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