

19TH EUMS & 11TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON MCS AND NEW TECH IN HF

MSC - CRM Multidisciplinary Approach Heart Failure - Device Therapies

Barcelona

February 15-18, 2026



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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Following a successful and inspiring meeting in Hannover, hosted by Professor Jan Schmitto and the Hannover Medical School in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic, it is with great excitement that we announce the **19th European Mechanical Circulatory Summit (EUMS) Barcelona** will now be held on **February 15-18, 2026**, in collaboration with the **Bellvitge Hospital and the International Symposium on Mechanical Circulatory Support**.

Please add this important date into your agendas!

Over the years, the EUMS has established itself as the premier platform for showcasing novel innovations, defining best practices, and fostering interdisciplinary strategies in the field of advanced heart failure. This year, we aim to build on that legacy by introducing fresh themes designed to spark meaningful discussions and debates.

This joint event will provide a strengthened platform for knowledge exchange, innovation, and discussion in the fields of mechanical circulatory support, advanced heart failure, and cardiac surgery. "By aligning with the International Symposium on Mechanical Circulatory Support, we are confident that we can deliver a more impactful and collaborative scientific meeting" said *Professor Leprince, Chair of the EUMS Organising Committee*.

The summit offers a unique opportunity for participants to network with a diverse audience, fostering collaboration among **cardiologists, intensivists, cardiac surgeons, electrophysiologists, VAD coordinators, nurses, engineers, and industry representatives**. By bringing together these two important meetings, we further our shared mission to enhance the understanding, acceptance, and use of mechanical circulatory support therapy as a vital treatment for end-stage heart failure.

We are thrilled to welcome you to Barcelona this February and look forward to your contributions to another impactful edition of the EUMS.



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

09:00 17:00	SIMULATION WORKSHOPS HOSPITAL UNIVERSITARI DE BELLVITGE
10:00 16:00	VAD COORDINATORS MEETING
16.00 18.00	VAD COORDINATORS SIMULATION WORKSHOPS
18:30 19:45	EUMS 2026 OPENING CEREMONY
19:45 20:30	EXHIBITION OPEN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

07:30 08:30	INDUSTRY SPONSORED BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM
08:30 10:30	CONTROVERSIES IN CARDIOGENIC SHOCK
10:30 11:00	BREAK
11:00 13:15	HOW TO BRIDGE A PATIENT FROM CARDIOGENIC SHOCK TO DISCHARGE
13:15 14:15	LUNCH & INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM
14:15 15:15	DEALING WITH BIVENTRICULAR FAILURE
15:15 16:45	CHALLENGES ON HOW TO START/ENERGISE AN MCS PROGRAMME IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
16:45 17:15	BREAK
17:15 18:45	LATEST ADVANCES IN ST-MCS & ADVANCED HF
20:00	EUMS 2026 CONGRESS DINNER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

07:30 08:30	INDUSTRY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM
08:30 10:30	CONTROVERSIES IN LONG-TERM LVAD
10:30 11:00	BREAK
11:00 13:00	LVAD PERI-IMPLANT MANAGEMENT
13:00 14:00	LUNCH & INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM
14:00 16:00	OUTPATIENT LVAD MANAGEMENT
16:00 16:30	BREAK
16:30 17:30	RAPID FIRE BEST ABSTRACT SESSIONS
17:30 19:00	LATEST ADVANCES IN LONG-TERM MCS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

08:30 10:45	CONTROVERSIES IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED HEART FAILURE
10:45 11:15	BREAK
11:15 12:15	NOVELTIES IN LONG- TERM LVAD
12:15 13:00	CLOSING REMARKS



09.00
17.00 

SIMULATION WORKSHOPS | Hospital Universitari de Bellvitge

Participation is limited to 6 participants per group. A supplementary registration fee of €300 (incl. VAT) is required.

Chairperson: José Carlos Sánchez Salado, Barcelona - ESP

09.00 / 10.30 Cardiogenic shock (VA-ECMO/ Impella)
2 groups : 9:00-10:30 and 10:30-12:00

12.30 / 15.30 LVAD acute post-operative management
2 groups : 12:30-14:00 and 15:30-17:00

VAD COORDINATORS MEETING

09.30
11.10 

SESSION 1 | FACTS AND CASES

Chairpersons: Katharina Homann, Hannover - GER, TBD

Overview and welcome *Katharina Homann, Hannover - GER
Florian Müller, Hamburg - GER*

Cardio Psychology *Florian Müller, Homburg - GER*

Case of Cardio Psychology *TBD*

Optimal preparation of VAD Patients for Transplantation *Alexandra Schöde, Hannover - GER*

Special VAD Case of Cardiotransplantation *Mareike Bahls, Hannover - GER*

Interactive Panel Discussion

11:10
11:40 

COFFEE BREAK

12.40
13.45 

SESSION 2 | ALL-ROUND VAD THERAPY

Chairpersons: Aileen Kajevic, Hannover - GER;

Neurodegeneration in VAD Patients *TBD*

Worst case scenarios of VAD Patients! *Shishir Kore, Manchester - GBR*

Best optimised strategies for Driveline *Amada Recio Platero, Valladolid - ESP*

Wound dresses: The spanish perspective

Echocardiography for VAD Coordinators *Juliane Dederer, Homburg - GER*

Low-dose Apixaban in LVAD Patients – The interim results of the ApixiVAD trial *Bruno Schnegg, Bern - CHE*

Who is ICACC? An Organisation for all of us *Krystina Chickerillo, Chicago - USA*

Interactive Panel Discussion

13.45 
14.45

ICCAC MEET'S YOU LUNCH

14.45 
15.45

SESSION 3 | INTERACTIVE CASES

Chairpersons: *Florian Müller, Homburg, GER; Silke Feueriegel, Hannover - GER*

Pediatrics Case

Carla Gotsens Asenjo, Barcelona - ESP

Right heart failure case

Alicia Pastor, Barcelona - ESP


Technical Case

Katie Benike, Rochester - USA

Palliative Case

Anne Marie Oppelhaar, Utrecht - NED

Interactive Panel Discussion

15:30 
16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16.00 
18.00

SIMULATION WORKSHOPS | Hospital Universitari de Bellvitge

Pre-registration required. Participation is limited to 20 participants per simulation.

Driveline dressing in LVAD

Low flow alarms in an ambulatory LVAD patient

18.30 
19.15

EUMS 2026 | OPENING CEREMONY & KEY NOTE LECTURE

Welcome Address:

José González Costello, Barcelona – ESP; Aly El Banayosy, Oklahoma – USA; Pascal Leprince, Paris – FRA; Jan Schmitto, Hannover – GER

Key note lecture


Use of DCD in heart transplantation: Challenges and success to increase the donor pool.

Steven Tsui, Cambridge – UK

19.15 

INAUGURATION OF THE EXHIBITION AREA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

06.45 
07:30

EUMS JOGGING SESSION

08.30 
10.30

CONTROVERSIES IN CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

Moderators: Daniel Ortiz, *Barcelona - ESP*; Manreet Kanwar, *Chicago - USA*

Cardiogenic shock post-AMI, percutaneous axial flow pumps are the first line:

- PRO *Jacob E. Møller, Odense - DNK;*
- CON *Petr Ostadal, Prague - CZE*

E-CPR in cardiogenic shock: Is there a golden hour ?

- PRO *Marc Pineton De Chambrun, Paris - FRA*
- CON *Aly El Banayosy, Oklahoma - USA*

Clinical Cases:

- CS post-AMI *Andreas Schäfer, Hannover - GER*
- Arrhythmic storm *Paolo Dallaglio, Barcelona - ESP*
- Septal rupture post-AMI *Charles Juvin, Paris - FRA*
- E-CPR

10.30 
11.00

COFFEE BREAK & VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION

11.00 
13.15

HOW TO BRIDGE A PATIENT FROM CS TO DISCHARGE

Moderators: Albert Ariza Solé, *Barcelona - ESP*, Pascal Leprince, *Paris - FRA*, Nir Uriel, *New York - USA*

Importance of unloading the LV in VA-ECMO and how to do it.

Short-term RV support: How to do it *Manreet Kanwar, Chicago -- USA*

Debate in a patient with chronic advanced heart failure with severe LV dysfunction and heart transplant eligible who goes in to CS:

- Short-term MCS as BTT is the way forward *Eduardo Barge, La Coruña – ESP*
- Short-term MCS as a bridge to LVAD is the way forward

Clinical Cases :

- CS with VA-ECMO and pulmonary congestion *Eduardo José Echeverry, Cali – COL*
- CS in the context of pulmonary embolism
- CS in a patient with non-ischemic cardiomyopathy and LV dysfunction
Gunes Dogan, Hannover – GER
- CS post-cardiotomy *Charles Henri David, Nantes – FRA*



INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM



DEALING WITH BIVENTRICULAR FAILURE

Moderators: Jan D.Schmitto, *Hannover – GER*; Eduardo Rame, *Phildelphia – USA*;

Bridge to heart transplant with Biventricular failure:

- Outcomes with Short-term Biventricular support
José Gonzalez Costello, Barcelona – ESP
- How do the new options of long-term biventricular support compare to the old options
Pascal Leprince, Paris – FRA

Clinical Cases :

- Short-term Biventricular support as bridge to heart transplant
Carlos Ortiz, Barcelona – ESP
- Long-term Biventricular support as a bridge to heart transplant

15.15
16.45



NOVELTIES IN LONG-TERM LVAD

Moderators: Ulrich Jorde, New York – USA;
Crespo - Leiro, A Coruna – ESP;

Marisa

LVAD and its effect on micro-circulation

Nir Uriel, New York – USA

Incorporating AI to LVAD decision/management: Advances & challenges

Marvin Slepian, Arizona – USA

MCS and blood comptability in 2025

Clinical Cases :

- Invasive ambulatory monitoring in a patient with LVAD

Chris Kapelios, Athens – GRE

- LVAD in a patient with severe peripheral arterial disease

Elena Garcia Romero, Barcelona – ESP

- Late ischemic stroke in LVAD

Lorena Herrador, Barcelona – ESP

16.45
17.15



COFFEE BREAK & VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION

17.15
18.45



INDUSTRY SESSION | LATEST ADVANCES IN ST-MCS AND ADVANCED HEART FAILURE

Moderators: Daniel Ortiz, Barcelona - ESP;

20.00



CONGRESS DINNER



06.45
07:30



EUMS JOGGING SESSION

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08.30



INDUSTRY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM

08.30
10.30



CONTROVERSIES IN LONG-TERM LVAD

Moderators: Manreet Kanwar, *Chicago* – USA; Sonia Mirabet, *Barcelona* – ESP; Albert Miralles, *Barcelona* – ESP

Use of RVAD in high risk RVs undergoing LVAD implant:

- Planned RVAD at the time of LVAD *Antonio Loforte, Turin – ITA*
- How to predict which RV is going to fly *Michael Bonios, Athens – GRE*

Use of genetic testing in non-ischemic cardiomyopathies to guide decisions on candidacy for LVAD or heart transplant: Is it ready for prime time?

Fernando De Frutos, Barcelona – ESP

Clinical Cases:

- LVAD implant with poor RV (acute management) *Lola García Cosío, Madrid – ESP*
- Non-ischemic cardiomyopathy in INTERMACS 3 *David Dobarro, Vigo – ESP*
- Pulmonary hypertension in INTERMACS 3 *Diego Rangel, Sevilla – ESP*
- Chronic right heart failure management after LVAD *Mercedes Rivas Lasarte, Barcelona – ESP*

10.30



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COFFEE BREAK & VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION

11.00



13.00

LVAD PERI-IMPLANT MANAGEMENT

Moderators: Arjang Ruhparwar, *Hannover* – GER; Ulrich Jorde, *New York* - USA; Aly El Banayosy, *Oklahoma* – USA

Patient optimization prior to LVAD implant *Guglielmo Gallone, Torino– ITA*

Debate regarding additional surgeries at the time of LVAD implant:

A: Sometimes less is better

B: Better solve everything in one surgery

Key points to get the patient through the post-operative period

Carles Díez López, Barcelona – ESP

Clinical Cases:

- Severe TR prior to LVAD implant
- Severe MR prior to LVAD implant
- LVAD post-AMI
- Ischemic stroke post-LVAD

Giulio Cacioli, Rome – ITA

Chistopher Strong, Lisbon – PRT

13.00



14.00

INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM

14.00



16.00

OUTPATIENT LVAD MANAGEMENT

Moderators: Katharina Homann, *Hannover – GER*; Fernando Riesgo, *Harefield – UK*;

- What can I do after a driveline infection in a DT patient
Alexander Bernhardt, Hamburg – GER
- Pump exchange: How to do it?
Jan D. Schmitto, Hannover – GER
- How to promote recovery in patients with LVAD?
Stavros Drakos, Salt Lake City – USA

Clinical Cases:

- Driveline infection after LVAD
Alexandra Schöde, Hannover – GER
- Thromboembolic events with LVAD
Aly El Banayosy, Oklahoma – USA
- Recovery after LVAD implant
Alba Maestro, Barcelona – ESP
- Moderate aortic insufficiency before LVAD
Sanem Nalbantgil, Izmir – TUR

16.00



16.30

COFFEE BREAK & VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION

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BEST ABSTRACT RAPID FIRE SESSION


Moderators: Aly El Banayosy, Oklahoma - USA; Daniel Ortiz, Barcelona - ESP

17.30
19.00



INDUSTRY SESSION | LATEST ADVANCES IN LONG TERM MCS

Moderators: Marvin Slepian, Arizona - USA

06.45
07:30 

EUMS JOGGING SESSION

08.30
10.45 

CONTROVERSIES IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED HF

Moderators: Jan D. Schmitto, *Hannover* – GER; Stavros Drakos, *Salt Lake City* – USA; Joseph Comin Colet, *Barcelona* – ESP

Cardiorenal syndrome in advanced heart failure (LVAD/Heart transplant):

How does it influence my decision

Marta Farrero, Barcelona – ESP

LV remodeling devices for chronic advanced HF


Ulrich Jorde, New York – USA

Severe MR and LV dysfunction :

- Percutaneous repair is the first option
- Mini-invasive mitral surgery is still the best option *Diyar Saeed, Krefeld – GER*
- LVAD is the best option *Eduardo Rame, Philadelphia– USA*

Clinical Cases:

- Severe MR and chronic LV dysfunction *Fernando Riesgo, Harefiled – UK*
- Acute MR post-AMI
- Refractory arrhythmias, biventricular failure and LVAD *Antigone Koliopoulou, Athens – GRE*
- Cardiorenal syndrome and LVAD *Eduard Ródenas, Barcelona – ESP*

10.45
11.15 

COFFEE BREAK

11.15
12.15 

CHALLENGES ON HOW TO START/ENERGIZE AN MCS PROGRAMME IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Moderators:

Pascal Leprince, *Paris* – FRA;

- USA
- France *Pierre Grégoire Guinot, Dijon – FRA*
- Colombia

- Turkey

Ali Kilic, Istanbul – TUR

- China

Dong, Wuhan – CHN

12.15



13.00

CLOSING CEREMONY AND KEY NOTE LECTURE

Closing Address :

José González Costello, *Barcelona* – ESP; Pascal Leprince, *Paris* – FRA; Aly El Banayosy, *Oklahoma* – USA Jan D. Schmitto, *Hannover* – GER

Key note lecture:

Evolution of heart failure treatment: From bench to bedside



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	Early bird registration By January 10 23:59 CET	Standard registration From January 11
PHYSICIAN	550 €	650 €
HOST COUNTRY PHYSICIAN*	350 €	400 €
NURSE TECHNICIAN*	200 €	250 €
SPECIAL (RESIDENT, STUDENT)**	150 €	200 €
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* Host country physicians, nurses and perfusionists : please upload a proof of your status. You can also send it to inscription@overcome.fr

** Students : still in a formal educational phase, justification required

The registration fees cover access to scientific sessions and the exhibition, congress materials, lunches, coffee breaks, and entry to the exhibition's opening event.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Breaks and lunches will be served in the exhibition area.

The venue for the conference dinner will be communicated soon.

ACCOMMODATION

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EXHIBITION

Our valued partners will present a diverse range of innovative products at the exhibition, offering attendees the opportunity to explore the latest advancements, cutting-edge technologies, and high-quality resources.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the event is English, and no translation services will be available.