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The 31° National Congress of the Italian Society for Cardiac Surgery will be held at the **A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel**, Via Giorgio Zoega, 59, 00164 Rome from 6 to 8 November 2026.

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The Congress Organizing Secretary and the SICCH Secretary will open half an hour before and close half an hour after the end of the scientific sessions for the entire duration of the congress.

Web Site: www.sicch.it

Trade Exhibition

The Exhibition will be held in parallel to the Congress.

Official Language

Italian and English will be the official spoken languages. Simultaneous translation will not be provided. Slides must be in English.

CME

The Italian Ministry of Health has included the Meeting in the National Program for Continuous Medical Education. Certification will be released in compliance with the Ministry of Health procedures.

Information for speakers

All Speakers are kindly requested to deliver their presentation to the Speaker Preview Area at least two hours before the session in which they are presenting. Presentations will be transferred to session rooms electronically. Speakers are reminded that the use of personal laptops is prohibited in Meeting auditoria.

REGISTRATIONS

Registration fee for participants will include:

- Admission to scientific sessions
- Admission to technical exhibition
- N. 2 Lunch boxes (Friday and Saturday)
- N. 4 Coffee breaks

BADGE

All registered participants will receive, upon registration, a badge that will allow him access to meeting rooms. The staff will control the possession.

Certificates of Participation

Certificates of participation will be issued on the morning of the last day of the congress, personally to all registered participants who request it at the Secretariat.

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Voting will take place on November 7th from 09.00 to 17.00.

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SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM


ABIOMED
**PROTECTED CARDIAC SURGERY AND BEYOND:
EXPANDING THE ROLE OF IMPELLA 5.5 IN HEART
RECOVERY**
Prof. Smach
FRIDAY, 16.30-17.30


EMERGENCY

PROGRAM AT GLANCE

DAY 1 – November 6th, 2026

10:00	WELCOME			
10:30	CHALLENGES IN MITRAL SURGERY Case-based - Giove	ABSTRACTS - AORTA Giunone 1	EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION IN THE ADULT Perfusionists - Giunone 2	
12:00	Lunch Session New Technologies #1 Giove		ECC IN PEDIATRIC PATIENTS Perfusionists - Giunone 2	
13:00	CHALLENGING CASES IN TRANSCATHETER APPROACH Arena - Giove	HOT TOPICS IN AORTIC ARCH SURGERY Giunone 1	ECMO Perfusionists - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY - DIFFICULT CHOICES Mercurio
14:30	MEETING THE LEADERS: EMILE A. BACHA			
15:00	ERAS (Joint Session with ITACTAIC) Focus- Giove	ADVANCED MANAGEMENT OF VAD COMPLICATIONS Giunone 1	ABSTRACTS - GIROC Giunone 2	CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY - LONG-TERM ISSUES Mercurio
16:30	 EMERGENCY - Giove			
17:00	MONSTER CASES Case-based - Giove	HOW TO WRITE A PAPER Focus - Giunone 1	VIDEO ABSTRACTS Giunone 2	CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY - COMPLEX SCENARIO Mercurio
18:30	HAPPY HOUR: Sponsored by 			
19:30				

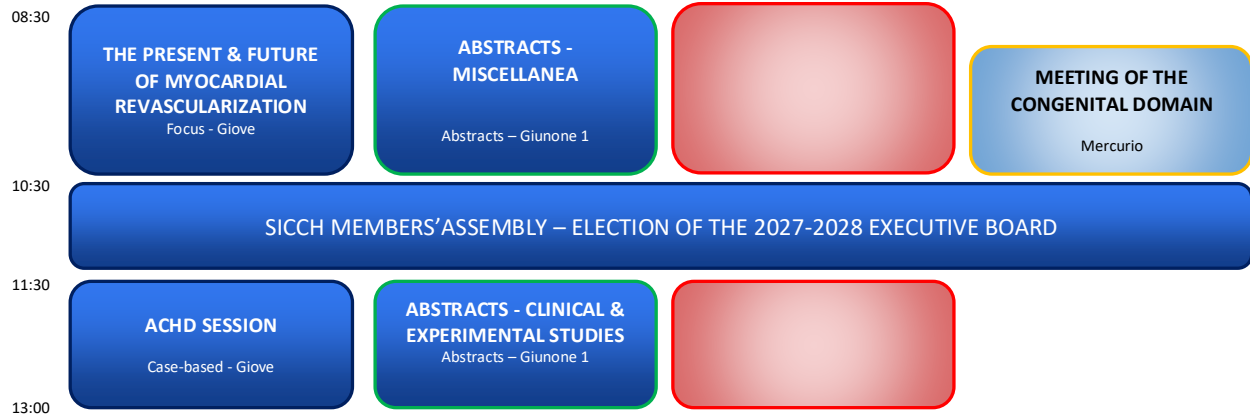
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DAY 2 – November 7th, 2026

08:00	AORTA SURGERY - HOT QUESTIONS Arena - Giove	RESIDENT'S TEACHING BOARD OF FULL PROFESSORS Giunone 1	ORGAN DONATION, TRANSPLANTATION & PERFUSION Perfusionists - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL - COMPLEX HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT Mercurio
09:30	AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT 2.0 Arena - Giove	ABSTRACTS - MITRAL&TRICUSPID Giunone 1	WORKING AS A TEAM: BOUNDARIES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY Perfusionists - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY - ABSTRACTS Mercurio
11:00	GUEST LECTURE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS - SICCH AWARDS - DATABASE Giove			
13:00	LUNCH SESSION: sponsored by Giove 			
14:00	HEART FAILURE Joint Session ANMCO-SIAARTI-SITO-SICCH Focus - Giove	AIDOCCH - VALVULAR HEART DISEASE IN WOMEN Giunone 1	NURSING EXPERTISE AND INNOVATION IN CARDIAC SURGERY Nursing - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL - REAL INNOVATIONS Mercurio
15:30		THE OUTBREAK OF ENDOCARDITIS Giunone 1	CLINICAL PATHWAY & MULTIDISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT Nursing - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY - ABSTRACTS Mercurio
17:00	UPDATES ON VHD GUIDELINES Focus - Giove	NEW TECHNOLOGIES Giunone 1	EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING Nursing - Giunone 2	CONGENITAL – ROUND TABLE ACHD Mercurio
18:30	HAPPY HOUR: sponsored by Giove  Edwards			
19:30				

PROGRAM AT GLANCE

DAY 3 – November 8th, 2026





SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 1

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

WELCOME TO SICCH 2026

ROOM: GIOVE

10.00-10.30

MODERATORS: Michele Pilato, Palermo. Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Fabio Barili, Milano.

Vladimiro Vida, Padova. Domenico Paparella, Foggia.

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CHALLENGES IN MITRAL VALVE SURGERY

ROOM: GIOVE

10.30-12.00

MODERATOR: **Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Giuseppe Speziale, Bari.**

ROUND TABLE MEMBERS: **Marco Di Eusanio, Ancona. Francesco Patanè, Messina. Marco Solinas, Massa. Lucia Torracca, Milano. Amedeo Anselmi, Rennes.**

1. Re-repairing the mitral valve: when and how.

10.30-10.40 | Clinical case. **Stefano Salizzoni, Torino.**

10.40-10.50 | Discussion with Audience

2. MAC during mitral valve surgery: how to deal with it.

10.50-11.00 | Clinical case. **Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze.**

11.00-11.10 | Discussion with Audience

3. Functional mitral regurgitation. Still space for surgery?

11.10-11.20 | Clinical case. **Khalil Fattouch, Palermo.**

11.20-11.30 | Discussion with Audience

4. MV repair for endocarditis.

11.30-11.40 | Clinical case. **Giandomenico Cresce, Vicenza.**

11.40-11.45 | Discussion with Audience

11.45-12.00 | The Edwards Mitris RESILIA Valve: Current Evidence and Early Italian Experience. Igor Vendramin, Udine.

SPONSOR SPEECH by EDWARDS LIFESCIENCE

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ABSTRACTS: AORTA

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

10.30-12.00

MODERATORS: Giovanni Marchetto, Monza. Germano Di Credico, Legnano.

PANELISTS: Edoardo Zancanaro, Milano. Fabrizio Ceresa, Messina.

4-minute presentation + 2-minute discussion

- **10:30-10:36** | Giuseppe Imperatore (Pisa). *Prognostic Impact of Cerebral Malperfusion in Acute Type A Aortic Dissection Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*
- **10:36-10:42** | Giulia Ballan (Treviso). *Surgical Reintervention After Aortic Valve Procedures: Past or Future?*
- **10:42-10:48** | Gregorio Gliozzi (Udine). *Aortic Remodeling After Arch Repair for Type A Acute Aortic Dissection: Conventional Elephant Trunk versus Frozen Elephant Trunk*
- **10:48-10:54** | Paola Abbà (Torino). *Aortic Valve Repair with Geometric Internal Ring: Preliminary Single-Centre Experience*
- **10:54-11:00** | Antonio Pio Montella (Castel Volturno). *A Modified Frozen Elephant Trunk Technique for Treating Acute and Chronic Aortic Arch Disease: A 200-Patient Experience*
- **11:00-11:06** | Valentina Lombardi (Roma). *Early Outcomes of the Bentall Procedure Using the KONECT RESILIA Aortic Valved Conduit: A National Multicenter Registry Study*
- **11:06-11:12** | Michele Dell'Aquila (Roma). *Early Outcomes of Thoracic Branched Endovascular Repair*
- **11:12-11:18** | Gessica Cutrone (Legnano). *Redefining the Landing Zone: Mid-Term Outcomes of Zone 2 AMDS Implantation in Acute Type A Aortic Dissection*
- **11:18-11:24** | Kevin Martini (Verona). *Safety and Effectiveness of a Modified Perfusion Strategy for Debranching First in Frozen Elephant Trunk Operation*
- **11:24-11:30** | Silvia Snaidero (Bologna). *Distal Aortic Remodeling and Modifiable Predictors After Frozen Elephant Trunk in Acute Type A Dissection*
- **11:30-11:36** | Iorgos Paduvakis (Teramo). *Aortic Arch Treatment Strategies: Early and Long-Term Outcomes from a Single-Centre Experience*

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- **11:36-11:42** | Antonino Mazzara (Udine). *FROZEN ELEPHANT TRUNK TECHNIQUE FOR ACUTE AND CHRONIC AORTIC DISEASE: SINGLE-CENTRE EXPERIENCE*
- **11:42-11:48** | Santiago Gabriel Gutierrez Herrera (Genova). *Impact of Extensive Surgery for Acute Type A Aortic Dissection: A Single Center Study*
- **11:48-11:54** | Chiara Sciacca (Pavia). *Two-stages Sternotomy in the Setting of Complex Redo Aortic Surgical Procedures: Simplify the Complex*
- **11:54-12:00** | Mariateresa Denora (Verona). *When TEVAR is not the Endgame: Frozen Elephant Trunk Procedure as Surgical Conversion for Late Endovascular Failure in Complex Aortic Disease. A Cases-based Narrative Review*

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PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION IN THE ADULT PATIENT.

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

10.30-12.00

MODERATORS: Antonella Degani, Pavia. TBD

10.30-10.45 | Minimally-invasive cardiac surgery. **Carlo Zingaro, Ancona.**

10.45-11.00 | Ergonomics in minimally invasive extracorporeal circulation. **Francesca Mazzocca, Ancona.**

11.00-11.15 | Tailoring extracorporeal circulation. **Enrico Squicciarro, Foggia.**

11.15-11.30 | Multiorgan protection in aortic surgery. **TBD**

11.30-12.00 | Discussion.

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LUNCH SESSION. ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGIES.

ROOM: GIOVE

12.00-13.00

MODERATORS: **Piersilvio Gerometta, Bergamo. Giorgia Bonalumi, Milano.**

12.00 – 12.20 | Percutaneous Right Ventricular Mechanical Support Using a Bicaval Dual-Lumen Cannula: Indications, Implantation Technique, and Intraoperative Echocardiographic Guidance. Demetrio Pittarello, Padova.

SPONSOR SPEECH by LIVANOVA.

12.20 – 13.00 | **APTIVA MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM**

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**PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION IN
PEDIATRIC PATIENTS**

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

12.00-13.00

MODERATOR: Federica Zanzico, Bologna. Gianluigi Perri, Roma.

12.00-12.15 | Online Monitoring and Perfusion Parameters During Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Bypass. **TBD**

12.15-12.30 | Neuromonitoring During Aortic Arch Surgery. **Francesca D'Elia, Roma.**

12.30-12.45 | Pediatric Bilateral Lung Transplantation. **Davide Ghitti, Bergamo.**

12.45-13.00 | Discussion.

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CHALLENGING CASES IN TRANSCATHETER APPROACH

ROOM: GIOVE

13.00-14.30

13.00-13.10 | Introduction. A surgeon-only trans-catheter program for structural valve disease. **Filippo Capestro, Ancona.**

THE AORTIC VALVE: BEYOND TAVI

Moderator: **Francesco Pollari, Erlangen.**

Speaker: **Marialisa Nesta, Roma.**

13:10–13:15 | Scenarios.

Case 1. The asymmetric bicuspid valve.

Case 2. Pure aortic regurgitation.

Case 3. Failed surgical bioprosthesis.

13:15–13:30 | Discussion. Experts **Panel: Emmanuel Villa, Brescia. Edoardo Zingarelli, Torino. Marco Moscarelli, Palermo. Guido Gelpi, Milano. Stefano Salizzoni, Torino. Filippo Capestro, Ancona.**

M-TEER: CLIP OR SKIP? The anatomy drives: who is an ideal candidate and who should go to surgery?

Moderator: **Francesco Maisano, Milano.**

Speaker: **Matteo Saccocci, Brescia.**

13:30–13:35 | Scenarios.

Case 1. The perfect clip.

Case 2. The nightmare anatomy.

Case 3. Secondary MR.

13:35–13:50 | Discussion. Experts Panel: **Paola Spatuzza, San Giovanni Rotondo. Emmanuel Villa, Brescia.**

THE TRICUSPID REVOLUTION

Moderator: **Antonio Cammardella, Roma.**

Speaker: **Marco Russo, Roma.**

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13:50–13:55 | Scenarios.

13:55–14:10 | Discussion. Experts Panel: **Antonio Cammardella, Roma. Mauro Cassese, San Giovanni Rotondo. Nicola Buzzati, Milano.**

14:10–14:30 | Live-in a-Box. M-TEER in advanced heart failure. Gianpaolo Luzi, Roma
SPONSOR SPEECH by ABBOTT

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HOT TOPICS IN AORTIC ARCH SURGERY: TAILORING THE STRATEGY TO THE PATIENT.

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

13.00-14.30

MODERATORS: **Pasquale Mastroberto, Catanzaro. Marcello Bergonzini, Perugia. Massimo Chello, Roma**

PANELISTS: **Fabrizio Settepani, Milano. Guido Gelpi, Milano.**

13:00 - 13:10 | Redo Aortic Arch Surgery: Technical Challenges and Risk Reduction. **Carlo De Vincentiis, S. Donato M.se.**

13:10 - 13:20 | Managing Mega Aorta Syndrome: Surgical Strategy for Extensive Aortic Disease. **Andrea Agostinelli, Parma.**

13:20 - 13:30 | The Elderly and High-Risk Patient: Open, Hybrid or Endovascular? **Augusto D'Onofrio, Roma.**

13:30 - 13:40 | Where Should We Stop? Choosing the Optimal Distal Anastomotic Zone. **Alessandro Leone, Bologna.**

13:40 - 13:50 | How Cold Is Cold Enough? Temperature Management During Arch Surgery. **Piergiorgio Malvindi, Ancona.**

13:50 - 14:00 | Arch Surgery in Marfan Syndrome: Lifetime Strategy Rather Than Single Operation? **Luca Di Marco, Bologna.**

14:00 - 14:30 | Discussion.

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PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXIGENATION

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

13.00-14.30

MODERATORS: Rita Di Fraia, Napoli. Antonio Loforte, Torino.

13:00-13:20 | Safe Transport of Patients Receiving ECMO Support. **Matteo Di Nardo, Roma.**

13:20-13:40 | ECMO Support in Inferior Vena Cava Thrombus Removal. **Andrea Grottola, Roma.**

13:40-14:00 | ECMO Support During Neurosurgical Procedures. **Roberto Miceli, Siena.**

14:00-14:30 | Discussion.

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CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: DIFFICULT CHOICES

ROOM: MERCURIO

13.00-14.30

MODERATORS: Emanuela Angeli, Bologna. Vladimiro Vida, Padova.

13:00–13:15 | Mitral Valve Treatment in ALCAPA: Is the Risk Worth the Benefit? **Lorenzo Galletti, Roma.**

13:15 – 13:30 | Pulmonary Atresia Without VSD: Balancing Surgical Radicality and Long-Term Prudence. **Stiljan Hoxha, Verona.**

13.30 – 13:45 | Advanced Imaging Approaches for the Assessment of Complex Coronary Artery Anomalies. **Mauro Lo Rito, San Donato Milanese.**

13:45 – 14:15 | Outcome Assessment in Complex Congenital Heart Disease: The Role of a Multidisciplinary Clinical Approach in Italy. **Marta Agulli, Bologna.**

14:00 – 14:30 | Discussion.

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MEETING THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERS: EMILE A. BACHA

ROOM: GIOVE

14.30-15.00

MODERATORS: Michele Pilato, Palermo, Lorenzo Galletti, Roma. Vladimiro Vida, Padova.

SPEAKER: Emile A. Bacha (NY)

14.30–15:00 | Decision-Making in Congenital Heart Surgery: Balancing Innovation, Timing and Outcomes.

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ENHANCED RECOVERY AFTER SURGERY, THE ITALIAN PROJECT

(Joint Session with ITACTAIC)

ROOM: GIOVE

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: **Gianluca Paternoster, Potenza. Michele Pilato, Palermo.**

ERAS TASKFORCE: **Giorgia Bonalumi, Milano. Giuseppe Punta, Torino. Antonio Capo, Cuneo. Matteo Parrinello, Bergamo. Pier Giorgio Malvindi, Ancona.**

15:00 - 15:10 | Aims of the Session. Paradigm Change in Perioperative Care: Socio-Cultural and Organizational Transition from Clinical Fragmentation to Integrated Multidisciplinary Care. **Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze.**

15:10 - 15:20 | Preoperative Optimization and Active Patient Prehabilitation. **Luca Paolo Weltert, Cosenza.**

15:20 - 15:30 | Intraoperative Strategies – Organ Protection and Barrier Interventions. **Marco Ranucci, San Donato M.se.**

15:30 - 15:40 | Postoperative Management: Enhanced Recovery and Complication Mitigation. **Simona Silvetti, Genova.**

15:40 - 16:00 | Round Table and Panel Discussion. Focus: Overcoming barriers to ERAS protocol implementation: addressing clinical inertia, cultural resistance, and balancing initial investment costs with overall healthcare system savings.

16:00 - 16:10 | Official Presentation and Approval of the Joint Consensus Document: Italian ERAS Guidelines in Cardiac Surgery – Italy. **Luca Paolo Weltert, Cosenza. Simona Silvetti, Genova.**

16:10 - 16:30 | SPONSOR SPEECH: MEDTRONIC

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BEYOND SUPPORT: ADVANCED MANAGEMENT OF VAD COMPLICATIONS

ROOM: GIOVE

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: **Sofia Martin-Suarez, Bologna. Sandro Sponga, Siena.**

PANELISTS: **Claudio Marra, Napoli. Attilio Iacovoni, Bergamo.**

15.00-15.15 | Management of aortic valve disease. **Luca Botta, Bologna.**

15.15-15.30 | Assessment, Optimization and Right Ventricular Support. **Gianpaolo Luzi, Roma.**

15.30-15.45 | Outpatient Management of Hemodynamic Complications. **Guglielmo Gallone, Torino.**

15.45-16.00 | Management of VAD-Related Infections. **Sergio Sciacca, Palermo.**

16.00-16.15 | Management of Coagulation in Complex Clinical Scenarios. **Elisabetta Auci, Udine.**

16.00-16.15 | Weaning: Reality or Myth? **Antonio Loforte, Torino.**

16.15-16.30 | Discussion.

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GIROC – BEST ABTRACTS PRESENTATION

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: Luca Di Marco, Bologna. Francesco Pollari, Erlangen.

PANELISTS: Veronica D'Oria, Napoli. TBD

6-minute presentation + 4-minute discussion

- 15:00-15:10 | Carlotta Brega (Cotignola). *Cath Lab Complications and Cardiac Surgery: A Multicenter GIROC Experience*
- 15:10-15:20 | Antonio Salsano (Genoa). *Mechanical Versus Biological Mitral Valve Replacement for Endocarditis in Adults Aged 40 to 70 Years: Data from the INFECT Registry*
- 15:20-15:30 | Giuseppe Fischetti (Bari). *Back-Table Mitral Valve Replacement Before Heart Transplantation: Expanding the Donor Pool Through Ex Vivo Valve Surgery*
- 15:30-15:40 | Alessio D'Amato (Padova). *VA-ECMO as a Bridge-to-Decision Strategy in Cardiogenic Shock: A 7-Year Single-Center Experience*
- 15:40-15:50 | Sara Febbraio (Napoli). *Sex Disparities and Morphometric Thresholds in Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection: A Stratified Meta-analysis of 76,142 Patients*
- 15:50-16:00 | Giuseppe Imperatore (Pisa). *Long-Term Valve-Related Events and Reintervention Dynamics After the Ross Procedure Versus Valve-Sparing Root Replacement in Young Adults with Severe Aortic Regurgitation*
- 16:00-16:10 | Antonio Loforte (Torino). *Long-Term Outcomes of Contemporary Durable LVAD Support in Younger Patients: A EUROMACS Analysis*
- 16:10-16:20 | Marco Coli (Roma). *Beyond Single-Vessel Disease: 4-Year Survival and Early Outcomes of Robotic-Assisted LIMA-to-LAD MIDCAB*

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CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: LONG-TERM ISSUES

ROOM: **MERCURIO**

15.00-16.30

MODERATORS: **Gabriele Scalzo, Bari. Mauro Lo Rito, San Donato Milanese.**

15:00 – 15:15 | Atrioventricular Valve Disease in Atrioventricular Septal Defect: What Are the Options When Repair Is Not Enough? **Stefano Marianeschi, Milano.**

15:15–15:30 | Aortic Valve Repair in Pediatric Patients: Durable Results or a Bridge to Reintervention? **Carlo Pace Napoleone, Torino.**

15:30–15:45 | Neo-Aortic Dilatation After Arterial Switch: When to Intervene and Which Strategy to Choose? **Guido Michielon, Genova.**

15:45-16:00 | Late-Presenting Congenital Heart Disease in Africa: Challenges and Surgical Strategies. **Darshan Reddy, Durban (South Africa).**

16:00–16:15 | Late Aortic Arch Obstruction After Congenital Heart Surgery: Catheter Intervention or Surgical Reintervention? **Roberto Formigari, Genova.**

16:15–16:30 | Discussion.

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EXIBITION AREA – POSTER CORNER

ROOM: EXIBITION AREA

16.30-17.00

DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

MONSTER CASES

ROOM: GIOVE

17.00-18.30

MODERATOR: **Francesco Onorati, Trento. TBD**

ROUND TABLE: **Francesco Santini, Genova. Domenico Mangino, Mestre. Stefano Pelenghi, Pavia. Andrea Garatti, Milano. Loris Salvador, Vicenza.**

17:00 - 17:10 | Mega aortic syndrome in chronic type B aortic dissection: FET with a customized hybrid device for a multi-stage personalized solution. **Andrea Agostinelli, Parma.**

17:10 - 17:15 | Discussion.

17:15 - 17:25 | Reversed Thoraflex Hybrid Graft for REDO thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysm. **Igor Vendramin, Udine.**

17:25 - 17:30 | Discussion.

17:30 - 17:40 | FET takedown with or without left thoracotomy: two paradigmatic cases. **Stefano Benussi, Brescia.**

17:40 - 17:45 | Discussion.

17:45 - 17:55 | Complex re-redo Surgery in Marfan patient with bilateral coronary button and aortic arch aneurysms associated with severe mitral regurgitation. When re-entry becomes the Challenge. **Costanza Fiaschini, Bologna.**

17:55 - 18:00 | Discussion.

18:00 - 18:10 | To transplant or not to transplant. **Antonio Spitaleri, Torino.**

18:10 - 18:15 | Discussion.

18:15 – 18.30 | Final remarks

DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

Focus | HOW TO WRITE A PAPER (SICCH YOUNG & GIROC)

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: Vittoria Lodo, Torino. Francesco Pollari, Erlangen. Gianpiero Buttiglione, Teramo. Antonio Nenna, Milano.

17:00-17:10 | Introduction and Objectives of the Session.

17:10-17:20 | How to Write the Introduction Section of a Scientific Manuscript. **Giuseppe Santarpino, Lecce.**

17:20-17:30 | Writing the Methods Section: Study Design and Methodology. **Ilaria Franzese, Verona.**

17:30-17:40 | Writing the Statistical Methods Section. **Ilaria Giambuzzi, Monza.**

17:40-17:50 | Presenting and Reporting Results Effectively. **Antonio Salsano, Genova.**

17:50-18:00 | Crafting a Strong Discussion Section. **Tea Lena, Padova.**

18:00-18:30 | How to Address Peer-Review Comments: Interactive Round Table.

DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

VIDEO ABTRACTS PRESENTATION

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: **Giuseppe Nasso, Bari. Andrea Audo, Alessandria.**

PANELISTS: **Andrea Montalto, Caserta. Emad Al Jaber, Milano.**

6-minute presentation + 3-minute discussion

- 17:00-17:09 | Paolo Ballestracci (Firenze). *Minimally Invasive Type A Aortic Dissection Repair: Aortic Valve Resuspension with Neomedia Creation and the Ascyrus Medical Dissection Stent*
- 17:09-17:18 | Raphael Caraffa (Venezia). *Endoscopic Radial Artery Harvesting with the EndoPerfect EP-002 System: a CO₂-Free Mechanical Working Space*
- 17:18-17:27 | Antonio Lio (Roma). *Endoscopic Microinvasive AVR with Automated Suturing Technology: Right Choice to Start an Endoscopic Program?*
- 17:27-17:36 | Francesca Mazzone (Roma). *Anterior Leaflet Neochordal Anchoring to Correct Post-Mitral Valve Repair Systolic Anterior Motion*
- 17:36-17:45 | Antonio Spitaleri (Torino). *Aortic Regurgitation in a 10-Year Uneventful LVAD Recipient Successfully Treated with JenaValve Trilogy*
- 17:45-17:54 | Maurizio Pin (Cotignola). *Circular Soft Tissue Retractor-Assisted Atraumatic Exposure of the Axillary Artery for Peripheral Cannulation: A Technical Note*
- 17:54-18:03 | Barbara Parrella (Torino). *An Unexpected Safari: When TAVI Meets the Mitral Valve - Surgical Rescue by Minimally Invasive Approach*
- 18:03-18:12 | Chiara Nocera (Bologna). *Reoperation in a Patient with Extreme Atrial Dilation and Failure of Previous Mitral Repair with Ring Detachment*
- 18:12-18:21 | Dario Brenna (Brescia). *Cardiac Surgery after TAVI*
- 18:21-18:30 | Kevin Martini (Verona). *TEVAR in Pseudoaneurysm of the Thoracic Aorta after Surgical Correction of the Aortic Coarctation*

DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: COMPLEX SCENARIOS

ROOM: MERCURIO

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: Gianluigi Perri, Roma. Davide Calvaruso, Palermo.

17:00 – 17:15 | Case 1: A Case of Critical Aortic Valve Stenosis: When to Operate Immediately and When to Choose Initial Stabilization. **Gianluca Brancaccio, Roma.**

17:15 – 17:30 | Case 2: A Case of Aortic Coarctation with Borderline Aortic Arch Hypoplasia: How Much Does the Initial Surgical Decision Influence the Patient's Long-Term Course? **Stiljan Hoxha, Verona.**

17:30 – 17:45 | Case 3: A Heart Transplant Case in a Patient with Congenital Heart Disease: How Should Transplant Eligibility Be Assessed When Indications Are Borderline? **Lucio Careddu, Bologna.**

17:45 – 18:00 | Case 4: A Case of Pulmonary Atresia with Intact Ventricular Septum: Which Factors Truly Drive Therapeutic Decision-Making? **Gaia Viganò, Massa.**

18:00 – 18:15 | Case 5: A Case of Difficult Decision-Making: The Boundaries of Surgery When Appropriateness and Ethical Considerations Limit Treatment. **Francesco Arlati, Milano.**

18:15 – 18:30 | Discussion.

DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

**15 YEARS OF THORAFLEX™ HYBRID: INNOVATION THAT CONTINUES TO
SHAPE AORTIC SURGERY
SYMPOSIUM BY TERUMO AORTIC**

ROOM: **GIOVE**

18.30-19.30

MODERATORS: **Davide Pacini, Bologna. Marco Di Eusanio, Ancona. Igor Vendramin, Udine.**

Fifteen Years of Trust: Clinical Outcomes and Long-Term Reliability of Thoraflex™ Hybrid in Frozen Elephant Trunk Repair. **Prof. Davide Pacini, Bologna.**

The Evolution of Thoraflex™ Hybrid: Expanding Solutions for Complex Aortic Surgery. **Prof Marco Di Eusanio, Ancona.**

Thoraflex™ Hybrid in Aortic Arch Surgery : From Clinical Evidence to the Italian Ita-ThoR Registry. **Prof Igor Vendramin, Udine.**

DAY 2 - NOVEMBER 6th, 2026

DAY 2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2026

AORTA SURGERY: HOT QUESTIONS

ROOM: GIOVE

8.00-09.30

MODERATORS: Davide Pacini, Bologna. Marco Di Eusanio, Ancona.

PANELISTS: Filippo Santarelli, Teramo. Emanuele Pilato, Napoli.

8:00 - 8:10 | Recent advancements in surgery for aortic dissection type A: how to tackle malperfusion at presentation. **Augusto D'Onofrio, Roma.**

8:10 - 8:20 | Aortic arch surgery today: expanding the concept of lifetime management into aortic surgery. **Luca Di Marco, Bologna.**

8:20 - 8:30 | Left Subclavian Artery Management Strategies in Aortic Arch Hybrid Treatment. **Alessandro Della Corte, Napoli.**

8:30 – 8:40 | The Ross Operation option in redo aortic root surgery. **Domenico Paparella, Foggia.**

8:40 - 8:50 | The EACTS Expert Consensus Document on aortic valve repair and valve-sparing aortic root replacement procedures. **Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.**

8:50 - 9:00 | Round Table and Panel Discussion. Focus: How much evidence data we have and how much more we need in the field of proximal aorta surgery (root, ascending, arch)?

9:00 - 9:15 | Aortic root replacement in complex cases. Davide Pacini, Bologna.

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9:15 - 9:30 | Aortic valve repair: the Haart experience. Mauro Rinaldi, Torino.

SPONSOR SPEECH by CORCYM

HOW IS A CARDIAC SURGEON TRAINED IN THE MODERN ERA? CURRENT STATE OF THE ART AND FUTURE PROPOSALS

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

08.00-09.30

MODERATORS: Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze. Alessandro Parolari, Milano. Giovanni Battista Luciani, Verona.

08:00-08:10 | Introduction. **Prof. Massimo Miscusi & Prof. Marisa De Feo**

08:10-08:20 | The History of Specialistic Training in Cardiac Surgery in Italy. **Claudio Muneretto, Brescia.**

08:20-08:30. New Proposals for Changes to Minimum Standards and Requirements. **Fabio Miraldi, Roma.**

08:30-08:40 | Does Gender Inequality Still Exist in Specialist Training in Cardiac Surgery? **Marisa De Feo, Napoli.**

08:40-08:50 | What Are the Differences Between Cardiac Surgery Training in Italy and in Other Countries? **Chiara Nocera, Bologna.**

08:50-09:30 | **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Moderators: Massimo Miscusi, Gino Gerosa, Davide Pacini, Francesco Santini, Ruggero De Paulis, Pasquale Mastroroberto

Discussants: Umberto Benedetto, Massimo Chello, Andrea D'Armini, Marco Di Eusanio, Khalil Fattouch, Gabriele Di Gianmarco, Ernesto Greco, Francesco Maisano, Massimo Massetti, Giovanni Melina, Francesco Nicolini, Francesco Onorati, Emanuele Pilato, Domenico Paparella, Calogera Pisano, Gianluca Polvani, Vincenzo Tarzia, M. Torella, Igor Vendramin, Vladimiro Vida.

Residents from Italian Cardiac Surgery Training Schools

(Interactive discussion between faculty members and attending residents)

Luca Savino, Chiara Nocera, Anna Segala, Antonietta La Montagna, Valentina Scalzo, Rudi Panzera, Paolo Ballestracci, Claudia Forte, Nour Maryam Shoberi, Francesco Porcedda, Raffaele Esposito, Concetta Calanni Macchio, Marika Stevan, Alberto Campailla, Eraldo Kushta, Chiara Manifesta, Simone D'Alessio, Simone Amicizia, Rebecca De Luca, Chiara Ferrisi, Giulia Agostini, Stefano Copetti, Francesco Ezech, Fabiola Perrone.

PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – ORGAN DONATION, TRANSPLANTATION AND PERFUSION

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

08.00-09.30

MODERATORS: Sandro Nalon, Udine. Luca Botta, Bologna.

8:00 - 8:15 | Bilateral Lung Transplantation. Veronica Maturi, Bologna.

8:15 - 8:30 | Liver Perfusion. Sara Semplice, Pisa.

8:30 - 8:45 | Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) and Organ Perfusion. Velia Marta Antonini, Padova.

8:45 – 9:00 | Donation After Circulatory Death with Cardiac Procurement Using ECMO: Technical and Organizational Management and the Role of the Perfusionist. Federica Zanzico, Bologna.

9:00 - 9:30 | Round Table and Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: COMPLEX HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT

ROOM: MERCURIO

08.00-09.30

MODERATORS: **Guido Michielon, Genova. Gianluca Brancaccio, Roma.**

8:00–8:15 | Heart Failure in the Systemic Right Ventricle: When Should Surgery Be Performed Before Irreversible Decline Occurs? **Carlo Pace Napoleone, Torino.**

8:15–8:30 | Ebstein’s Anomaly: When the Right Ventricle Influences Left Ventricular Function. **Alessandro Giamberti, San Donato M.se.**

8:30–8:45 | Left Ventricular Dysfunction in Pediatric Myocarditis: Early Recognition and Surgical Implications. **Francesco Seddio, Bergamo.**

8:45–09:00 | Fontan Circulation: The Fragile Balance Between Compensation and Progressive End-Organ Damage. **Gabriele Egidy Assenza, Bologna.**

9:00–9:15 | Mechanical Circulatory Support in the Fontan Circulation: Indications, Strategies, and Limitations. **Sergio Filippelli, Napoli.**

9:15–09:30 | Discussion.

AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT 2.0: FROM A LIFESAVING PROCEDURE TO LIFE INSURANCE

ROOM: GIOVE

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: Francesco Nicolini, Parma. Giovanni Melina, Roma. Salvatore Lentini, Catania.

PANELISTS: Calogera Pisano, Palermo. Giovanni Casali, Novara. Antonino Rubino, Catania.

9.30 – 9.40 | Aortic valve replacement for patients below 65 year-old: mechanical or biological substitutes. **Giuseppe Filiberto Serraino, Catanzaro.**

9.40 – 9.50 | Replacement without Prosthesis: long term results of the Ozaki technique. **Alberto Albertini, Reggio Emilia.**

9.50 – 10.00 | AVR with stented prostheses through ministernotomy: how we do it. **Filippo Rapetto, Genova.**

10.00 – 10.10 | AVR with sutureless through right mini-thoracotomy: how we do it. **Antonio Miceli, Milano.**

10.10 – 10.20 | Trans-axillary AVR with rapid-deployment prostheses. **Carlo Zingaro, Ancona.**

10.20 – 10.30 | The crusade against patient prosthesis mismatch: Traditional techniques of aortic annular enlargement: Nicks, Nunez, Manouguian, or Konno? **Fabio Miraldi, Roma.**

10.30 – 10.45 | The crusade against patient prosthesis mismatch: Modern techniques of aortic annular enlargement: Yang technique and beyond. **Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.**

10.40 – 10.45 | Discussion.

**10.45 – 11.00 | Rapid deployment valve: who and when. Gianpaolo Luzi, Roma. SPONSOR
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ABSTRACTS: MITRAL&TRICUSPID

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: **Carlo Savini, Cotignola. Francesco Formica, Lecce.**

PANELISTS: **Gabriele Giunti, Potenza. Vinicio Fiorani, Modena.**

4-minute presentation + 2-minute discussion

- 09:30-09:36 | Valentina Grazioli (Vicenza). *Freedom from Reoperation After Totally Endoscopic Mitral Valve Repair for Degenerative Disease in a High-Repair-Rate Program*
- 09:36-09:42 | Diletta Corrado (Roma). *Heterotopic Caval Valve Implantation for Severe Tricuspid Regurgitation: Outcomes, Patient Selection and Futility*
- 09:42-09:48 | Salvatore Nicolardi (Lecce). *Mitral Valve Surgery Through the Transaxillary Minithoracotomy Approach: Ten Years Single-Center Experience*
- 09:48-09:54 | Francesco Atzeni (Lecce). *Minimally Invasive Valve Surgery Through Right Transaxillary Thoracotomy in Obese Patients*
- 09:54-10:00 | Rosanna Gambardella (Vicenza). *Risk Stratification of Obese Patients Undergoing Totally Endoscopic Mitral Valve Surgery*
- 10:00-10:06 | Vito Domenico Bruno (Milano). *Double-Lung Ventilation for Thoracoscopic Mitral Valve Surgery*
- 10:06-10:12 | Francesco Atzeni (Lecce). *Early and 10-Year Late Outcome of Elderly Patients Undergoing Surgery for Infective Endocarditis*
- 10:12-10:18 | Francesco Atzeni (Lecce). *Sex-Difference in Surgically Treated Left-Side Infective Endocarditis*
- 10:18-10:24 | Kevin Martini (Verona). *Resect versus Respect Mitral Valve Surgery: A Fluid Dynamics Comparison*
- 10:24-10:30 | Francesca Panvini (Torino). *Learning Curve and Durability of Transventricular Off-Pump Mitral Valve Repair*
- 10:30-10:36 | Andrea Lorini (Brescia). *Surgical Treatment of Invasive Infective Endocarditis Involving the Mitro-Aortic Intervalvular Fibrosa*

- 10:36-10:42 | Gianmaria Citro (Milano). *Long-Term Outcomes of Ring or Suture-Based Annuloplasty for Tricuspid Regurgitation: A Meta-analysis*

PERFUSIONISTS' CHAPTER – WORKING AS A TEAM: BOUNDARIES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: **Debora Castellani, Siena. Andrea Battisti, Roma. Michele Pilato, Palermo.**

9.30 – 9.50 | Extracorporeal Circulation and Best Practices. **Silvia Boschi, Trento.**

9.50 – 10.10 | Clinical Risk and Cardiocirculatory Pathophysiology Technique. **TBD**

10.10 – 10.30 | Professional Responsibility and the Multidisciplinary Approach. **Avv. Carlo Piccioli**

10.30 – 11.00 | Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: ABSTRACTS

ROOM: MERCURIO

09.30-11.00

MODERATORS: **Alvise Guariento, Padova. Francesco Arlati, Milano.**

10:30–10:40 – Laura Rizzo (Padova): Interaction Between Mechanism of Mitral Valve Disease and Body Weight in Pediatric Mitral Valve Surgery: An ECHSA Congenital Database Study

10:40–10:50 – Marco Parolo (Verona): Single-Center Experience in The Management of Anomalous Aortic Origin of Coronary Arteries (AAOCA)

10:50–11:00 – Marianna Berardi (Bologna): Preserving the Native Aortic Valve in the Young: How Durable Is Surgical Repair?

11:00-11:10 – Gianluigi Perri (Roma): Early and Long-Term Outcomes of Arterial Switch Operation in Neonates ≤ 2.5 Kg: A 25-Year Single-Center Experience

11:11-11:20 – Fabiola Perrone (Verona): Del Nido Cardioplegia in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery: Comparison with Custodiol Solution in a Single Center Experience

11:20–11:30 – Guido Michielon (Genova): Early Results of the Ross-PEARS Procedure in Italy

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

ROOM: GIOVE

11.00-13.00

MODERATORS: Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Fabio Barili, Milano. Vladimiro Vida, Padova, Domenico Paparella, Foggia.

11:00–11:30 | GUEST LECTURE. Vinay Badhwar, US.

11:30–11:50 | GUEST LECTURE. Lorenzo Galletti, Roma.

11:50–12:20 | PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. Michele Pilato, Palermo.

12:20-12:30 | SICCH AWARDS.

12:30-13:00 | DATASICCH. The new National database of SICCH. Giovanni Baglio, Roma. Fabio Barili, Milano. Domenico Paparella, Foggia.

ERAS IN CARDIAC SURGERY: EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE SURGICAL OUTCOMES

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ROOM: GIOVE

13.00-14.00

MODERATORS: Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze. Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Simona Silvetti, Genova. Fabio Barili, Milano. Luca Paolo Weltert, Cosenza. Laura Zaghis, Vicenza. Mattia Di Bartolomeo.

ERAS in cardiac surgery. **Pierluigi Stefano, Firenze.**

Minimally invasive surgery (MIS). **Mauro Rinaldi, Torino.**

Patient blood management (PBM). **Simona Silvetti, Genova.**

Hemostasis optimization program (HOP). **Fabio Barili, Milano.**

Surgical site infections (SSI). **Luca Paolo Weltert, Cosenza.**

Plus sutures. **Fabio Barili, Milano.**

SSI prevention: AGENAS best practice in cardiac surgery. **Laura Zaghis, Vicenza.**

Surgical outcomes e DISH classification. **Mattia Di Bartolomeo.**

HEART FAILURE

ROOM: GIOVE

14.00-17.00

SHORT-TERM MECHANICAL CIRCULATORY SUPPORT: INDICATION, MANAGEMENT, AND OUTCOMES. (Joint Session SICCH-SITO-ANMCO-SIC-SIAARTI)

MODERATORS: **Mauro Rinaldi, Torino. Mariano Feccia, Roma. Massimo Grimaldi, Bari. Elena Bignami, Parma. Giuseppe Patti, Novara.**

PANELISTS: **Luca Botta, Bologna. Attilio Iacovoni, Bergamo. Carlo Pellegrini, Pavia. Antonio Lio, Roma.**

14.00-14.15 | t-MCS: the right device for the right patient, at the right time. **Antonino Loforte, Torino.**

14.15-14.30 | The Shock Team in Cardiogenic Shock: Optimizing Timing, Strategy, and Outcomes. **Andrea Garascia, Milano.**

14.30-14.45 | Beyond Hemodynamic Support: Optimizing Clinical Status During t-MCS. **Ferdinando Lorini, Bergamo.**

14.45-15.00 | Optimizing Hemodynamics in t-MCS: When to Escalate, When to De-escalate. **Vincenzo Tarzia, Padova.**

15.00-15.15 | Post-Cardiotomy Shock: The Art of Management and the Science of Exit Strategies. **Giorgia Cibir, Trento.**

15.15-15.30 | Defining the Exit Strategy when t-MCS Fails: Timing the Transition to Durable Support or Heart Transplantation. **Claudio Francesco Russo, Milano.**

15.30-16.00 | Discussion.

TOWARDS A NATIONAL CONSENSUS: BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FROM EVIDENCE TO PRACTICE. (Joint Session SICCH-SITO-CNT)

MODERATORS: Michele Pilato, Palermo. Giuseppe Feltrin, Roma. Vincenzo Tarzia, Padova.

PANELISTS: Sandro Sponga, Siena. Claudio Marra, Napoli. Mariano Feccia, Roma.

16.00-16.10 | The Evolving Landscape of Heart Transplantation in Italy (CNT). **Alessandra Oliveti, Roma.**

16.10-16.25 | Heart Transplantation: Preservation, Transport, and Implantation—Balancing Innovation and Appropriateness. **Igor Vendramin, Udine.**

16.25-16.35 | Current practice in Heart Transplantation: an Italian survey. **Andrea Lechiancole, Udine.**

16.35-16.50 | Standardizing Surgical Practice in Heart Transplantation: The Italian National Consensus. **Massimo Boffini, Torino.**

16.50-17.00 | Discussion.

“A LIFETIME JOURNEY: VALVULAR HEART DISEASE IN WOMEN FROM ADOLESCENCE TO MOTHERHOOD AND BEYOND”. AIDOCCH SCIENTIFIC SESSION

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

14.00-15.30

MODERATORS: Marisa de Feo, Napoli. Emanuela Angeli, Bologna.

PANELISTS: Cinzia Trumello, Milano. Calogera Pisano, Palermo. Martin Suarez, Bologna. Valentina Grazioli, Vicenza. Natalia Pavone. Carlotta Brega, Cotignola. Francesca Chiaramonti.

14.00-14.05 | Welcome & Introduction. Why Lifetime Management Matters in Women with Valvular Heart Disease. **Marisa de Feo, Napoli and Manuela Angeli, Bologna.**

14.05-14.15 | Growing Up with a Valve: From Congenital Heart Disease to Adulthood. **Gabriele Egidy Assenza**

14.15-14.25 | Mitral Valve Repair: Why Repair Matters Even More in Young Women. **Suad El Qarra, Parma.**

14.25-14.35 | Aortic Valve Disease in Young Women: Repair, Ross or Replacement? **Giovanni Battista Luciani, Verona.**

14.35-14.45 | Lifetime Planning for Reoperations. **Augusto D’Onofrio, Roma.**

14.45-14.55 | Pregnancy and Valvular Heart Disease. **Silvia Salvi, Roma.**

14.55-15.05 | Transcatheter Therapies Across a Woman’s Lifetime. **Gabriele Egidy Assenza**

15.05-15.30 | **Heart Team Case Discussion. “The Lifetime Journey”**

Clinical Case 1. 20-year-old woman with congenital valvular heart disease planning future pregnancy.

Clinical Case 2. 32-year-old woman with severe degenerative mitral regurgitation wishing to conceive.

Clinical Case 3. 42-year-old woman with a failing bioprosthetic valve requiring reintervention.

NURSING CHAPTER – NURSING EXPERTISE AND INNOVATION IN CARDIAC SURGERY

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

14.00-15.30

MODERATORS: Federica Ceccotti, Jessica Elegante

14.00-14.10 | Session opening. **Claudio Buttarelli**, Presidente AICO.

14.10-14.30 | Digitalization of Nursing Care Planning. **Luca Fialdini**

14.30-14.45 | **Abstract:** The Role of the Scrub Nurse in the Training of Newly Hired Staff Through Visual Management Tools Experience of Organizational Standardization in the Operating Room. **Elena Tacchini**

14.45-15.00 | **Abstract:** The Scrub Nurse's Role in Autologous Pericardium Preparation for Mitral Valve Repair: A NANDA-I, NIC and NOC-Based Approach. **Marcello Vezzi**

15.00-15.15 | **Abstract:** High-fidelity clinical simulation for the integration of the multiprofessional team in cardiac surgery ward: implementation of the MEWS scale and ALS/ACLS protocols. **Francesco Tongiani**

15.15 – 15:30 | Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: REAL INNOVATIONS

ROOM: MERCURIO

14.00-15.30

MODERATORS: **Francesco Seddio, Bergamo. Maria Teresa Cascarano, Torino.**

14:00–14:15 | Multimodality Imaging in Surgical Planning: Real Utility in Clinical Practice.

Aurelio Secinaro, Roma.

14:15–14:30 | Endoscopic Surgery in Congenital Heart Disease: Current Indications and Real-World Limitations. **Giacomo Bianchi, Massa.**

14:30–14:45 | The Adult Congenital Heart Disease Patient of the Near Future: Emerging Needs and Implications for Cardiac Surgery. **Giancarlo Scognamiglio, Napoli.**

14:45–15:00 | Is There Still Room for Clinical Judgment in the Era of Artificial Intelligence and Predictive Models? **Domenico Sirico, Bergamo.**

15:00–15:15 | Tissue Engineering and Bioabsorbable Scaffolds in Congenital Heart Disease: Are We Ready for Clinical Practice? **Andrea Roberto Calore, Padova.**

15:15–15:30 | Discussion.

THE OUTBREAK OF ENDOCARDITIS

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

15.30-17.00

MODERATORS: **Francesco Santini, Genova. Francesco Onorati, Trento.**

PANELISTS: **Maurizio Roberto, Cuneo. Fabrizio Sansone, Lecco.**

15.30-15.40 | Prosthetic endocarditis: a rising problem in modern cardiac surgery. **Antonio Salsano, Genova.**

15.40-15.50 | Comparative characteristics of endocarditis in surgical and transcatheter bioprosthetic valves: find the differences. **Domenico Bruno, Milano.**

15.50-16.00 | Epidemiology of prosthetic and native endocarditis in 2026: the infectious disease specialist point of view. **Elena Carrara, Verona.**

16.00-16.10 | Right-sided Infective Endocarditis in Intravenous Drug Users and in Cardiac implantable electronic devices: Indications, Timing, and Procedure Selection. **Andrea Colli, Pisa.**

16.10-16.20 | Aortic vascular grafts, TEVAR and FET endocarditis: what to do now? **Francesco Massi, Teramo.**

16.20-16.30 | A New Score for predicting outcome of surgical treatment for valve IE: SYN-ENDOSCORE. **Sandro Gelsomino, Maastricht.**

16.30-17.00 | Discussion.

NURSING CHAPTER – CLINICAL PATHWAYS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT IN CARDIAC SURGERY

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

15.30-17.00

MODERATORS: Antonella Malfatto, Laura Zaghis

15.30-15.45 | **Abstract.** A Dedicated Mobile nRP Team for Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion in Controlled Donation after Circulatory Death: A 4-Year Single-Center Experience – **Giancarlo Bartolini**

15.45-16.00 | **Abstract.** "The Role of the Nurse Case Manager in the Care Pathway of ACHD Patients". **Nicol Maria Platone**

16.00-16.15 | **Abstract.** From Technological Complexity to Multidisciplinary Integration within the Heart Team: The New Paradigm of the Hybrid Operating Room, Balancing Clinical Governance and Advanced Skills. **Loredana Stramandinoli**

16.15-16.30 | **Abstract.** Surgical site infection prevention in cardiac surgery: implementing a care bundle. **Laura Zaghis**

16.30-17.00 | Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: ABSTRACTS

ROOM: MERCURIO

15.30-17.00

MODERATORS: **Stefano Marianeschi, Milano. Vitali Pak, Massa.**

6 minutes abstract (4 minutes presentation + 2 minutes discussion)

16:00–16:06 – Mauro Lo Rito (San Donato Milanese): Speed-Up the Diagnosis and Evaluation of Anomalous Coronary Artery from The Aorta (SMART Study)

16:06–16:12 – Carlo Pace Napoleone (Torino): Initial experience with en-bloc combined heart–liver transplantation in adults with congenital heart disease

16:12–16:18 – Mariateresa Denora (Verona): Congenital Aortic Diseases in The New Era of Hybrid Cardiac and Vascular Surgery

16:18–16:24 – Mahmood Hafdhullah (Milano): Half a Century in The Right Heart: A 50-Year-Old Hancock Conduit in Tetralogy of Fallot

16:24–16:30 – Giuseppe Fischetti (Bari): When the Systemic Right Ventricle Fails: Heart Transplantation After Atrial Switch

16:30–16:36 – Andrea Maria Olivieri (Roma): Staged Left Ventricular Recruitment Following Prenatal Diagnosis of Borderline Left Ventricle: Towards Biventricular Repair

16:36–16:42 – Fabrizio Gandolfo (Genova): Tetralogy of Fallot Repair with Creation of a Neopulmonary Valve from Autologous Right Atrial Appendage: Single Center Experience

16:42–16:48 – Giuseppe Zinna (Verona): Surgical Management of Multiple Coronary Occlusions in a Young Adult with Kawasaki Disease

16:48–16:54 – Michele Carlucci (Massa): Interhospital ECMO Transport in Pediatric and Neonatal Patients: The Role of The Perfusionist in a Hub-And-Spoke Model

16:54–17:00 – Andrea Roberto Calore (Padova): Biodegradable Aortic Root Support for Reinforced Ross Procedure in Pediatric Patients

FOCUS – 2025-2026 UPDATES ON VHD GUIDELINES (AGENAS/ANMCO/SIC/ITACTAIC/GISE)

ROOM: GIOVE

17.00-19.30

MODERATOR: Giovanni Baglio, Roma. Mauro Rinaldi, Torino.

ROUND TABLE: Alfredo Marchese, Bari. Massimo Grimaldi, Bari. Fabio Barili, Milano.

Michele Pilato, Palermo. Giuseppe Patti, Novara. Marco Ranucci, Milano. Elena Bignami, Parma. Gianluca Paternoster, Potenza. Simona Silvetti, Genova.

17.00-17.10 What it is new in the 2025 ESC/EACTS Guidelines. Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.

Black or white? The diatribe of the age downgrading for the treatment of aortic stenosis.

17.10-17.20 The 2025 ESC/EACTS guidelines are balanced. Alfredo Marchese, Bari.

17.20-17.30 The 2025 ESC/EACTS guidelines are not based on evidence. Paolo Centofanti, Torino.

17.30-17.50 Round table.

Gaps in evidence on Mitral and Tricuspid disease.

17.50-18.00 Guidelines vs daily clinical practice. Francesco Onorati, Trento.

18.00-18.10 Round Table. Pushing the boundaries of TEER, is it always appropriate?

18.10-18.30 Round Table on the Consensus document on HEART TEAM of AGENAS / SICCH / ANMCO /GISE / SIC / ITACTAIC.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

ROOM: GIUNONE 1

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: **Vinay Badhwar, US. Domenico Paparella, Foggia.**

PANELISTS: **Mattia Glauber, Milano. Emiliano Navarra, Roma. Antonio Messina, Brescia.**

Robotic Cardiac Surgery 2.0

17:00-17:10 | Robotic aortic valve surgery: where do we stand and how does it compare with TAVI in 2026? Outcomes, patient selection and future perspectives. **Vinay Badhwar, US.**

17:10-17:20 | Robotic Mitral Valve Surgery in Europe: Clinical Outcomes, Learning Curve, and Future Perspectives for Multicenter Development. **Alfonso Agnino, Bergamo.**

17:20-17:30 | Robot-Assisted Coronary Surgery in Italy: Current Indications, Patient Selection, and Mid-Term Outcomes. **Umberto Benedetto, Chieti.**

17:30-17:40 | Debate. "TECAB and Robotic CABG: Yes or No?" **Fabrizio Rosati, Brescia.**

Atrial fibrillation and left appendage

17:40-17:50 | Hybrid ablation for atrial fibrillation. **Gianluca Polvani, Milano.**

17:50-18:00 | Endocardial vs. Epicardial Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation: Mechanistic Differences, Clinical Outcomes, and Patient Selection — The Electrophysiologist's Perspective. **Danilo Ricciardi, Roma.**

18:00-18:10 | Percutaneous vs surgical left appendage exclusion in lone atrial fibrillation. **Massimiliano Marini, Trento.**

18:10-18:20 | Surgical Ablation for Stand-Alone Atrial Fibrillation: Different Ablation Patterns and the Role of Atrial Debulking. **Stefano Benussi, Brescia.**

18:20-18:30 | Round Table. Case-based discussion. **Stefano Benussi, Brescia.**

Case 1. Long-Standing Persistent Atrial Fibrillation Associated with Mitral Valve Disease: Surgical and Electrophysiological Perspectives

Case 2. Concomitant Atrial Fibrillation in Patients Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG): Should Surgical Ablation Be Performed?

NURSING CHAPTER – CARDIAC SURGERY AND EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING: NEW PERSPECTIVES IN PATIENT CARE

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: Silvio Simeoni. TBD

17:00 - 17:15 | The Nursing Frontier: Workforce Shortages, Task Shifting, and Protection of the Profession in Cardiac Surgery. **Elisabetta Zingarini.**

17:15 - 17:30 | **Abstract.** The Role of the Operating Room Nurse in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery and ERAS: Comparing Literature with Clinical Practice at AOU delle Marche. **Ludovica Mazzieri.**

17:30 - 17.45 | **Abstract.** New Frontiers in Postoperative Pain Management in Cardiac Surgery. **Antonio Durante.**

17.45 - 18.00 | **Abstract.** Mechanical ECMO Troubleshooting: A Scoping Review. **Alice Callegari.**

18.00-18.30 | Discussion.

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: ROUND TABLE ACHD

ROOM: MERCURIO

17.00-18.30

MODERATORS: **Giovanni Battista Luciani, Verona. Vladimiro Vida, Padova.**

17:00–17:20 | National Heart Transplant Network for Adult Congenital Heart Disease Patients: Waiting List Management and Organ Allocation. **Emanuela Angeli, Bologna.**

17:20–17:40 | Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care: Continuity of Care and Organizational Challenges. **Giovanni Di Salvo, Padova.**

17:40 –18:00 | Structured GUCH Model: Organization, Patient Volume, and Long-Term Care Management. **Giulia Guglielmi, San Donato M.se.**

18:00–18:20 | Failing Fontan: Rescue Strategies in Adults with Univentricular Congenital Heart Disease. **Alessandro Giamberti, San Donato M.se.**

18:20–18:30 | Discussion.

**TEN YEARS OF EVIDENCE WITH RESILIA TISSUE: COMMENCE STUDY
RESULTS AND THE CAREGGI EXPERIENCE.
*SYMPOSIUM BY EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES***

ROOM: GIOVE

18.30-19.30

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THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF MIOCARDIAL REVASCULARIZATION

ROOM: GIOVE

08.30-10.30

MODERATORS: **Pasquale Fratto, Reggio Calabria. Enrico Coscioni, Salerno.**

PANELISTS: **Alan Galligani, Parma. Mario Passaro, Mercogliano. Filippo Prestipino, Napoli. Emiliano Maria Cirio, Cagliari.**

08:30-08:40 | What has changed after the release of the 2024 Guidelines of Myocardial revascularization? **Francesco Formica, Lecce.**

08:40-08:50 | The risk of competitive flow: do we routinely use FFR to guide the target vessels? **Fabio Mangiacapra, Roma.**

08:50-09:00 | Coronary patches for extensive CAD. **Giorgia Cibir, Trento.**

09:00-09:10 | OPCABG in 2026: when and how. **Fabrizio Sansone, Lecco.**

09:10 - 09:20 | Can MIDCAB lead the expansion of hybrid myocardial revascularization. **Claudio Muneretto, Brescia.**

09:20-09:30 | Patient selection and “tips and tricks” for MIDCAB. **Marco Contini, Foggia.**

09:30-09:40 | MIDCAB: pros and cons. **Vito Margari, Bari.**

09:40-09:50 | The Heart Team for coronary revascularization: the Lombardy project. **Fabio Barili, Milano.**

09:50-10:30 | Discussion.

DAY 3 - NOVEMBER 8th, 2026

ABSTRACTS - AORTIC VALVE AND MISCELLANEA

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

08.30-10.30

MODERATORS: **Giuseppe Raffa, Palermo. Valentina Grazioli, Vicenza.**

PANELISTS: **Manfredo Rambaldini, Mantova. Vitantonio Fanelli, Taranto.**

4-minute presentation + 2-minute discussion

- 08:30-08:36 | Gabriele Mazzenga (Brescia). *Stentless Prostheses in Aortic Root Replacement: Long-Term Outcomes from a 20-Year Experience*
- 08:36-08:42 | Michele D'Alonzo (Brescia). *Not So Fast with TAVI: Sutureless-in-Xenograft as a Benchmark for Stentless Valve Failure*
- 08:42-08:48 | Vittoria Lodo (Torino). *When Seconds Matter: Impact of a Scrubbed Cardiac Surgeon During Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation Bailout Procedures*
- 08:48-08:54 | Carlotta Brega (Cotignola). *Up-to-date: "Pack and Seal" Technique and Complex Surgical Procedures*
- 08:54-09:00 | Giuseppe Imperatore (Pisa). *Contemporary Outcomes, Procedural Burden, and Etiological Determinants of Redo Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement: A Multicenter International Study*
- 09:00-09:06 | Serena Franchetti (Torino). *Aortic Homograft Implantation as Treatment of Destructive Endocarditis: 20 Years Single-Centre Experience*
- 09:06-09:12 | Maria Alessia Straci (Firenze). *Bioprosthetic Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients at Increased Risk for Early Structural Valve Degeneration*
- 09:12-09:18 | Felice Piancone (Foggia). *Mid-Term Clinical Outcomes After the Ross Procedure in Adults*
- 09:18-09:24 | Maria Chiara Grego (Enna). *Three-Dimensional Evaluation of Valvular and Perivalvular Thrombosis After Self-Expanding Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation*
- 09:24-09:30 | Maria Chiara Greco (Enna). *From Full Sternotomy to Minimally Invasive Isolated Aortic Valve Replacement: A Single-Centre Real-World Experience*

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- 09:30-09:36 | Elisa Mikus (Cotignola). *Evaluating the Safety, Efficacy, and Postoperative Benefits of Minimally Invasive Surgery in Infective Endocarditis*
- 09:36-09:42 | Nour Maryam Shobeiri (Genova). *Oral versus Intravenous Antibiotic Treatment After Surgery for Infective Endocarditis*
- 09:42-09:48 | Antonio Pio Montella (Napoli). *Intraoperative Detection of Micro- and Nanoplastics-Associated Compounds and Heavy Metals in Human Cardiovascular Tissues*
- 09:48-09:54 | Ilaria Giambuzzi (Monza). *Surgical Correction of HOCM Promotes Left Atrial Reverse Remodeling and Sinus Rhythm Recovery*
- 09:54-10:00 | Marta Bellomare (Bologna). *Permanent Pacemaker Implantation After Surgery for Infective Endocarditis: Is Anatomical Extension the Key Predictor?*
- 10:00-10:06 | Giulio Giovanni Cavalli (Bologna). *Surgery During Active Infective Endocarditis: Does It Really Influence Outcomes?*
- 10:06-10:12 | Vito Domenico Bruno (Milano). *A Two-Tier Score Combining CHA₂DS₂-VASc Risk with Evidence-Derived Modifiers for Patient Selection in Concomitant Surgical Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion*
- 10:12-10:18 | Giuseppe Zinna (Verona). *Inside the Commando Procedure: A Single-Center Surgical Experience*
- 10:18-10:24 | Federico Caramia (Padova). *Beyond the Transvenous Route: Micro-Invasive Direct Pulmonary Artery AngioVac Aspiration.*
- 10:24-10:30 | Adriana Sbrigata (Palermo). *Innovative Left Ventricular Outflow Tract Reconstruction for Complex Aortic Valve Endocarditis: Mid-Term Clinical Outcomes in a Surgical Cohort*

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CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: MEETING OF THE CONGENITAL DOMAIN

ROOM: MERCURIO

09.00-10.30

MODERATORS: Vladimiro Vida, Padova.

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ASSEMBLEA DEI SOCI – ELEZIONI CONSIGLIO DIRETTIVO

ROOM: GIOVE

10.30-11.30

**MODERATORS: Michele Pilato, Palermo. Vladimiro Vida, Padova. Fabio Barili, Milano.
Domenico Paparella, Foggia.**

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ACHD SESSION – CONGENITAL AND ADULT CARDIAC SURGERY

ROOM: GIOVE

11.30-13.00

MODERATORS: **Emanuela Angeli, Bologna. Domenico Paparella, Foggia. Lorenzo Galletti, Roma.**

11:30 – 11:45 | Ross Procedure in Young Adults: To Reinforce or Not to Reinforce the Autograft? **Vladimiro Vida, Padova.**

11:45 – 12:00 | Valve-Sparing Surgery and Root Remodeling in Adult Congenital Heart Disease Patients: Alternative Solutions to the Ross Procedure. **Ruggero De Paulis, Roma.**

12:00 – 12:15 | Aortic Valve Endocarditis in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease: Acquired Cardiac Surgery Techniques Applied to Complex Anatomies. **Davide Pacini, Bologna.**

12:15 – 12:30 | Reoperations After the Ross Procedure: Surgical Options and Risk Planning. **Alessandro Giamberti, San Donato M.se.**

12:30 – 12:45 | Percutaneous Aortic Valve Treatment in Adult Congenital Heart Disease Patients at High Surgical Risk. **Mauro Rinaldi, Torino.**

12:45–13:00 – Discussion.

DAY 3 - NOVEMBER 8th, 2026

ABSTRACT - CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES

ROOM: GIUNONE 2

11.30-13.00

MODERATORS: **Marco Pagliaro, Bologna. Brenno Fiorani, Avellino.**

PANELISTS: **Andrea Musazzi, Varese. TBD**

4-minute presentation + 2-minute discussion

- 11:30-11:36 | Antonio Spitaleri (Torino). *Third-Generation Centrifugal Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVADs): A Single-Centre Matching Analysis*
- 11:36-11:42 | Antonio Loforte (Torino). *Outcomes of Heart Replacement Therapies in Explanted LVAD Patients With Heart Failure Relapse: A VAD Wean Recovery Network Analysis*
- 11:42-11:48 | Mariafrancesca Fiorentino (Cotignola). *Safety and Effectiveness of the FLEXDRAIN Self-Expanding Venous Cannula in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery: A Clinical Trial*
- 11:48-11:54 | Paola Abbà (Torino). *Temporary Right Ventricular Assist Device Support in Acute Right Ventricular Failure and Cardiogenic Shock*
- 11:54-12:00 | Paola Abbà (Torino). *Anatomical Landmarks and Longitudinal HeartMate 3 Pump Position on CT-Scan: Relevance for Adverse Events and Haemodynamics*
- 12:00-12:06 | Laura La Montagna (Torino). *Keep It Warm! Rethinking Heart Graft Preservation Temperature: A Single-Center Experience*
- 12:06-12:12 | Enrico Squicciarro (Foggia). *Temperature-Adjusted Perfusion-Metabolic Phenotyping During Cardiopulmonary Bypass*
- 12:12-12:18 | Michele Dell'Aquila (Roma). *Contemporary Revascularization Patterns and Outcomes in AMI-Cardiogenic Shock Supported With Mechanical Circulatory Support*
- 12:18-12:24 | Domenico Parigino (Bari). *Noradrenaline Donor Support and Outcomes in Heart Transplantation: Real-World Experience from a Large Tertiary Center*
- 12:24-12:30 | Stefano Copetti (Udine). *Tailoring Donor Heart Preservation to Ischemic Time and Donor Risk: A Single-Center Algorithm and Outcomes*

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- 12:30-12:36 | Lucylenia De Bonis (Brescia). *Surgical Treatment of Anomalous Aortic Origin of a Coronary Artery: Our Single-Centre Experience*
- 12:36-12:42 | Giulia Agostini (Torino). *Bilateral Versus Single Internal Mammary Artery Strategies in CABG: Early Outcomes From a Randomized Single-Center Cohort Following the ROMA Trial Rationale*
- 12:42-12:48 | Fabrizio Ceresa (Messina). *Comparison of Vein Integrity in Endoscopic Vein Harvesting Versus Open Vein Harvesting Using the Same Patient as Case and Control*
- 12:48-12:54 | Giulia Agostini (Torino). *Long-Term Outcome After Surgical Mitral-Ventricular Restoration for Ischemic Heart Failure*
- 12:54-13:00 | Leyla Tacconi (Roma). *Systematization of Arterial Conduits for Coronary Revascularization: Analysis of a 15-Years Single-Center Practice*