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April 8-10th, 2026.

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Cankarjev dom, Congress and Cultural Centre, Prešernova cesta 10, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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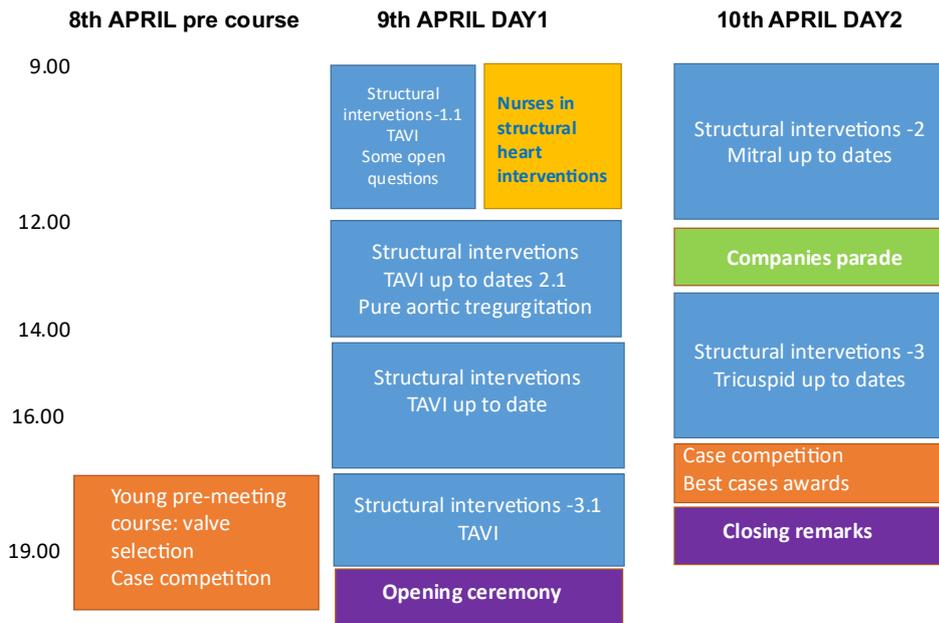
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Imaging Symposium

Mojca Bervar, Jana Ambrožič, Ana Ovsenik, Tomaž Podlesnikar, Marta Cvijić, Nicolas Brugger, Darija Bakovič Kramarič, Jadranka Šeparovič,

Nurses' Symposium

Miha Kralj, Lynne Hinterbruchner, Marija Romić



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 Pre-Course

Congress Halls E1-2

17.30-19.30 PRE-MEETING COURSE: YOUNG STARS AVENUE

17.30 Welcome

17.40-18.30 Different valve structures and clinical importance

Introduction

Luka Vitez (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Valve sizing

Davorka Lulič (Rijeka, Croatia)

Bicuspid valve treatment strategy

Nina Glavnik (Maribor, Slovenia)

Which valve in certain non bicuspid anatomy and patients.

Steblovnik Klemne (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

18.30-19.30 Young operators course and competition (2-3 groups) (7 + 5 min discussion per case)

Organisers: Luka Vitez, Nina Glavnik Poznič, Klemen Steblovnik, Miha Šušteršič, Simon Terseglav

Topics:

TAVI approaches

Optimal valve selection

Valve displacement

Hypotension after TAVI Stroke

19.50 Dinner

DAY 1 **Thursday, April 9th, 2026.**

09.00-11.30 **MORNING SESSIONS**

Kosovel Hall

Session #1 – Structural interventions: Some open questions in TAVI

Chairpersons: Matjaž Bunc, Anton Farkaš, Karim Ratib, Jan Kovac
Discussants: Simon Terseglav, Nina Glavnik, Igor Balevski, Klemen Steblovnik

- 08.00-8.15 **Introduction**
Bunc Matjaž (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 08.15-8.30 **Management of peripheral complications after TAVI**
Mihajlo Farkič (Dedinje, Serbia)
- 08.30-8.45 **Pace maker strategy in TAVI**
Vejkoslav Tomulić (Rijeka, Croatia)
- 8.45-9.00 **Paravalvular leaks after TAVI**
Damir Kirner (Osijek, Croatia)
- 08.45-9.00 **Antithrombotic treatment, brain protection in TAVI**
Jan Kovac (Leicester, GB)
- 9.00-9.20 **What is modern TAVI program?**
Ashok Seth (India, WEB)
- 09.20-9.35 **Minimalistic approach in TAVI**
Saško Kedev (Skopje, North Macedonia)
- 09.35-09.50 **ESC TAVI Guidelines; Gaps in evidence**
Wojtek Wojakowski (Katowice, Poland)

09.50-10.20 **Coffee break**

Chairpersons: Anton Farkaš, Karim Ratib, Milan Nedeljkovič, Stefan Mot
Discussants: Jan Kovac, Olaf Franzen, Mihajlo Farkič

- 10.20-10.30 **Targeting inflammation after TAVI.**
Luka Vitez (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 10.30-10.50 **Pulmonary valve percutaneous treatment**
Siva Kumar (India, WEB)

10.50-11.00 **Discussion**

11.00-14.00 **NOON SESSION**

Kosovel Hall

Session #2 – Structural interventions: TAVI up to dates: PURE AORTIC REGURGITATION

Chairman: Ignacio Amat Santos, Alfonso Ieleasi, Thomas Modine, Matjaž Bunc
Discussant: Daniel Unič, Jan Kovac, Anton Farkaš, Miha Šušteršič, Olaf Franzen

- 11.00-11.15 **Epidemiology and Echo evaluation of AR**
Darija Bakovič Kramarič (Split, Croatia)
- 11.15-11.30 **TAVI in Pure aortic regurgitation: clinical evidences**
Ignacio Amata Santos (Valladolid, Spain)

11.30-12.00 Ole De Backer (Copenhagen, Denmark)

Live case from Copenhagen, Ole deBacker: Jena valve for pure aortic regurgitation

12.00-12.10 Discussion

12.10-12.25 Coffee Break

12.25-14.15 TAVI UP-TO-DATE

Chairmen: Ignacio Amat Santos, Matjaž Bunc, Wojtek Woyakovski, Sasko Kedev, Hrvoje Gašparovič

Discussants: Olaf Franzen, Modine Thomas, Jan Kovač

12.25-12.40 **Lifetime management of AS**
Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

12.40-12.55 **SAVR/bio-SAVR long term clinical data**
Daniel Unič (Zagreb, CRO)

12.55-13.10 **TAVI long term clinical data (TAVI)**
Ielasi Alfonso (Italy)

13.10-13.25 **TAVI explant vs TAV in TAV**
Thomas Modine (Bordoux, France)

13.25-13.40 **Asymptomatic/moderate AS strategies**
Marko Banović (Belgrade, Serbia)

13.40-13.55 **LFLG AS ECHO challenges**
Jana Ambrožič (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

13.55-14.10 **Discussion Are we ready for low risk/young TAVI?**
Short Personal view.
Ignacio Amata Santos (Valladolid, Spain)

Discussion

14.10-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-19.00 AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Kosovel Hall

15.00-16.30 TAVI fast shooting lectures: TAVI skills 1

Chairmen: Ielasi Alfonso, Mila Kovačević, Tomislav Jakljevič, Ruzsa Zoltan, Igor Balevski

Discussants: Simon Terseglav, Stefan Mot, Nina Glavnik, Vjekoslav Tomulić

15.00-15.10 **Transcarotid/axillary approach for TAVI**
Kolar Tadeja (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

15.10-15.20 **Transcaval approach for TAVI**
Andrija Matetič (Split, Croatia)

15.20-15.30 **TAVI in big annuli.**
Igor Ivanov (Kamenica, Serbia)

15.30-15.40 **TAVI in dilated and horizontal aorta**
Irzal Hadžibegović (Krapina, Croatia)

15.40-15.50 **TAVI in severe calcified anatomy**
Ivica Kristić (Split, Croatia)

15.50-16.10 **Discussion**

16.10-18.00 Mini symposium: **Small aortic anatomy, Bicuspid AS**

Chairmen: Karim Ratib, Mihajlo Farkić, Ignacio Amat Santos, Damir Kirner , Andrija Matetić
Discussants: Marko Banovič, Davorka Lulič, Damir Kirner, Klemen Steblovnik, Olaf Franzen

16.10-16.25 **AVR in small anatomies**
Daniael Dohle (Mainz, Germany)

16.25-16.40 **TAVI in small anatomies**
Ignacio Amata Santos (Valladolid, Spain)

16.40-16.55 **VIV vs re-AVR in small anatomies**
Thomas Modine (Bordoux, France)

16.55-17.10 **Discussion**

17.10-17.30 **Coffee break**

17.30-18.15 **TAVI skills 2: TAVI in bicuspid aortic stenosis**
Chairmen: Karim Ratib, Ivica Kristić, Igor Ivanov, Ruzsa Zoltan, Andrija Matetić, Tadeja Kolar

17.30-17.45 **TAVI in bicuspid aortic valve - clinical data**
Karim Ratib (Staffordshire, UK)

17.45-18.00 **CASE in the box Bicuspid: Daniel Dohle, Hendrik Treede (Mainz, Germany)**

18.00-18.15 **Discussion**

18.15-19.10 **TAVI skills 3: TAVI and coronaries**

Chairmen: Alfonso Ielasi, Matjaž Bunc, Irzal Hadžibegović, Ivica Krstić, Stefan Mot
Discussants: Damir Kirner, Klemen Steblovnik, Tomislav Jakljević, Jan Kovač

18.15-18.30 **Coronary disease in TAVI candidates**
Ruzsa Zoltan (Szeget, Hungary)

18.30-18.45 **Coronary protection - when is it needed and how to do it?**
Karim Ratib (Staffordshire, UK)/ Matetić Andrija (Split, Croatia)

18.45-19.00 **Tips and tricks for PCI after TAVI**
Mila Kovačević (Kamenica, Serbia)

19.00-19.10 **Discussion**

19.10-19.30 **Short break**

19.30-19.45 **OPENING CEREMONY**
Matjaž Bunc, Zlatko Fras, Dušan Šuput

19.45 - 20.30 EVENING SESSION

Chairmen: Zlatko Fras, Olaf Franzen, Saško Kedev, Milan Nedeljković, Wojtek Wojakowski.

Zlatko Fras (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

SASHKO KEDEV: 14x8k (into the death zone) (Skopje, R North Macedonia)

20.30 Dinner

PARALLEL MORNING SESSION

Congress Halls E1-2

8.00-12.00 International Nursing Session: Advanced Periprocedural Care in TAVI

Chair persons: Kralj Miha, Lynne Hinterbruchner, Marija Romić

8.00-8.10 **Treatment structural heart diseases in University medical center Ljubljana through time.**
Buzuk Santini, Sabinac Podlesnik

8.10-8.30 **Anaesthesia, analgesia and point of early mobilisation in TAVI**
Lynne Hinterbruchner

8.30-8.45 **The need for additional analgesia during TAVI.**
Ivana Bračko, Metka Mikl

8.45-9.00 **Anaesthesiologic aspects of TAVI procedures**
Angela Blazhovska

9.00-9.10 **Analgo-sedation strategies in modern TAVI : balancing patient comfort and periprocedural safety**
Marija Romić

9.10-9.20 **Conscious sedation in TAVI: experience from KBC Rijeka**
Maja Španjol

9.20-9.30 **Analgesic strategies in TAVI**
Sandra Babić

9.30-9.40 Discussion

9.40-10.00 Short break

10.00-10.10 **Patient preparation before TAVI procedure**
Aneta Ristovska

10.10-10.20 **Surgical management of puncture site in TAVI**
Nina Miholič Ilc

10.20-10.30 **X-ray protection during TAVI procedures.**
Almir Halilović

10.30-10.45 **Surgical approaches in TAVI**
Josip Pahljina, Nina Miholič Ilc

10.45-10.55 **Early mobilization of patients after TAVI at the UKC Maribor**
Jure Urtič

10.55-11.10 **Rehabilitation aspects from admission until discharge**

Lojzka Čuk

11.10-11.20 **TAVI program optimization: implementing a minimalist protocol at University hospital center Split**
Ivan Poša

11.20-11.30 **Complications at puncture site – can pain be an indicator?**
Anica Levstek

11.30-11.40 **When the bioprosthesis does not pass – what now? (case report)**
Nikica Prpić, Marko Gatarić

11.40-12.00 **Discussion**

DAY 2 Friday, April 10, 2026

Kosovel Hall

9.00-12.00 MITRAL SESSION: MR

Chairmen: Wojtek Wojakowski, Matjaž Bunc, Olaf Franzen, Attila Kertesz
Discussants: Miha Šušteršič, Klemen Steblovnik, Hrvoje Gašparovič, Daria Bakovič Kramarič

09.30-9.45 **Most important recent studies that shape MR clinical practice**
Wojtek Wojakowski (Katowice, Poland)

09.45-10.00 **Surgical approach to functional MR**
Juš Kšela (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

10.00-10.15 **Fusion imaging for transcatheter mitral valve procedures**
Nicolas Brugger (Bern, Switzerland)

10.15-10.30 **TMVR/TEER new devices**
Olaf Franzen (Zürich, Switzerland)

10.30-11.00 **Functional MR - how to approach?**
Fabiebn Praz (Bern, Switzerland)

11.00-11.30 **CASE MCLIP gen 5 Matjaž Bunc, Miha Šušteršič (Ljubljana, Slovenia)**

Practical tips and tricks

11.30-11.45 **What after clip failure**
Jaroslav Januška (Trinec, Czech Republic)

11.45.-12.30 **Surgery or TMVR/TEER in severe calcified degenerative MR**
CASE in the box 1:
Anton Farkaš (Košice, Slovakia)
Case in the box 2:
Attila Kertesz, Csaba Jenei (Debrecen, Hungary)

12.30-12.50 **Coffee break**

13.00-14.00 **COMPANIES PARADE** (speakers TBA)
Abbott, Medtronic, Edwards, Biosensors, Meril, Boston Sc., Tricvalve, Jena

14.00 – 14.50 **Lunch break**

14.50-16.50 TRICUSPID SESSION

Chairmen: Wojtek Wojakowski, Attila Kertesz, Juš Kšela, Daniel Unič, Anton Farkaš, Hrvoje Gašparovič
Discussants: Csaba Jenei, Olaf Franzen, Matjaž Bunc, Stefan Mot, Marta Cvijić, Mohammad Kassar

14.50-15.10 **Most important recent studies that shape tricuspid regurgitation treatment**
Gian Paolo Ussia (Rome, Italy)

15.10-15.20 **Tips and tricks in assessing TR severity?**
Ana Ovsenik (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

15.20-15.30 **Devices for TC regurgitation treatment**
Anton Farkaš (Košice, Slovakia)

15.30.-15.45 **Caval devices**
Attila Kertesz (Debrecen, Hungary)

15.45-16.00 **Discussion**

WHO and what to treat in TC regurgitation?

16.00-16.15 **Crucial points in selecting patients for percutaneous treatment on tricuspid valve**
Mojca Bervar (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

16.15.-16.30 **My percutaneous approach to TC regurgitation**
Olaf Franzen (Zürich, Switzerland)

16.30-16.45 **Surgical approach to TR**
Hrvoje Gašparovič (Zagreb, Croatia)

16.45-17.00 **Discussion**

17.00-17.15 **MVD imaging and hemodynamics**
Jadranka Šeparović Hanževački (Zagreb, Croatia)

17.15-17.30 **MVD treatment**
Jaroslav Januška (Trinec, Czech Republic)

17.30-17.45 **Concomitant mitral valve and tricuspid valve percutaneous treatment**
Maurizio Taramasso (Zürich, Switzerland)

17.45-18.00 **Discussion**

18.00-18.10 BEST CASES AWARDS

18.10 **Closing remarks**
Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)