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8th april
PRE COURSE

9th april
DAY 1

10th april
DAY 2

8.00			
9.00	Structural interventions -1.1 TAVI Some open questions	Nurses in structural heart interventions	
10.00			Structural interventions-2 Mitral up to dates
11.00			
12.00			
13.00	Structural interventions TAVI up to dates 2.1 Pure aortic regurgitation		Satellite Symposia
14.00			
15.00			Structural interventions-3 Tricuspid up to dates
16.00	Structural interventions TAVI up to date		
17.00			Case competition Best cases awards
18.00	Structural interventions-3.1 TAVI		Closing remarks
19.00			
	Opening ceremony		
			Young pre-meeting course: valve selection Case competition

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 Pre-Course

17.30-19.30

CONGRESS HALLS E1-2

**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 Lulić (Rijeka, Croatia)

Bicuspid valve treatment strategy

Nina Glavnik Poznič (Maribor, Slovenia)

**Which valve in certain non bicuspid anatomy
and patients.**

Steblovnik Klemen (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 9, 2026

8.00-11.30

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 Poznič,
Igor Balevski, Klemen Steblovnik

8.00-8.15

Introduction

Bunc Matjaž (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

8.15-8.30

**Management of peripheral complications
after TAVI**

Mihajlo Farkić (Beograd, Serbia)

8.30-8.45

Pace maker strategy in TAVI

Vjekoslav Tomulić (Rijeka, Croatia)

8.45-9.00

Paravalvular leaks after TAVI

Damir Kirner (Osijek, Croatia)

9.00-9.15

**Antithrombotic treatment, brain protection
in TAVI**

Jan Kovac (Leicester, GB)

9.15-9.35

TAVI in Bicuspid Aortic Valves

Ashok Seth (India, WEB)

9.35-9.50

Minimalistic approach in TAVI

Sashko Kedev (Skopje, North Macedonia)

9.50-10.05

ESC TAVI Guidelines; Gaps in evidence

Wojtek Wojakowski (Katowice, Poland)

10.05-10.20

COFFEE BREAK

CHAIRPERSONS:

Anton Farkaš, Karim Ratib, Milan Nedeljković,
Stefan Mot

DISCUSSANTS:

Jan Kovac, Olaf Franzen, Mihajlo Farkić

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

CHAIRPERSONS:

Ignacio Amat Santos, Alfonso Ielasi,
Thomas Modine, Matjaž Bunc

DISCUSSANTS:

Daniel Unić, Jan Kovac, Anton Farkaš,
Miha Šušteršič, Olaf Franzen

11.00-11.15	Epidemiology and Echo evaluation of AR Darija Baković Kramarić (Split, Croatia)
11.15-11.30	TAVI in Pure aortic regurgitation: clinical evidences Ignacio Amat Santos (Valladolid, Spain)
11.30-12.00	Live case from Copenhagen, Ole deBacker: Jena valve for pure aortic regurgitation Ole De Backer (Copenhagen, Denmark)
12.00-12.10	DISCUSSION
12.10-12.25	COFFEE BREAK
12.25-14.15	TAVI UP-TO-DATE CHAIRPERSONS: Ignacio Amat Santos, Matjaž Bunc, Wojtek Woyakovski, Sashko Kedev, Hrvoje Gašparović DISCUSSANTS: Olaf Franzen, Modine Thomas, Jan Kovac
12.25-12.40	Lifetime management of AS Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
12.40-12.55	SAVR/bio-SAVR long term clinical data Daniel Unić (Zagreb, Croatia)
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 (Bordeaux, France)
13.25-13.40	Asymptomatic/moderate AS strategies Marko Banović (Belgrade, Serbia)

13.40-13.55	<p>LFLG AS ECHO challenges Jana Ambrožič (Ljubljana, Slovenia)</p>
13.55-14.10	<p>Discussion Are we ready for low risk/young TAVI? Short Personal view. Ignacio Amat Santos (Valladolid, Spain)</p>
	<p>DISCUSSION</p>
14.10-15.00	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>
15.00-19.00	<p>AFTERNOON SESSIONS</p>
15.00-16.30	<p>KOSOVEL HALL</p> <p>TAVI fast shooting lectures: TAVI skills 1</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS: Ielasi Alfonso, Mila Kovačević, Tomislav Jakljević, Ruzsa Zoltan, Igor Balevski</p> <p>DISCUSSANTS: Simon Terseglav, Stefan Mot, Nina Glavnik, Vjekoslav Tomulić</p>
15.00-15.10	<p>Transcarotid/axillary approach for TAVI Kolar Tadeja (Ljubljana, Slovenia)</p>
15.10-15.20	<p>Transcaval approach for TAVI Andrija Matetić (Split, Croatia)</p>
15.20-15.30	<p>TAVI in big annuli. Igor Ivanov (Kamenica, Serbia)</p>
15.30-15.40	<p>TAVI in dilated and horizontal aorta Irzal Hadžibegović (Krapina, Croatia)</p>

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

CHAIRPERSONS:

Karim Ratib, Mihajlo Farkić, Ignacio Amat Santos, Damir Kirner, Andrija Matetić

DISCUSSANTS:

Marko Banović, Davorka Lulić, Damir Kirner, Klemen Steblovnik, Olaf Franzen

16.10-16.25

AVR in small anatomies

Daniel Dohle (Mainz, Germany)

16.25-16.40

TAVI in small anatomies

Ignacio Amat Santos (Valladolid, Spain)

16.40-16.55

VIV vs re-AVR in small anatomies

Thomas Modine (Bordeaux, 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, Zoltan Ruzsa, 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

CHAIRPERSONS:

Alfonso Ielasi, Matjaž Bunc, Irzal Hadžibegović,
Ivica Krstić, Stefan Mot

DISCUSSANTS:

Damir Kirner, Klemen Steblovnik,
Tomislav Jakljević, Jan Kovac

18.15-18.30

Coronary disease in TAVI candidates

Zoltan Ruzsa (Szeged, 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
	<p>CHAIRPERSONS: Zlatko Fras, Olaf Franzen, Sashko Kedev, Milan Nedeljković, Wojtek Wojakowski</p> <p>Zlatko Fras (Ljubljana, Slovenia)</p> <p>SASHKO KEDEV: 14x8k (into the death zone) (Skopje, North Macedonia)</p>
20.30	DINNER
	PARALLEL MORNING SESSION
8.00-12.00	<p>CONGRESS HALLS E1-2</p> <p>International Nursing Session: Advanced Periprocedural Care in TAVI</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS: Miha Kralj, Lynne Hinterbuchner, Marija Romić</p>
8.00-8.10	<p>Treatment structural heart diseases at University Medical Centre Ljubljana through time Buzuk Santini, Sabina Podlesnik (Ljubljana, Slovenia)</p>
8.10-8.30	<p>Anaesthesia, analgesia and point of early mobilisation in TAVI Lynne Hinterbuchner (Salzburg, Austria)</p>
8.30-8.45	<p>The need for additional analgesia during TAVI. Ivana Bračko, Metka Mikl (Maribor, Slovenia)</p>

8.45-9.00

Anaesthesiologic aspects of TAVI procedures

Angela Blazhavska (Skopje, North Macedonia)

9.00-9.10

**Analgo-sedation strategies in modern TAVI:
balancing patient comfort and periprocedural
safety**

Marija Romić (Split, Croatia)

9.10-9.20

**Conscious sedation in TAVI:
experience from KBC Rijeka**

Maja Španjol (Rijeka, Croatia)

9.20-9.30

Analgesic strategies in TAVI

Sandra Babić (Osijek, Croatia)

9.30-9.40

DISCUSSION

9.40-10.00

SHORT BREAK

10.00-10.10

Patient preparation before TAVI procedure

Aneta Ristovska (Skopje, North Macedonia)

10.10-10.20

Surgical management of puncture site in TAVI

Nina Miholič Ilc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

10.20-10.30

X-ray protection during TAVI procedures.

Almir Halilović (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

10.30-10.45

Surgical approaches in TAVI

Josip Pahljina, Nina Miholič Ilc
(Ljubljana, Slovenia)

10.45-10.55

**Early mobilization of patients after TAVI at the
UKC Maribor**

Jure Vrtič (Maribor, Slovenia)

10.55-11.10

**Rehabilitation aspects from admission until
discharge**

Lojzka Čuk (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

11.10-11.20

**TAVI program optimization:
implementing a minimalist protocol
at University hospital center Split**

Ivan Poša (Split, Croatia)

11.20-11.30

**Complications at puncture site – can pain be
an indicator?**

Anica Levstek (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

11.30-11.40

**When the bioprosthesis does not pass
– what now? (case report)**

Nikica Prpić, Marko Gatarić (Rijeka, Croatia)

11.40-12.00

DISCUSSION

DAY 2

Friday, April 10, 2026

9.30-12.00

KOSOVEL HALL

MITRAL SESSION: MR

CHAIRMEN:

Wojtek Wojakowski, Matjaž Bunc, Olaf Franzen,
Attila Kertesz

DISCUSSANTS:

Miha Šušteršič, Klemen Steblovnik,
Hrvoje Gašparović, Darija Baković Kramarić

9.30-9.45

Most important recent studies that shape MR clinical practice

Wojtek Wojakowski (Katowice, Poland)

9.45-10.00

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?

Fabien Praz (Bern, Switzerland)

11.00-11.30

CASE MCLIP gen 5

Matjaž Bunc, Miha Šušteršič (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

	<p>Practical tips and tricks</p> <p>11.30-11.45 What after clip failure Jaroslav Januška (Trinec, Czech Republic)</p> <p>11.45-12.30 Surgery or TMVR/TEER in severe calcified degenerative MR</p> <p>CASE in the box 1: Anton Farkaš (Košice, Slovakia)</p> <p>Case in the box 2: Attila Kertesz, Csaba Jenei (Debrecen, Hungary)</p> <p>12.30-12.50 COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>12.50-14.00</p>	<p>SATELLITE SYMPOSIA</p>
<p>14.00-14.50</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>
<p>14.50-18.00</p>	<p>TRICUSPID SESSION</p> <p>CHAIRMEN: Wojtek Wojakowski, Attila Kertesz, Juš Kšela, Daniel Unič, Anton Farkaš, Hrvoje Gašparović</p> <p>DISCUSSANTS: Csaba Jenei, Olaf Franzen, Matjaž Bunc, Stefan Mot, Marta Cvijić, Mohammad Kassar</p>
<p>14.50-15.10</p>	<p>Most important recent studies that shape tricuspid regurgitation treatment Gian Paolo Ussia (Rome, Italy)</p>
<p>15.10-15.20</p>	<p>Tips and tricks in assessing TR severity? Ana Ovsenik (Ljubljana, Slovenia)</p>

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

Surgical approach to TR

Hrvoje Gašparović (Zagreb, Croatia)

16.30-17.00

My percutaneous approach to TC regurgitation: Discussion All

16.45-17.00

SHORT BREAK

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)

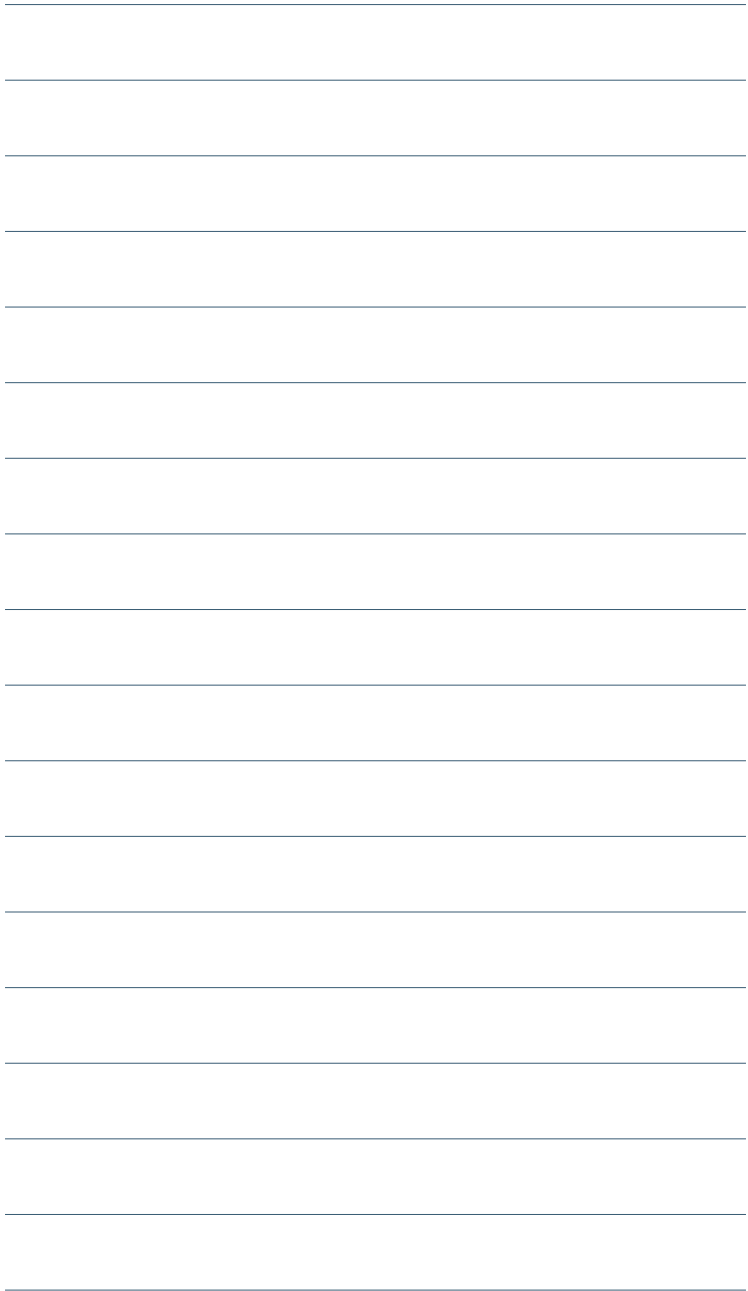
17.45-18.00

DISCUSSION

18.00-18.10

BEST CASES AWARDS

18.10	CLOSING REMARKS Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
12.50-14.00	SATELLITE SYMPOSIA
12.50-13.02	Building on Heritage. Innovating for the Future Baris Yemes (sponsored by Abbott)
13.02-13.10	Allegra Clinical Update Karim Ratib (sponsored by Biosensors/D3G)
13.10-13.30	Progress, Innovation & Evolution John Lam, Kevin Crevecoeur (sponsored by Edwards and Bormia)
13.30-13.38	Beyond the Valve: Rethinking Tricuspid in Right Heart Failure Katharina Kiss (sponsored by Medical Intertrade)
13.38-13.48	TAVI Evolute Update TBD (sponsored by Medtronic)
13.48-14.00	Current, ongoing and upcoming Clinical Trials with MyVal THV series Damir Kirner (sponsored by Meril)



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