

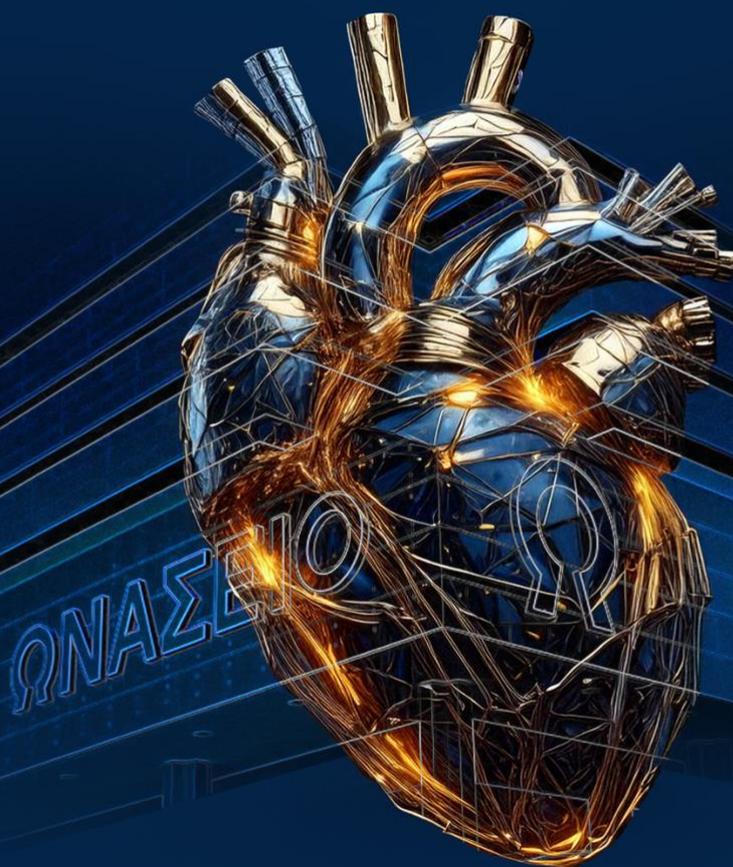


INTERNATIONAL
CARDIAC SURGERY
Conference

Step
Into the
Future
of
Cardiac Surgery

13-14 / 03 / 2026

Athens Marriott Hotel, Athens, Greece





WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the **1st International Congress of Cardiac Surgery, “Step into the Future of Cardiac Surgery,”** which will take place at the **Athens Marriott Hotel, on March 13–14, 2026.**

The Congress aims to highlight innovations and to stimulate open discussion on emerging fields of knowledge that may shape a promising future for our specialty. Cardiac surgery, as one of the youngest specialties in the history of medicine, has pioneered the radical treatment of cardiac diseases that were considered incurable until only a few decades ago. Building on the depth and rich legacy of this body of knowledge, the cardiac surgery of the future can—and must—play a pivotal role, in close collaboration with related specialties, in the safer and more effective treatment of patients with heart disease.

We hope that this Congress will offer participants the opportunity, through the presence of experts in each specialized field addressed, to enrich their knowledge and experience, fostering the momentum toward this new era.

At the core of the program lies the pioneering cardiac surgery of Onassis Hospital, minimally invasive techniques, endoscopic valve repair, and arrhythmia surgery, which—together with advances in diagnostic technology, imaging, and interventional procedures—are redefining a new era in therapeutic options for structural heart disease.

Innovations across the full spectrum of cardiac surgical subspecialties will be discussed in an interactive manner, and a hands-on training workshop using simulators will also be included.

We warmly invite you to actively participate in the scientific sessions of the Congress, with a forward-looking mindset focused on the future and the evolution of emerging therapies.

With warm regards,
President of the Organizing Committee

Dr. Konstantinos Perreas



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM | Friday March 13, 2026

08:15 - 10:00

Nursing Unit Session

Moderators: **Ch. Panagiotou, D. Komianou, P. Magaliou**

Interdisciplinary communication in hybrid operating rooms
Sp. Linardos

Training nurses in new cardiac surgical techniques: impact on patient safety
Ch. Krithari

Acute bleeding & cardiac tamponade: nursing priorities
M. Papandreou

Cardiac arrest in the CT-ITU: advanced nursing response
D. Doumpou

Modern approaches to analgesia & sedation
M. Liolioussi

ECMO: Troubleshooting & daily nursing challenges
Ch. Kinti

Role of the nurse in weaning from mechanical circulatory support
P. Kossyvas

Nursing Role in the Prevention of Cardiac Surgery Infections in the Outpatient Clinic
E. Traikoglou

Panel: **A. Gkogkos, F. Giamouridis**



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10:00 – 11.45

Coronary artery disease

Moderators: **S. Patsilinakos, S. Pattakos, G. Triantis**

CTOs - PCI - Evidence

I. Tsiafoutis

MICS CABG

S. Marinakis

Debate

Off pump

K. Katsavrias

On pump

N. Baikoussis

Debate

PCI or CABG for LM

N. Patsourakos

V. Kollias

Endoscopic vein and radial harvesting

E. Papadimas

Coronary circulation pathophysiology

K. Triantafyllou

Panel: **I. Malakos, K. Kontrafouris,**

P. Stougiannos, E. Demerouti



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Aorta & Aortic Valve

Moderators: **G. Athanassopoulos, G. Stavridis, A. Manginas**

Bentall/ David
D. Avgerinos

Predicting acute aortic syndrome
N. Papakonstantinou

Age factor for mechanical vs bioprosthetic valves -current evidence
C. Alexiou

Goal directed CPB
D. Poulis

Interventional aorta
Th. Kratimenos

TAVI or MICS sAVR - any evidence?
G. Lucceshe

TAVI or sAVR in <70?
K. Kontrafouris

LIVE in a box - Mini sterno aorta
S. Katsaridis

LIVE in a box – Transaxillary: Tips & Tricks
Th. Karaiskos

Panel: **M. Panagiotou, D. Iliopoulos, M. Milonakis, A. Kartalis**



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13:40 – 14.10	Satellite Lecture (p.15)
14.10-14.30	Break
14:30 – 16.30	Thoracoscopic surgery of the aortic valve – Transcatheter approaches Moderators: P. Dedeilias, G. Katsimagklis, D. Alexopoulos
	LIVE in a box - small aortic root sAVR G. Samanidis
	Thoracoscopic AVR G. Lucchese
	Debate Evidence in TAVI + PCI vs CABG + sAVR in >70 A. Zacharoulis A. Kourliouros
	Discussion voting
	LIVE in a box - Heart team TAVI V. Patris, M. Argyriou
	RAT AVR A. Panos
	Low risk TAVI -sAVR mid-term results. A propensity matched stud I. Kefalidi
	LIVE in a box - Endoscopic sutureless K. Perreas



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Emergency TAVI

I. Iakovou

Panel: **N. Kafkas, G. Chrysostomidis, K. Lampropoulos, A. Dimopoulos, I. Samiotis**

16.30 – 17.00

Satellite Lecture (p.15)

17.00 – 17.30

Satellite Lecture (p.15)

17.45 – 19.45

Interesting Video presentations

Moderators: **G. Lazopoulos, A. Pitsis, A. Trikas**

2nd Department of Cardiac Surgery, Hygeia Hospital

Περιστατικό πολύπλοκης επιδιόρθωσης τριγλώχινας με βηματοδοτικό καλώδιο

M. Konstantinidou

Hippokration General Hospital

Intracardiac Cement Embolism - Rare cases in cardiac surgery

A. Koutela

1st Department of Cardiac Surgery, Henry Dunant Hospital Center

Σύνθετη πλαστική μιτροειδούς βαλβίδας συνδυασμένη με μυστομή κατά Morrow

K. Katsavrias

Cardiac Surgery Clinic and Thoracic Aorta Center, Athens Medical Center

Multiple aortic valve fibroelastomas a case report

A. Paramythiotis

Department of Cardiac Surgery, University Hospital of Ioannina

Διάτρηση του μεσοκοιλιακού διαφράγματος και της αριστερής κοιλίας από ηλεκτρόδιο εμφυτεύσιμου απινιδωτή σε ασθενή με υπερτροφική μυοκαρδιοπάθεια

Ch. Ballas



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2nd Department of Cardiac Surgery, Onassis Hospital
Complex aortic reconstruction. "Arch first technique"
E. Dylja

3rd Department of Cardiac Surgery, Henry Dunant Hospital Center
A. Argyroulis

1st Department of Cardiac Surgery, Onassis Hospital
Θωρακοσκοπική επιδιόρθωση sinus venous
E. Liaretidou

4th Department of Cardiac Surgery, Hygeia Hospital
Bicuspid aortic valve repair for regurgitation in 34-year old patient
N. Schizas

Evangelismos General Hospital
Totally Thoracoscopic Extracardiac Repair of Right-Sided Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return in an Adult Patient Using Pulmonary Venous Reimplantation and Valveless Neo-Cavoatrial Reconstruction: A Novel Technique
N. Stanitsa

University Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University General Hospital of Alexandroupolis
Χειρουργική αντιμετώπιση ενεργού λοιμώδους ενδοκαρδίτιδας με προσβολή τριών βαλβίδων
M. Koutini

Panel: **G. Tsigkas, A. Ziakas, I. Gissis, M. Panagiotou, G. Samanidis, N. Baikoussis, F. Mitropoulos, L. Poulimenos**

19.45-20.30

Opening ceremony



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Heart Failure

Moderators: **Th. Chamogeorgakis, S. Adamopoulos, A. Ziakas**

Heart transplantation in Onassis

M. Bonios

ECMO in CT surgery

S. Dimopoulos

Heart Transplant in adult patient with congenital diseases

P. Latsonas

Temporary circulatory support devices

K. Ieromonachos

Lung transplant - the importance of peri-op respiratory medicine support

F. Theodoropoulos

DCD (Donation after circulatory death)

J. Dimarakis

Management of challenging endocarditis cases

A. Koliopoulou

Panel: **M. Drakopoulou, A. Gkouziouta, A. Ntalianis**

10:00 – 11.30

Mitral and tricuspid valve therapies

Moderators: **L. Michalis, V. Voudris, K. Aggeli**

Echo for MV and TV diagnosis and treatment

E. Prappa

How to identify false positive calcuopathy diagnoses- when not to intervene

A. Patrianakos

LIVE in a box - transcatheter mvr

E. Leontiadis



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MV repair in FMR?
V. Goulielmos

The updated evidence of transcatheter techniques for MV
K. Spargias

Endoscopic Tricuspid
D. Kamentsidis

Panel: **N. Koumallos, N. Mourtzis, S. Kyrzopoulos,
G. Trantalis, A. Chalapas**

11:45 – 12.45 **Satellite Symposium (p.16)**

12.45 – 13.00 **Break**

13.00 – 15.00 **Mitral and tricuspid valve therapies 2**
Moderators: **P. Vardas, D. Tsiapras, N. Kouris**

LIVE in a box - CLIP
K. Toutouzas

Preliminary Experience with the Allegra Transcatheter Valve
H. Moldovan

MAC hybrid
G. Pattakos

Anaesthetic support in MICS
A. Falara

Minimising CPB
P. Antonitsis

LIVE in a-Box- Thoracoscopic mv repair
K. Perreas



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Thoracoscopic Tv repair

A. Roussakis

Panel: **N. Mourtzis, I. Samiotis, K. Pappas,
I. Kosmas, V. Filias**

15.00 – 15.30

Satellite Lecture (p.16)

15.30 – 16.00

Invited Lecture

Moderators: **D. Dougenis**

Physiology of CABG

S. Prapas

Panel: **D. Avramidis**



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16.00-17.30

Atrial Fibrillation

Moderators: **K. Letsas, G. Andrikopoulos, M. Argyriou**

AF prognosis – Evidence

P. Mililis

Endoscopic balloon PV Ablation

A. Roubelakis

Concomitant ablation

V. Lozos

Trials – evidence

Ch. Kotoulas

Thoracoscopic ABC ablation

N. Nikolaidis

Our experience

A. Roussakis

Panel: **C. Georgiou, A. Kostopoulou,**

G. Poulos, Th. Theologou

17.30-19.00

Stepping into the future of paediatric heart surgery

Moderators: **D. Bobos, G. Sarris, I. Papagiannis**

Cardiac MRI in congenital cardiac surgery

S. Kourtidou

Hybrid procedures in paediatric cardiac surgery

F-P. Roris

Minimal invasive paediatric cardiac surgery

F. Mitropoulos

Databases in congenital heart surgery

E. Protopapas



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The current role of CICU in the management of congenital heart defects

K. Kyriakoulis

Invasive paediatric cardiology

S. Apostolopoulou

Innovations in paediatric cardiac surgery

M. Kanakis

Panel: **A. Kourtesis, P. Sfyridis, A. Kallikourdis**

19.00

Closing remarks



Parallel sessions

Thoracoscopic MVR, TVR, AVR / Simulator hands-on parallel sessions

Simulators and VRV assisted technology in minimally invasive cardiac surgery

Tutors: **I. Ahmed, G. Laskawski**

Friday **8.30-11.00**

Saturday **8.30-11.30**
15.00-17.30

*** Limited places- pre-registration required**



Satellite

Friday March 13, 2026

13:40 – 14.10

Satellite Lecture by Corcym – Cardio Innovation

Moderators: **K. Perreas, P. Dedeilias**

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B. Meuris

Panel: **C. Alexiou, I. Samiotis,**

N. Baikoussis, D. Avramidis

16.40 – 17.00

Satellite Lecture by Corcym – Cardio Innovation

Moderators: **K. Perreas, L. Poulimenos**

Robotic sAVR

F. Gumus

17.00 – 17.30

Satellite Lecture by Sofmedica

Moderator: **K. Perreas**

Impella 5.5 - Indications - Patients selection and patient management on ICU

F. Pappalardo



Satellite

Saturday March 14, 2026

11:45 – 12.45

Atricure Symposium

Hybrid ablation and LAA management in persistent AF
Moderators: **K. Letsas, D. Tsiachris**

Hybrid approach, surgical view: Evidence, surgical technique
M. Castella

Hybrid approach, EP view: Patient selection, mapping
A. Porta

Panel: **P. Mililis, A. Katsivas, D. Palaiologos, P. Dedeilias,
Ch. Kotoulas, A. Kostopoulou, G. Poulos, V. Lozos**

15.00 – 15.30

Satellite Lecture by Corcym – Cardio Innovation

Moderator: **E. Vavuranakis**

Building the future with direct view Transaxillary valve surgery

M. Di Eusanio



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