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CICV meeting

Capodistrian Ionian Cardiovascular

Focus: Physician modified endografts

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Corfu Holiday Palace

Corfu **GREECE**

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Scientific Program

Thursday, September 3rd

08:00–08:30

Registrations

08:30–08:40

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Address

N. Tsilimparis, M. Peroulis

08:40–10:10

Session I: State of the Art in Complex Aortic Repair

Chairs: N. Tsilimparis, E. Ducasse, M. Peroulis

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

Evolution of Complex Aortic Repair: From Open to PMEG

Speaker: **S. Maximus (Houston)**

Indications for PMEG vs Custom-Made Devices

Speaker: **A. Zimmermann (Zurich)**

Off-the-shelf and CMDs is all I need and I can treat everything,

Speaker: **M. Gargiulo (Bologna)**

PMEG is all I have and I need it!

Speaker: **I. Koncar (Belgrade)**

In-Situ vs. PMEGs, or best of both worlds?

Speaker: **G. Pratesi (Genova)**

The ESVS Position Paper on PMEGs

Speaker: **A. Wanhainen (Uppsala)**

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Coffee Break



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10:30–12:00

Session II: Planning & Imaging for PMEG

Chairs: M. Piazza, A. Zimmermann, I. Kakisis

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

Advanced Planning for PMEGs – an overview

Speaker: **M. Piazza (Padova)**

Choosing the right graft to modify! Are branched PMEGs necessary?

Speaker: **N. Tsilimparis (Munich)**

Getting the Fen position and reinforcement right – How I do it

Speaker: **D. Adam (Birmingham)**

3D models or simulation in planning. What are the benefits

Speaker: **E. Ducasse (Bordeaux)**

Cautery vs. knife fenestrations and supported vs. in-situ

Speaker: **G. Torsello (Göttingen)**

Pitfalls in PMEG Planning: Lessons from Failures

Speaker: **S. Han (Los Angeles)**

12:00-12:15

Case-based discussion

Panel: **N. Tsilimparis, M. Piazza, E. Ducasse**

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Lunch Break



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Session III: Physician-Modified Endografts: How I Do It

Chairs: S. Maximus, M. Gargiulo, M. Matsagkas

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

Step-by-Step PMEG Creation: Materials & Setup

Speaker: **N. Hasemaki (Athens)**

Sterility, Time Management & Workflow

Speaker: **F. Rohlffs (Regensburg)**

Fenestration Techniques: Tips & Tricks

Speaker: **M. Piazza (Padova)**

Constraining wires: Necessity and Options,

Speaker: **S. Maximus (Houston)**

Resheathing made easy: how I do it,

Speaker: **L. Canaud (Montpellier)**

Recorded Demonstrations of PMEG modification

Speaker: **E. Ducasse, L. Canaud**

14:15-14:45

Coffee Break

14:45–16:00

Session IV: Fenestrated & Branched Endografts

Chairs: F. Rohlffs, D. Adam, C. Klonaris

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

PMEG vs. off the shelf for Emergencies

Speaker: **D. Adam (Birmingham)**

PMEGs for elective care are justified!

Speaker: **V. Makalovski ()**

Bridging Stents: Choices & Complications with PMEGs

Speaker: **A. Katsargyris (Athens)**

Case discussion: When is CMD the way to go in this patient

Speaker: **R. Melo (Lisbon)**

Why I chose PMEG and this case?

Speaker: **A. Zimmermann (Zurich)**



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16:00-16:30

Capodistrian Keynote Lecture
Innovation Under Constraints, the Philosophy of PMEG

20:30

Welcome Reception

Friday, September 4th

09:00-18:00

Workshops of different Aortic Grafts with all Faculty

09:00-12:00

Workshop of type A grafts

12:00-15:00

Workshop of type B grafts

15:00-18:00

Workshop of type C grafts



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Saturday, September 5th

09:30-10:45

Session V: Complications & Bailout Strategies

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

When the resheathing does not work: what to do?

Speaker: **N. Tsilimparis**

Keep the top Cap in place!

Speaker: **M. Piazza**

Endoleaks in PMEG: Prevention & Treatment

Speaker: **S. Maximus**

Emergency Conversion & Rescue Techniques

Speaker: **A. Zimmermann (Zurich)**

On-label vs. off-label fenestration creation

Speaker: **E. Ducasse (Bordeaux)**

10:45-12:00

Session VI: Arch, Ascending Aorta & Hybrid Repair

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

PMEG in the Aortic Arch: Feasibility & Limits

Speaker: **S. Maximus (Houston)**

Branched Devices for Zone 0–2

Speaker: **A. Zimmermann (Zurich)**

In-Situ Fenestration vs. PMEG in the Arc

Speaker: **G. Pratesi (Genova)**

Case Discussion PMEG in Arch case

Presenter: **L. Canaud (Montpellier)**



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12:00-12:15

Coffee break

12:15-13:15

Session VII: Challenging & Failed Cases

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

Failed infrarenal Devices → PMEG Rescue

Speaker: **R. Melo (Portugal)**

Redo Aortic Repair

Speaker: **N. Tsilimparis (Munich)**

Hostile Anatomy & Connective Tissue Disease

Speaker: **I. Kakisis (Athnes)**

Case discussion with Audience Voting: What Would You Do?

13:15-13:45

Coffee Break

13:45-15:00

Session VIII: Future of Complex Aortic Repair

(10' presentation and 5' discussion)

What did we learn from the international registry

Speaker: **R. Melo (Portugal)**

Off-the-Shelf Branched Devices vs. easily modifiable CMDs

Speaker: **N. Tsilimparis (Munich)**

Modification Kits for PMEGs

Speaker: **E. Ducasse (Bordeaux)**

Standardisation of techniques for PMEG

Speaker: **M. Piazza (Padova)**

Training the Next Generation in PMEG

Speaker: **G. Torsello (Münster)**

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Closing: Summary & CICV 2027 Announcement



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International Faculty

Steven Maximus – Texas

Eric Ducasse – France

Michele Piazza – Italy

Giovanni Pratesi – Italy

Mauro Gargiulo – Italy

Fiona Rohlfss – Germany

Christos Pasaloglou – Germany

Nikolaos Tsilimparis – Germany

Donald Adam – England

Alexander Zimmermann – Switzerland

Vladimir Makalowski – Switzerland

Giovanni Torsello – Germany

Athanasios Katsargyris – Greece

Ludovic Canaud – France

Ryan Melo – Portugal

Anders Wanhainen – Sweden



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Greek Faculty

Michalis Peroulis – Ioannina, Greece

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Nikolaos Klonaris – Athens, Greece

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Christos Karkos – Thessaloniki, Greece

Kyriakos Ktenidis – Thessaloniki, Greece

Georgiadis Giorgos – Alexandroupoli, Greece

Lazaris Andreas – Athens, Greece

Christos Ioannou – Heraklion-Crete, Greece

Pitoulas George – Thessaloniki, Greece

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Speakers

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