

**JUNE  
15-16  
2026**

# AORTIC SURGERY IN BOLOGNA

FROM NEONATES TO ADULTS

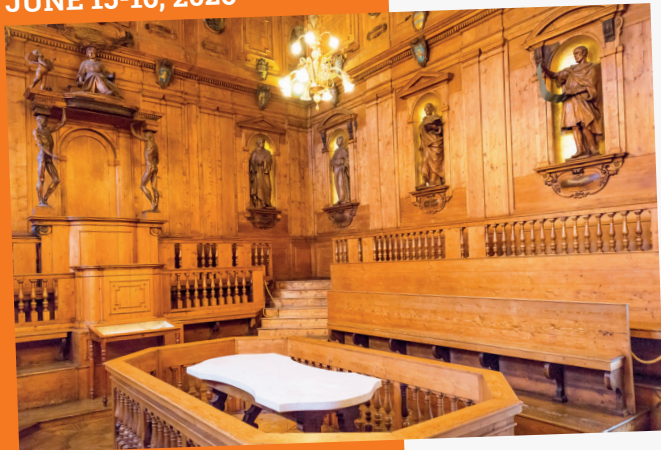
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**Bologna  
Heart  
Surgery  
Symposium**

Focus on Aortic Disease

5<sup>th</sup> edition

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*Share a 2 days  
meeting to explore  
all aspects of  
aortic diseases*

FOURTH EDITION

**SUMMER  
TALKS IN  
BOLOGNA  
ON PEDIATRIC  
AND CONGENITAL  
CARDIAC SURGERY**

The evolving  
landscape of  
Congenital left  
heart and Aortic  
anomalies

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to announce that, from 2026 onwards, the **"BHSS – Bologna Heart Surgery Symposium"** and the **"STB – Summer Talks in Bologna on Pediatric and Congenital Cardiac Surgery"** will be held simultaneously at the same venue.

This will create a unique opportunity for scientific exchange and collaboration at the highest level: **"Aortic Surgery in Bologna – From Neonates to Adults."**

This initiative stems from the collaboration between the Departments of Adult Cardiac Surgery and Pediatric Congenital Adult Cardiac Surgery, with the goal of bringing together international experts in aortic and cardiovascular surgery.

We look forward to welcoming many of you, with lots of exciting news!

**Prof. Davide Pacini**

**Prof.ssa Emanuela Angeli**







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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE | **MONDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

08:30 Participants' registration

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome greetings | EUROPAUDITORIUM

	BHSS SESSION EUROPAUDITORIUM	STB SESSION SALA ITALIA	PERFUSIONIST SESSION SALA VERDE
09:30 - 12:30	<b>LIVE SURGERY - 2 CASES</b> From the Operating Room of the S. Orsola Hospital	<b>Session 1</b> <b>ORIGINS AND EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF LEFT HEART &amp; AORTIC ANOMALIES</b>	
	<b>Session 1</b> <b>INNOVATION AND TRANSCATHETER VALVE SURGERY</b>		
12:30 - 12:50	<b>Lecture</b> <b>The European contribution to aortic surgery</b> Steven Lansman	<b>Lecture</b> <b>Before birth, beyond survival: how prenatal diagnosis transformed outcomes in congenital heart disease</b> Damien Bonnet	
12:50 - 14:00	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00 - 16:00	<b>Session 2</b> <b>AORTIC ROOT / ASCENDING AND AORTIC ARCH</b>	<b>Session 2</b> <b>NEONATAL AND EARLY SURGICAL &amp; TRANSCATHETER MANAGEMENT OF CONGENITAL AORTIC VALVE DISEASE</b>	<b>Session 1</b> <b>ADVANCED PERFUSION AND INTRAOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT IN AORTIC SURGERY: ADULT SESSION</b>
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
16:30 - 18:30	<b>Session 3</b> <b>AORTIC ROOT / ASCENDING AND AORTIC ARCH</b>	<b>Session 3</b> <b>SURGICAL &amp; TRANSCATHETER THERAPEUTICS IN LVOTO</b>	<b>Session 2</b> <b>ADVANCED PERFUSION AND INTRAOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT IN AORTIC SURGERY: PEDIATRIC SESSION</b>
17:45 - 18:30		<b>Lecture</b> <b>HLHS: different options for different patients. How to choose?</b> Gil Wernovsky	



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	BHSS SESSION EUROPAUDITORIUM	STB SESSION SALA ITALIA	PERFUSIONIST SESSION SALA VERDE
08:30 - 12:00	<b>LIVE SURGERY - 2 CASES</b> From the Operating Room of the S. Orsola Hospital	<b>Session 4</b> <b>AORTIC ARCH SURGERY</b>	
08:30 - 10:30	<b>Session 4</b> <b>DISSECTION - Part 1</b>		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:00 - 11:45	<b>Session 5</b> <b>DISSECTION - Part 2</b>	<b>Video session</b> <b>AORTIC ARCH REPAIR</b> Best surgical videos	
11:45 - 13:00		<b>Session 5</b> <b>LIFELONG CARE AND THE FUTURE</b>	
13:00 - 14:10	Lunch	Lunch	
14:10 - 14:30	<b>Lecture</b> <b>The role of Open Thoracoabdominal Aneurysm Repair today and tomorrow</b> Hazim Safi	<b>Session 6</b> <b>ACHD CARE BE WISE AND STAY HEALTHY</b>	<b>Session 3</b> <b>HIGH-RISK POPULATION, SPECIAL TECHNIQUES</b>
14:30 - 15:45	<b>Session 6</b>		
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:15	<b>Session 7</b> <b>HOUSTON AORTIC SYMPOSIUM @ BHSS</b> <b>DESCENDING AND THORACO-ABDOMINAL</b>	<b>Session 7</b> <b>GLIMPSE TO THE FUTURE</b>	<b>Session 4</b> <b>CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS: REAL-LIFE IMPACT AND FUTURE EVOLUTION</b>
17:15 - 18:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>Clinical Thoracic Aortic Trials: a Review of the Data Most Important to your Practice</i>		
18:00	Closing remarks	Closing remarks	Closing remarks





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Bologna Heart Surgery Symposium

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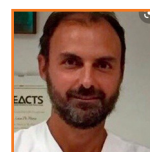
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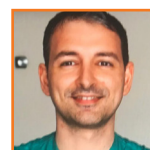
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## PROGRAM | TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

08:30 **LIVE SURGERY (2 CASES)**  
12:00 From the Operating Room of the S. Orsola Hospital

08:30 **SESSION 4**  
10:30 **DISSECTION - Part 1**  
CHAIRMEN: Martin Czerny, Robin Heijmen, Eric Roselli  
08:30 Cannulation strategies and circulation management in acute type A aortic dissection  
Vitaly A. Sorokin

08:38 Incidence, natural history and treatment of type A IMH: differences between Western and Asian countries  
Kay-Hyun Park

08:46 Coronary malperfusion in acute dissection  
Chris Malaissr

08:54 Redo Bentall FET in ATAAD post-CABG  
Worawong Slisatkorn

09:02 Root repair in acute type A dissection  
Zhong Wu

09:10 Visceral malperfusion in acute type A dissection  
Bu-Qing Ni

09:18 A novel aortic End-to-End anastomotic stapler device  
Marek Ehrlich

10:30 **Coffee break**

11:00 **SESSION 5**  
13:00 **DISSECTION - Part 2**  
CHAIRMEN: Antony Estrera, Martin Funovics, Hiroo Takayama  
11:00 The new uncover hybrid prosthesis for open repair of acute type A dissection with or without malperfusion: actual results  
Michael Moon

11:08 Staged approach for the treatment of acute type A Aortic dissection  
Himanshu Patel

11:16 FET for acute type A aortic dissection: late outcomes over two decades  
Jun-Ming Zhu

11:24 Endovascular repair for acute type B aortic dissection: the graft is not a matter?  
Martin Czerny

11:32 The ARISE II trial  
Eric Roselli

11:40 Trends and updates in the management and outcomes of acute uncomplicated type B aortic dissection  
Santi Trimarchi

11:48 How to predict false lumen degeneration: the use of 4D flow MRI and computational fluid dynamics  
Bradley Leshnower

11:56 The role of septotomy in aortic dissection  
Giovanni Pratesi

12:04 Open surgery for acute type B aortic dissection  
Hitoshi Matsuda

12:12 How to choose the proximal landing zone in TBAD  
Germano Melissano

12:20 Redo surgery after uncovered arch stenting for acute dissection  
Konstantinos Tsagakis

13:00 **Lunch**

14:10 **LECTURE 2**  
14:30 **The role of Open Thoracoabdominal Aneurysm Repair today and tomorrow**  
Hazim Safi  
PRESENTED BY: Roberto Di Bartolomeo

14:30 **VIDEO SESSION**  
15:45 CHAIRMEN: Leonard Girardi, Alessandro Leone, Wei-Guo Ma  
14:30 Thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repair | Qing-Kun Hu  
14:35 Neurocognitive evaluation after aortic surgery | Liang Chen  
14:40 Surgical management of a patient with type aortic dissection involving the aortic arch combined with abdominal aortic aneurysm | Kai-Tao Jian  
14:45 Left carotid and subclavian cannulation in acute type A dissection repair | Qing Li

14:50 Type A aortic Intramural Hematoma: conservative treatment or surgery | Jinlin Wu

14:55 Management of infected FET | Giacomo Murana

15:45 **Coffee break**

16:00 **SESSION 6**  
HOUSTON AORTIC SYMPOSIUM @ BHSS  
DESCENDING AND THORACO-ABDOMINAL

CHAIRMEN: Davide Pacini, Anthony Estrera

16:00 TAAA in Syndromic Patients - Open is More Durable!  
Li-Zhong Sun

16:08 Open TAAA experience  
Joseph Coselli

16:16 TAAA open repair with deep hypothermia: the Kyoto approach  
Kenji Minatoya

16:24 Technical Pitfalls for Fenestrated- Branched Endovascular Repair Following Endovascular PETTICOAT  
Naveed Saqib

16:32 Proximal descending aortic aneurysm repair requiring hypothermic circulatory arrest: Technical aspects  
Anil Apaydin

16:40 Predictors for recovery of spinal cord injury  
Akiko Tanaka

16:48 Clinical update on Thoracoabdominal hybrid device  
Sabine Wipper

16:56 Does the new Hybrid Thoracoabdominal device requires change in surgical approach?  
Aung Ye Oo

17:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
18:00 Clinical Thoracic Aortic Trials: A Review of the Data Most Important to Your Practice

CHAIRMEN: Joseph Bavaria, Anthony Estrera  
PANELISTS: Hazim Safi, Joseph Coselli, Akiko Tanaka, Naveed Saqib, Yutaka Okita, Roberto Chiesa, Eric Roselli

TOPICS: Aortic Root, Arch, TAAA, Acute and Chronic Aortic Dissection (Type A, B), Medical Therapy, Open, Endovascular, Hybrid Therapies, Lifetime Aortic Disease Management

18:00 **Closing remarks**  
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## PROGRAM | TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

08:45 **SESSION 4**  
10:30 **AORTIC ARCH SURGERY**  
CHAIRMEN: Andrew B. Goldstone, Giovanni Battista Luciani

08:45 Aortic arch repair  
Emanuela Angeli

09:00 Complex surgery associated with arch repair  
Mark Hazekamp

09:15 Neurological outcomes  
Duccio Maria Cordelli

09:30 Monitoring of organ perfusion in aortic arch surgery  
Federica Sperandeo

09:45 Surgery on the aortic arch and feasibility of electroencephalography (SAFE) monitoring in neonates  
TBD

10:00 Slings, rings, and other things...  
Olivier Raisky

10:15 **Discussion**

10:30 **Coffee break**

11:00 **VIDEO SESSION**  
11:45 **AORTIC ARCH REPAIR - Best surgical videos**

11:45 **SESSION 5**  
13:15 **LIFELONG CARE AND THE FUTURE**  
CHAIRMEN: Bahaaldin Alsoufi, Sara Arrigoni

11:45 Risk factors for reintervention following treatment for Aortic Coarctation with or without aortic arch hypoplasia  
TBD

12:00 Management of recoarctation: transcatheter procedure  
Massimo Chessa

12:15 Management of recoarctation: surgical procedure  
Attilio Lotto

12:30 Complex surgery in congenital adult patients with LVOT obstruction  
Lucio Careddu

12:45 Aortic valve stenosis in congenital adult patients: the option called TAVI  
Francesco Saia

13:00 **Discussion**

13:15 **Lunch**  
14:30

14:30 **SESSION 6**  
16:00 **ACHD CARE BE WISE AND STAY HEALTHY**  
CHAIRMEN: Margarita Brida, Gabriele Egidy Assenza

14:30 Heart failure in repaired left heart lesions: when a single ventricle physiology is better  
Anastasia Egorova

14:45 Pregnancy and reproductive health in women with left-sided CHD  
Cristina Ciucu

15:00 What's new in the 2025 AHA/ACC ACHD guidelines  
Eric V. Krieger

15:15 Telemedicine in ACHD  
Berardo Sarubbi

15:30 **Discussion**

15:45 **Coffee break**  
16:00

16:00 **SESSION 7**  
18:00 **GLIMPSE TO THE FUTURE**  
CHAIRMEN: Alessandro Giamberti, Vladimiro Vida

16:00 Artificial intelligence in imaging and risk stratification  
TBD

16:15 3D printing and virtual planning for complex left heart anatomy  
Israel Valverde

16:30 Mixed Reality in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery  
TBD

16:45 ICU Care of the future  
Gil Wernovsky

17:00 Global disparities in left heart disease care  
TBD

17:15 **Discussion**

17:30 **LECTURE 3**  
18:00 **Building the future workforce in congenital cardiology & surgery**  
Margarita Brida

18:00 **Closing Remarks**  
Emanuela Angeli





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PROGRAM | TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

PERFUSIONISTS' PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:00 16:00	<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>Advanced Perfusion and Intraoperative Management in Aortic Surgery: Adult session</b> CHAIRMEN:
14:00	Introduction and welcome greetings
14:10	Lecture: "EBCP consensus statement: Knowledge, skills, and competencies required for contemporary clinical perfusion practice"
14:25	Perfusion Strategies for Aortic and Aortic Arch Surgery: Focus of 2024 EACTS/EACTAIC/EBCP Guidelines
14:45	Beyond Cardioplegia: Unconventional Strategies for Myocardial Protection
15:00	Roller pump vs centrifugal pump: differences on cerebral autoregulation during aortic arch surgery
15:15	Hazards of Accelerated Cooling and Rewarming in Cardiopulmonary Bypass requiring hypothermia
15:30	Beyond the Surgical Field: Collaborative Practice in Anesthesia and Perfusion during FET procedure
15:50	Discussion
16:00 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 18:00	<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>Advanced Perfusion and Intraoperative Management in Aortic Surgery: Pediatric session</b> CHAIRMEN:
16:15	Quality of Perfusion: from new born to adult patient
16:30	Neonates on bypass: a multiorgan perspective
16:45	Under Pressure: Arterial Pressure Management During CPB
17:00	Electrolytes on CPB: The Key to Better Recovery
17:15	Advanced Neuromonitoring in new born and in pediatric patient
17:30	Ultrasound Transit-Time Flow Measurement Technology During Selective Cerebral Perfusion in Newborns
17:45	Discussion
18:00	End of the 1st day

14:00 15:45	<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>High-risk population, special techniques</b> CHAIRMEN:
14:00	Pregnancy in Patients with Congenital LVOT disease: what happens if CPB is required
14:15	CPB and Prematurity: the ideal tools (perfusionist's point of view)
14:30	CPB and Prematurity: the ideal tools (anesthesiologist's point of view)
14:45	Genetic Syndromes: The Hidden Nightmare in Clinical Practice
15:00	Malignant Hyperthermia During CPB: How to Spot It and What to Do
15:15	Discussion
15:45	Coffee break
16:00 18:00	<b>SESSION 4</b> <b>Cardiopulmonary Bypass: Real-Life Impact and Future Evolution</b> CHAIRMEN:
16:00	The impact of ASCP: difference between neonate and adult patients imaging evaluation neurocognitive evaluation
16:20	AI and cardiopulmonary bypass
16:35	Miniaturized CPB Circuits: Optimization for Adults or Religion for Pediatrics?
16:50	Inspired by True Stories: Voices from The Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust
17:00	When little is better than nothing: cardiac care in war and extreme conditions
17:20	Discussion
18:00	Closing remarks



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CONFERENCE VENUE

Bologna Heart Surgery Symposium **BHSS** and Summer Talks in Bologna on Pediatric and Congenital Cardiac Surgery **STB** will be held simultaneously at the same venue:

**BOLOGNA CONGRESS CENTER**

**Piazza della Costituzione, 4/a**  
**40128 Bologna - Italy**

- **BHSS sessions** will take place in the **EuropAuditorium**
- **STB sessions** will be held in **Sala Italia**
- **PERFUSIONISTS' sessions** will be held in **Sala Verde**

Participants may choose to register for either the BHSS or the STB, or to attend both events.

HOW TO GET TO VENUE

**BY PLANE**

Several airlines connect Bologna with many Italian and international cities.

The International Airport "G. Marconi" is located just 7 km from the conference Venue, approximately 15 minutes by taxi.

**Taxi contacts:** +39 051 372727 | +39 051 4950 | +39 051 534141

The airport is also connected to Bologna Central Railway Station by the **Marconi Express** service, which takes about 7 minutes. Ticket prices: € 12,80 one way, € 23,30 round trip.

**BY TRAIN**

Bologna Central Station is one of the largest railway hubs in Italy and Europe. It is located just a few minutes from the Bologna Congress Center.

**Buses:**

- **Line 35 and 38** connect the Station to the Venue (Fiera / Palazzo dei Congressi).
- Tickets: Single ticket € 2,30 (valid for 75 minutes), One-day ticket € 9,00 (valid for 24 hours).
- Tickets can be purchased on board by credit card at the same fare, or at automatic machines for € 3,50.

**BY CAR**

From motorways **A1, A13, A14**: take the Bologna ring road and exit **n. 7 (Via Stalingrado)** or **Bologna Fiera** towards the city centre.

**Parking:** Paid parking facilities are available near the Conference Venue. Multiple options are located within walking distance of the Bologna Congress Center.







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## VIDEO SUBMISSION FOR BHSS AND STB

All registered participants are welcome to **submit video** presentations for the **BHSS** and **STB** sessions related to the congress topics.

The **best videos** will be selected for presentation in the **Plenary Session**, while the remaining accepted videos will be screened in a dedicated Video Room.

Video submissions must comply with the following **duration** limits:

**BHSS:** maximum 3 minutes

**STB:** maximum 5 minutes

All videos must be sent via WeTransfer ([www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com)) to the Organizing Secretariat no later than **April 15, 2026**. Please clearly indicate the presenter's full name (first and last name), hospital, city, country, phone number, and email address.

All presenters must be duly registered for the Conference.

**Submission contacts:**

**BHSS:** [m.falzone@noemacongressi.it](mailto:m.falzone@noemacongressi.it)

**STB:** [v.carletti@noemacongressi.it](mailto:v.carletti@noemacongressi.it)

## ACCREDITATION

**ECM and EBCP accreditation** for the sessions dedicated to **perfusionists** on June 15 and 16 from 14:00 to 18:00.

## VISA REQUEST

The Organizing Secretariat will be pleased to provide letters of invitation upon request, for participants who need them to apply for a VISA. Please contact [info@noemacongressi.it](mailto:info@noemacongressi.it)

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language is **English**.

## CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates of Attendance will be sent by e-mail at the end of the Conference.

## HOTEL RESERVATION

A number of rooms have been reserved for participants.



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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 20:30**

### CONFERENCE DINNER

**Palazzo Albergati** | Via A. Masini, 46, 40069 Zola Predosa BO

€ 120,00 VAT included

Transfer from the Conference venue is included

## REGISTRATION FEES (PRICES INCLUDE 22% VAT)

\* **Before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

REGISTRATION TYPE	BHSS	STB	BHSS + STB
Physicians	€ 400,00	€ 200,00	€ 500,00
Physicians (SICCH, TSCVS, IACTS Members)	€ 300,00	€ 150,00	€ 400,00
Residents* / Nurses / Perfusionists	-	-	€ 100,00

**After April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

REGISTRATION TYPE	BHSS	STB	BHSS + STB
Physicians	€ 450,00	€ 250,00	€ 600,00
Physicians (SICCH, TSCVS, IACTS Members)	€ 350,00	€ 200,00	€ 500,00
Residents* / Nurses / Perfusionists	-	-	€ 120,00

\* Fee granted upon submission of an official certificate confirming the Resident status.

### Included in the registration fee:

Admittance to all scientific sessions, access to the exhibition, Congress kit, coffee breaks, and light lunches on **June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## HOW TO REGISTER

[Online registration.](#)

## EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

In compliance with the regulations and ethical codes of their associations (MedTech Europe, Confindustria Dispositivi Medici and Farindustria), companies may support the continuing professional development of healthcare professionals through the provision of Educational Grants.

Companies may contact Giulia Aiello for information and quotations: [g.aiello@noemacongressi.it](mailto:g.aiello@noemacongressi.it)  
The deadline for activating Educational Grants is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.





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