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Day 1

FRIDAY, 20.03.2026

Paris Hall

08.30 *Welcome message*

08.30–10.40 **SESSION 1 – CTO new techniques in 2026: are there any?**
“Steel river”- is the “liquid wire” just “smoke on the water”?

08.30-10.40 **Session Coordinator:** Alexandre Avran
Panel Experts: Prof. Dr. Mohaned Egred, Dr. Gregor Leibundgut, Dr. Mihnea Nichita Brendea, Dr. Vojtěch Novotný, Dr. Marin Postu
Provoker: Dr. Pierfrancesco Agostoni

Go live:  **LIVE CASE from CC Iliescu Institute, Bucharest, Romania**
 Dr. Mohamed Ayoub, Prof. Dr. Ömer Göktekin, Dr. Nicu Catană
 **LIVE CASE from Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane, Australia**
 Dr. Rustem Dautov

Imaging specialist: Dr. Marouane Boukhris

Conversation Street:  **New tools on the market I like in CTO PCI**
Honest discussions when no one can hear us
 Dr. Pierfrancesco Agostoni vs. Dr. Mihai Coci vs. Dr. Gregor Leibundgut vs. Dr. Claudiu Ungureanu

Presentation Talk with the support of Terumo Interventional Systems Rounthrouh NS Izanai. Built for the Routine. Ready for the complex
Speaker: Dr. Iulian Călin

10.40-11.15 **Coffee break** ☕

11.15 – 13.30 **SESSION 2 – Left main and bifurcation session**
Left main disease: no more surgery?
“Rising up to the challenge of our rival
Went the distance, now I’m back on my feet” (Survivor - Eye Of The Tiger)

11.15-13.30 **Session Coordinator:** Dr. Ștefan Moț
Panel Experts: Dr. Alexandru Achim, Dr. Alexandre Avran, Dr. Charis Costopolous, Dr. Stefan Harb, Dr. Tibor Szuk
Provoker: Dr. Dan Deleanu

Go live:  **LIVE CASE from “Bagdasar Arseni” Hospital, Bucharest, Romania**
Flying Dutchman: Dr. Alexander Nap & Dr. Paul Knaapen

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 **LIVE CASE from CC Iliescu Institute, Bucharest, Romania**
Dr. Maksymilian Opolski, Dr. Andras Katona, Dr. Adrian Bucşa



Imaging specialist: Dr. Marouane Boukhris

 **Interventional perspective: Can we treat ANY left main interventional? Borderline cases I wish to share with you**
Dr. Stefan Harb (Austria)

 **Surgical perspective: But I can do it micro-invasive**
Dr. Stanislav Rurac (Romania) – Cardiac surgeon

13.30-14.30

Lunch 

14.30-16.30

SESSION 3 – Stentless PCI
“The Naked Gun”

14.30-16.30

Session Coordinator: Dr. Joao Silveira
Panel Experts: Prof. Dr. Ömer Göktekin, Dr. Iulian Matei,
Dr. Ştefan Moţ, Dr. Hanna Tormilainen, Dr. Imre Ungi
Provoker: Dr. Jurij Avramovic

Go live:

 **LIVE CASE from Emergency Hospital “Agrippa Ionescu”, Bucharest, Romania**
Dr. Alexandre Avran, Dr. Claudiu Ungureanu, Dr. Răzvan Şerban



 **LIVE CASE from CC Iliescu Institute, Bucharest, Romania**
Dr. Gregor Leibundgut, Dr. Felix Woitek, Dr. Marin Postu
Imaging specialist: Dr. Marouane Boukhris



 **Keynote Lecture: Drug eluting stents should be praised, not knocked down**
Dr. Jurij Avramovic (Slovenia)

Conversation Street:

DEBs will never replace DESs

 *The practice in my center*
Honest discussions when no one can hear us

Dr. Ahmed Elguindy vs. Dr. Paul Knaapen vs. Dr. Alexander Nap vs.
Dr. Maksymilian Opolski

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16.30-17.00

Coffee break 

17.00-19.00

SESSION 4 – Real-life CHIP in a non-MCS world: the operator vs. the pump

*“When you try your best but you don’t succeed
When you get what you want but not what you need” (Coldplay – Fix you)*

Session Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Cătălin Toma

Panel Experts: Dr. Mohamed Ayoub, Dr. Risto Jussila,
Dr. Vojtěch Novotný, Dr. Zoltan Ruzsa, Dr. Joao Silveira

Provoker: Dr. Stanislaw Bartus

Go live:

 **LIVE CASE** from CC Iliescu Institute, Bucharest, Romania

Dr. Peep Laanmeets, Dr. Dan Ioaneș, Dr. Pavel Platon

 **LIVE CASE** from from Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, BC, Canada

Dr. Bilal Iqbal & Dr. Anthony Della Siega

Imaging specialist: Dr. Marouane Boukhris

Conversation Street:  **I use MCS devices, but to be honest, they have rarely helped me**
Showing cases on the phone where MCS really made a difference

Honest discussions when no one can hear us

Dr. Mohamed Ayoub vs. Dr. Charis Costopolous vs. Dr. Stefan Harb
vs. Assoc. Prof. Cătălin Toma

19.00

Closing day 1

20.00 - ∞

Speakers’ networking

Day 2

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09.30-11.30

SESSION 5: Complex PCI School

Session Coordinator: Dr. Felix Woitek

Panel Experts: Dr. Gyori Ferenc, Dr. Ion Popovici, Dr. Răzvan Șerban,
Dr. Aurel Toma, Assoc. Prof. Aaron Wong

Provoker: Dr. Marouane Boukhris

Go live:

📌 **LIVE CASE from Humanitas Hospital, Milano, Italy**



Dr. Gabriele Gasparini & Dr. Damiano Regazzoli

1. Particularities in Left Main PCI

Dr. Zoltan Ruzsa (Hungary) – 10’

2. How I rotablate & how I manage rotablation complications

Dr. István Édes (Hungary) - 10’

3. Drug eluting balloons-driven PCI, particularities

Dr. Hanna Tormilainen (Finland) – 10’

4. Breaking the rock with the Rodin Technique – Why didn’t anyone think of it until now?! Rod Stewart – “The First Cut Is the Deepest”

Dr. Claudiu Ungureanu - 10’

11.30-12.00

Coffee break ☕

12.00-14.00

SESSION 6 – Calcium management

“It’s a hard way to the top if you want to “modify the “rock” (AC/DC)

12.00 –14.00

Absolutely LIVE session

Session Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Aaron Wong

Panel Experts: Dr. Mihai Cocoi, Dr. István Édes, Dr. Dan Ioaneș,
Dr. Paul Knaapen, Dr. Aurel Toma

Provoker: Assoc. Prof. Cătălin Toma

Go live:

📌 **LIVE CASE from CC Iliescu Institute, Bucharest, Romania**



Dr. Ahmed Elguindy, Dr. Sevet Gorgulu, Dr. Adrian Bucșa

📌 **LIVE CASE from Emergency Hospital “Agrippa Ionescu”, Bucharest, Romania**



Dr. Mohaned Egred, Dr. Pierfrancesco Agostoni, Dr. Andrei Roșu

Imaging specialist: Dr. Marouane Boukhris

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Conversation  **Do we really need debulking or balloons can actually do the job?**
Street: *Honest discussions on why or why not rotablation and orbital atherectomy are overrated*

Dr. István Édes vs. Dr. Vojtěch Novotný vs. Dr. Zoltan Ruzsa

14.00 – 15.00

Lunch 

15.00-16.30

SESSION 7: Le Grande Finale - THE CONTEST
"We are the champioooooons" (Queen)

Panel Experts: Dr. Alexandru Achim, Dr. Judit Andréka,
Dr. Lucian Călmăc, Dr. Dan Deleanu, Dr. Marin Postu,
Dr. Lucian Predescu, Dr. Kristian Wachtell

Case #1: Unmasking the hidden culprit: an atypical case of recurrent STEMI and cardiac arrest

Dr. Marius Bichescu (Romania)

Case #2: The Phoenix of the Left Main

Dr. Radu Spinu (France)

Case #3: Heart Surgery: Homecoming

Dr. Geppina Eusebio (Italy)

Case #4: Management of an Unexpected Left Main PCI Complication

Dr. Kornél Kákonyi (Hungary)

Case #5: Complex LMS PCI

Dr. Hilal Khan (United Kingdom)

Case #6: Twisting wire

Dr. Robert Bellovics (Hungary)

Case #7: A complex PCI case of right coronary CTO using reverse CART technique

Dr. Mihai Tasnic (Moldova)

Case #8: When the artery said NO, we just had to ask one more time

Dr. Teodor Băjeu (Romania)

16.30-16.35

Closing ceremony
Best 3 Cases Award

Day 1

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Lyon Hall

09.30–10.30 **SESSION 1 – “I came in like a wrecking ball! I never hit so hard in”**
Calcium
Clinical case presentation session (8 min + 5 min for discussion)

09.30-10.30 **Session Coordinator:** Dr. Lucian Zarma
Panel Experts: Dr. Dan Filip, Dr. Călin Homorodean, Dr. Mădălin Marc,
Dr. Virgil Popa

Case #1: Debulking: The four horsemen (actually we lack one)

Dr. Francesco M.Cogliani, Eboli Hospital (Italy)

Case #2: “Cause” imaging “is” an interventionalist’s “best friend”
but “calcium is forever”

Dr. Andras Mester, Emergency Clinical County Hospital of Bihor,
Oradea (Romania)

Case #3: Complex revascularization in a calcified patient

Dr. Marcel Todea, Klinikum Dortmund, Dortmund (Germany)

Case #4: Persistence is key

Dr. Ionuț Bunăiașu, Bucharest (Romania)

Case #5: The limits of escalation in calcified PCI

Dr. Silviu Dumitrașcu, C.C. Iliescu Institute Bucharest, Bucharest
(Romania)

10.30-10.40 **BANCA TRANSILVANIA SYMPOSIUM - Medical Entrepreneurship:**
Turning Ideas into Practice
Irina Doncea, Regional Manager

10.40-11.15 **Coffee break** ☕

11.15-11.45 **BOSTON SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM – Pulmonary Embolism**
Management: Where Does EKOS Fit?
Speaker: Prof. Slobodan Obradović

11.45-11.50 **Break**

11.50-12.50 **ABBOTT SYMPOSIUM - OPTIMIZING COMPLEX PCI: PHYSIOLOGY**
IMAGING & CALCIUM MODIFICATION
Dr. Zoltán Ruzsa (Szeged University, Hungary), Role of Physiology in
Complex PCI (20')
Dr. Lucian Călmăc, Intravascular Imaging in complex cases (20')
Dr. Marin Postu, Debulking Calcium with Orbital Atherectomy (20')

13.30-14.30 **Lunch** 🍴

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14.30-15.30

SESSION 2 – “Chill out, what ya yellin' for?

Lay back, it's all been done before... Why'd you have to go and make things so complicated?”

Clinical case presentation session (8 min + 5 min for discussion)

Session Coordinator: Dr. Imre Ungi

Panel Experts: Prof. Dr. Imre Benedek, Dr. Gyori Ferenc,
Dr. Kristian Wachtell

Case #1: PCI of a calcified RCA with rotational atherectomy, complicated by burr entrapment and perforation

Dr. Andrzej Wolski, Cardiology Department Hospital Kościerzyna, Poland

Case #2: Kink Unraveled, A Syringe-Wire Solution

Dr. Sid Kanoun Schnur, Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Exeter (UK)

Case #3: How to handle an acute ostial occlusion

Dr. Elvis Boțu, Argeș County Emergency Hospital Pitești, Pitești (Romania)

Case #4: Lost and found

Dr. Momir Dejanovikj (Germany)

15.30–16.30

SESSION 2.1 – Complications part 2 : “Bask in the glory of all our problems / 'Cause we got the kind of love it takes to solve 'em”

Clinical case presentation session (8 min + 5 min for discussion)

Session Coordinator: Dr. Risto Jussila

Panel Experts: Dr. Marcel Abraș, Dr. Ayman Elkhallout,
Dr. Igor Nedelciuc, Dr. Florin Orțan

Case #1: Guide Hurdle-A Radial Exchange Solution

Dr. Sid Kanoun Schnur, Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Exeter (UK)

Case #2: Structural Damage of a jailed Wire

Dr. Alexandru Dumneanu, SCJU Sibiu, Sibiu (Romania)

Case #3: One case, three complications

Dr. Sebastian Zus, Institute for Cardio-Vascular Diseases of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania)

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Case #4: Last resort

Dr. Simion Paul, Spitalul Clinic "Sf. Spiridon", Iasi (Romania)

Case #5: - Cutting it close

Dr. Nicolae Cârstea, Monza Ares Centers, Bucharest (Romania),
Dr. Mihnea Căldărău, Auxologico Cardiorec Bucharest (Romania)

16.30-17.00

Coffee break ☕

17.00-19.00

SESSION 3 – CTO&CHIP

**"I'm a hard case that's tough to beat/ I'll solve you at another time/
Take it to the end of the line/ Take me down to the Paradise City..."**
Clinical case presentation session (8 min + 5 min for discussion)

17.00-19.00

Session Coordinator: Dr. Tibor Szuk

Panel Experts: Dr. Adrian Bucşa, Dr. Nicolae Cârstea, Dr. Mihai Melnic,
Dr. Mihnea Nichita-Brendea

Case #1: Unprotected left main salvage PCI in extreme high-risk anatomy

Dr. Adrian Bârzache, Institute for Cardio-Vascular Diseases of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania)

Case #2: Losing the battle, winning the war

Dr. Mady Damian, SUUMC, Bucharest (Romania)

Case #3: Wiring escalation along unfavorable angled LM bifurcation lesion

Dr. Fortunato Iacovelli, Policlinico University Hospital of Bari (Italy)

Case #4: Elective Oversight

Dr. Sid Kanoun Schnur, Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Exeter (UK)

Case #5: All Roads lead to Rome but some may take you to Bucharest

Dr. Mihnea-Traian Nichita-Brendea, Clinical Emergency County Hospital of Bihor, Oradea (Romania)

Case #6: Managing Emergency Complex Coronary Intervention after TAVI

Dr. Riccardo Terzi, Allgemeines Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien, Wien (Austria)

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Case #7: The Romanian “Impaler” uses “Impella” in a complex PCI
Dr. Marcel Todea, Krankenhaus Dortmund, Dortmund (Germany)

Case #8: Dissection to perfection

Dr. Flavius Gherasie, Clinical Emergency Hospital “Bagdasar-Arseni”

Day 2

SATURDAY, 21.03.2026

Lyon Hall

12.00-14.00

SESSION 4 – Imaging

Use imaging upfront and “Don’t look back in anger”!

Clinical case presentation session (8 min + 5 min for discussion)

Session Coordinator: Dr. Nicolae Florescu

Panel Experts: Dr. Elvis Boțu, Assoc. Prof. Ștefan Busnatu,
Dr. Rodica Niculescu, Dr. Pavel Platon, Dr. Mihai Ursu

Case #1: Breaking the Wall: Mastering PCI in Nodular and Difusse Calcification

Federico Oliveri, Leiden University Medical Center (The Netherlands)

Case #2: A Shadow Beyond the Metal

Dr. Alexandru Oancea, Dr. Emmanuel Cassar, Dr. Lionel Mangin,
Grigore T. Popa University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iasi, Romania;
Centre Hospitaliere Annecy Genevois, France

Case #3: IVUS Guided PCI of Calcified RCA with prior stent

Dr. Otar Kvavadze, University Heart Center Graz, Graz (Austria)

Case #4: Mind the gap

Dr. Iulian Matei, Spitalul Clinic “Sf. Spiridon”, Iasi (Romania)

Case #5: Crisis and resolution

Dr. Mihai Emil Russu, Heart Institute Cluj-Napoca, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

Case #6: Bigger is better or not?

Dr. Francesca Di Lenarda, Fellow Doctor in LKH, Graz
PhD Student at Sapienza University, Rome

Case #7: IVUS guided reconstruction of a LAD

Dr. Marcel Todea, Dortmund Krankenhaus, Dortmund (Germany)

14.00 – 15.00

Lunch 



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THURSDAY 19.03.2026

Lyon Hall

Case presenters:

Revascularization in the Young. Treating Today without Compromising Tomorrow

Dr. Teodor Buliga (Romania)

To stent or not to stent- this is the question

Dr. Teodor Băjeu (Romania)

DCB to prevent a "full metal jacket" strategy

Dr. Marcel Todea (Germany)

Hybrid PCI for a surgical turnaround patient

Dr. Marcel Todea (Germany)

Has DENOVO-CTO changed my practice?

Dr. Flavius Gherasie (Romania)

Paradigm shift in treating CTOs?

Dr. Constantin Erimescu (Romania)

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