

Visiting Professorship Programme

Date: 8 October 2026

Location: Varna, Bulgaria

Programme:

08:00-08:45 Registration

08:45-09:05 Welcome and introduction

09:05-09:35 Acute Chest pain – session 1 - Matthias Eberhard (Zurich, Switzerland)

09:05 – 09:25 *Precision Lecture: Cardiac CT in acute settings: acute coronary syndrome, pulmonary embolism, acute aortic syndromes and protocol selection*

09:25 – 09:35 *Warm-up Case*

09:35-10:05 Ischemic Heart Disease – session 1 - Federica Catapano (Milan, Italy)

09:35 – 09:55 *Precision Lecture: Coronary CT: stenosis grading, plaque characterisation and structured reporting*

09:55 – 10:05 *Warm-up Case*

10:05-10:35 Cardiomyopathies – session 1 - Marco Francone (Rome, Italy)

10:05 – 10:25 *Precision Lecture: Hypertrophic and restrictive cardiomyopathies: phenotype and tissue characterisation*

10:25 – 10:35 *Warm-up Case*

10:35-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Workshops

Matthias Eberhard

Acute Chest Pain
ct protocol optimisation, rule-out
strategies and escalation

Federica Catapano

Ischemic Heart Disease
cad-rads interpretation, plaque vs
stenosis relevance and clinical
correlation

Marco Francone

Cardiomyopathies
phenotype recognition, tissue
characterisation and structured
reporting

11:00-11:40

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13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-14:30 Acute Chest pain – session 2 - Federica Catapano (Milan, Italy)

14:00 – 14:20 *Advanced Integration Lecture: MINOCA, inconclusive CT and escalation pathways*

14:20 – 14:30 *Warm-up Case*

14:30-15:00 Ischemic Heart Disease – session 2 – Marco Francone (Rome, Italy)

14:30 – 14:50 *Advanced Integration Lecture: Functional assessment: CMR perfusion, viability imaging and FFR-CT*

14:50 – 15:00 *Warm-up Case*

15:00-15:30 Cardiomyopathies – session 1 - Matthias Eberhard (Zurich, Switzerland)

15:00 – 15:20 *Advanced Integration Lecture: Dilated and arrhythmic phenotypes, overlap syndromes and risk stratification*

15:20 – 15:30 *Warm-up Case*

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-18:00

Workshops

Federica Catapano

Acute Chest Pain
borderline findings, escalation
strategies and ct-cmr integration

Marco Francone

Ischemic Heart Disease
plaque vs perfusion mismatch,
anatomy vs function and clinical
decision-making

Matthias Eberhard

Cardiomyopathies
complex phenotypes,
multimodality reasoning and
diagnostic uncertainty

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18:00 Wrap-Up and End