



# JOINT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN **ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE**

15<sup>th</sup> International Monaldi Adult Congenital  
Heart Disease Symposium

*Joint to*

4<sup>th</sup> ACHD Academy Update



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# WELCOME

*The number of adults living with congenital heart disease (ACHD) continues to grow rapidly thanks to major advances in pediatric cardiology and cardiac surgery. As a result, ACHD has become a highly specialized field requiring lifelong multidisciplinary care and continuous updating in diagnostics, interventions, heart failure management, arrhythmias, reproductive health, and patient education.*

*The Joint International Congress in Adult Congenital Heart Disease, combining the 15th International Monaldi ACHD Symposium and the 4th ACHD Academy Update, aims to provide an international forum for education, scientific exchange, and collaboration among healthcare professionals involved in ACHD care.*

*The program has been designed to address current challenges and future perspectives in ACHD through a practical and multidisciplinary approach, with dedicated sessions on advanced imaging, innovative interventions, transition and education programs, heart failure, pregnancy and reproductive care, and emerging technologies including remote monitoring and wearable devices.*

*By bringing together internationally recognized experts and young professionals, the meeting seeks to promote best clinical practice, encourage collaborative research, and improve lifelong care and outcomes for ACHD patients worldwide.*

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→ **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026** ←

08.30 *Registration*

09.30 Introduction and Welcome Address

**First Session: Focus on “Beyond Imaging: Modern Diagnostics in ACHD”**

Chairs: *Claudia Montanaro (Rome, Italy), Michela Palma (Naples, Italy), Oktay Tutarel (Berlin, Germany)*

10.00 Introductory clinical case to the section  
*Massimiliana Abbate (Naples, Italy)*

10.05 Beyond Standard Echo in ACHD  
*Giancarlo Scognamiglio (Naples, Italy)*

10.25 The Expanding Role of Cardiac CT in ACHD  
*Carlo Liguori (Naples, Italy)*

10.45 Cardiac MRI: Unlocking Complexity in ACHD  
*Elena Surkova (London, UK)*

11.05 The artificial intelligence in ACHD: lights and shadows  
*Roberto Ferrari (Ferrara, Italy)*

11.25 Take home message from the session  
*Jolanda Sabatino (Catanzaro, Italy)*

11.35 Coffee Break & Industry exhibition

**Second Session: Focus on “Education, education, education”**

Chairs: *Filippo Crea (Rome, Italy), Roberto Ferrari (Ferrara, Italy), Yasmin Rustamova (Baku, Azerbaijan)*

11.55 Introductory clinical case to the section  
*Davide Sorice (Naples, Italy)*

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- 12.00 Patient Empowerment in ACHD: Education as a Clinical Tool  
*Michael Gatzoulis (London, UK)*
- 12.20 Optimizing Transition in CHD: The European Experience  
*Katja Prokselj (Ljubjana, Slovenia)*
- 12.40 Different Systems, Shared Challenges: Care Models in Western and Eastern EU  
*Margarita Brida (London, UK)*
- 13.00 Cardiovascular Care in North Africa: Challenges and Opportunities  
*Magdy Abdelhamid (Cairo, Egypt)*
- 13.20 Take home message from the session  
*Berardo Sarubbi (Naples, Italy)*
- 13.30 Working Lunch
- 14.30 **Keynote Lecture**  
Introduction: *Giancarlo Scognamiglio (Naples, Italy)*  
Building Excellence in ACHD: Why the ESC Core Curriculum Matters  
*Cecilia Linde (Stockolm, Sweden)*

**Third Session: Focus on “Challenging ACHD Interventions”**

Chairs: *Emanuela Angeli (Bologna), Sergio Filippelli (Rome, Italy), Claudio Marra (Naples, Italy), Maria Giovanna Russo (Naples, Italy)*

- 15.00 Introductive clinical case to the section  
*Ippolita Altobelli (Naples, Italy)*
- 15.05 Innovations in Pulmonary Valve Replacement  
*Gianfranco Butera (Rome, Italy)*
- 15.25 TR and PVR Timing in Repaired TOF: The Surgeon’s Perspective  
*Gianluca Brancaccio (Rome, Italy)*
- 15.45 Hybrid Strategies in Complex ACHD  
*Alessandro Giamberti (Milan, Italy)*

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16.05 Advanced Ablation Strategies in ACHD: Electroporation  
*Victor Waldmann (Paris, France)*

16.25 Take home message from the session  
*Oktay Tutarel (Berlin, Germany)*

### Satellite Session 1: Technology supporting ACHD care

Comparative strategies for pacing ACHD patients

Chairs: *Felice Nappi (Avellino, Italy), Gerardo Nigro (Naples, Italy), Emanuele Romeo (Naples, Italy)*

16.35 Leadless PM  
*Giovanni Domenico Ciriello (Naples, Italy)*

16.45 CRT Pacing  
*Pasquale Vergara (Naples, Italy)*

16.55 Conduction System Pacing  
*Oscar Cano Perez (Valencia, Spain)*

17.05 Pros and Cons Debate

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### Satellite Session 2: Technology supporting ACHD care

Comparative strategies for ASD Closure

Chairs: *Gianfranco Butera (Rome, Italy), Giangiacomo Di Nardo (Naples, Italy), Giancarlo Scognamiglio (Naples, Italy)*

08.15 Next-generation septal occlude devices  
*Gianpiero Gaio (Naples, Italy)*

08.25 Noblestich  
*Mario Giordano (Naples, Italy)*

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08.35 Advanced imaging for ASD Closure  
*Claudia Montanaro (Rome, Italy)*

08.45 Pros and Cons Debate

**Fourth Session: Focus on “Pregnancy, Contraception, and Reproductive Care”**

Chairs: *Giuseppe Limongelli (Naples, Italy), Assunta Merola (Naples, Italy), Maria Giovanna Russo (Naples, Italy)*

08.55 Introductive clinical case to the section  
*Vito Casale (Naples, Italy)*

09.00 Counseling and Pregnancy Planning  
*Julie De Backer (Ghent, Belgium)*

09.20 Reproductive Risks in ACHD: From Contraception to Assisted Fertility  
*Raffaella Marzullo (Naples, Italy)*

09.40 Predicting Arrhythmic Risk in Pregnancy  
*Nunzia Borrelli (Naples, Italy)*

10.00 Pregnancy in ACHD: Lessons from ROPAC  
*Jolien Roos-Hesselink (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)*

10.20 Take home message from the session  
*Cristina Ciuca (Bologna, Italy)*

10.30 Coffee Break & Industry exhibition

**Fifth Session: Focus on Advanced Heart Failure Management**

Chairs: *Paolo Calabrò (Caserta, Italy), Antonello D’Andrea (Nocera Inferiore, Italy), Emilio Di Lorenzo (Naples, Italy), Lorenzo Galletti (Rome, Italy)*

10.50 Introductive clinical case to the section  
*Gabriella Gaudieri (Naples, Italy)*

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- 10.55 From Established Therapies to New Horizons  
*Flavia Fusco (Naples, Italy)*
- 11.15 Electrical treatment  
*Oscar Cano Perez (Valencia, Spain)*
- 11.35 Physical activity prescription: the Italian proposal  
*Berardo Sarubbi (Naples, Italy)*
- 11.55 Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Support: The Right Timing  
*Rosaria Barracano (Naples, Italy)*
- 12.15 Take home message from the session  
*Giancarlo Scognamiglio (Naples, Italy)*

**Satellite Session 3: Technology supporting ACHD care**

Wearable devices, remote monitoring and cardiovascular health:

Chairs: *Diego Colonna (Naples, Italy), Anna Correra (Naples, Italy), Vincenzo Russo (Naples, Italy)*

- 12.25 Remote monitoring for arrhythmias (ILR, PM, ICD)  
*Giovanni Papaccioli (Naples, Italy)*
- 12.35 Wearable devices for HF monitoring  
*Nicola Grimaldi (Naples, Italy)*
- 12.45 Cardiomems  
*Enrico Piccinelli (Rome, Italy)*
- 12.55 Pros and Cons Debate
- 13.05 Closing Remarks  
*Margarita Brida (London, UK), Michael A. Gatzoulis (London, UK),  
Giancarlo Scognamiglio (Naples, Italy), Berardo Sarubbi (Naples, Italy)*
- 13.15 Farewell lunch

## Registration Fees (VAT 22% included)

- **Medical Doctors and Healthcare Professional:** € 244.00
- **Residents, Fellows, PhD Candidates, Master's Students:** € 122.00

**Includes:** Participation in scientific sessions - Coffee breaks - Work lunches - Certificate of participation - ECM credits (only for Italian participants)

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Cancellation of a registration will be subject to the following conditions:

Until September 15th: refund of the fee less an administrative charge of 30% of the original fee paid. After September 15th: no refund.

## E.C.M. - Continuing Medical Education

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