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Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 5th edition of the Swiss Heart Valve Meeting in Lucerne.

This current program offers a comprehensive overview of the evaluation and management of valvular heart disease, with particular emphasis on contemporary challenges like a gender-based approach, durability of devices and emerging therapeutic strategies. Special focus will be placed on advances in transcatheter interventions, complex case discussions, and the role of the heart team in clinical decision-making.

The Swiss Heart Valve Meeting continues to serve as an interactive platform where cardiologists, interventionists, cardiac surgeons, and imaging specialists can exchange expertise, discuss real-world cases, and refine patient-tailored treatment strategies. As in previous years, active participation and interdisciplinary dialogue remain key elements of the meeting.

We are grateful to our sponsors for their continued and generous support, and we are honoured to welcome distinguished international experts who will share the latest developments, evidence, and insights from daily clinical practice.

We hope you will enjoy the program and look forward to welcoming you in person in Lucerne at the Radisson Hotel, ideally located near the lake and the train station.

The detailed program is available online at www.swissheartvalve.ch.

Yours sincerely, The Scientific Committee

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Agenda

08:15	Welcome coffee	
08:25	Objectives of the course P. Wenaweser, F. Praz, E. Ferrari, S. Toggweiler, O. Muller	

Session 1: 20 Years of TAVI in Switzerland, where do we stand?

Moderator	P. Wenaweser	
Chairs	S. Stämpfli, O.Muller, M. Brinkert	
08:30	Swiss TAVI registry: results in perspective with Europe and USA	S. Stortecky
08:40	Discussion	
08:45	Which valve for which anatomy; what can we learn from CT and Echo	P. Biaggi
08:55	Discussion	
09:00	**Debate** - TAVI in all asymptomatic patients: pro - TAVI in all asymptomatic patients: contra	 M. Adam J. Lanz
09:20	Discussion	
09:30	Durability of biological valves: update and outlook	T. Pilgrim
09:45	Discussion	

Session 2: Women and valvular heart disease

Moderators	K. Rizas	
Chairs	G. de Pasquale, M. Wild	
10:00	**Debate** - SAVR or Tavi in women: the evidence - Are we ready for a sex-specific approach?	 M. Sitges H. Baraki
10:20	Discussion	
10:30	**Coffee break**	

Session 3: Evidence for valvular heart disease: recent papers changing my practice

Moderator	T. Nestelberger	
Chairs	S. Toggweiler, S. Windecker, E. Ferrari	
10:50	TAVI: latest publications impacting clinical practice	S. Fournier
11:00	Discussion	
11:05	M-TEER and T-TEER: latest publications impacting clinical practice	M. Wild
11:15	Discussion	
11:20	Surgery in valvular heart disease: latest publications impacting clinical practice	P. Berdat
11:30	Discussion	

Session 4: Heart Team Battle 1

Moderator	Scientific committee
Battle Teams	Hirslanden Aarau: I.Moarof, D. Santer HUG: S. Noble, C. Huber
11:35	**Multivalvular heart disease: severe AS and MR** - Case presentation (Hirslanden Aarau) - How would we treat (HUG) - How did we treat (Hirslanden Aarau)
11:50	**Challenging failed biological aortic valve** - Case presentation (HUG) - How would we treat (Hirslanden Aarau) - How did we treat (HUG)
12:05	**Lunch**

Session 5: Transcatheter valve replacement; where do we stand?

Moderator	M. Sitges	
Chairs	O. Dzemali, J. Bartkowiak, T. Nestelberger	
12:50	TMVR: update and outlook	S. Windecker
13:00	Discussion	
13:05	TTVR: update and multidisciplinary approach	F. Praz, F. Noti
13:20	Discussion	
13:25	**Debate: Treatment of aortic regurgitation** - Surgery is the best option - Transcatheter solutions offer excellent alternatives	 M. Siepe M. Adam
13:45	Discussion	

Session 6: Complex TAVI and M-TEER/T-TEER cases

Moderator	H. Schneider	
Chairs	R. Corti, N. Brugger, M. Adamo	
13:55	TAVI in a bicuspid valve	P. Haager
14:03	Discussion	
14:07	TAVI: low coronary take-off in a valve in valve case	N. Perrin
14:15	Discussion	
14:19	M-TEER: barlow disease	O. Gaemperli
14:27	Discussion	
14:31	T-TEER: a huge gap	M. Kassar
14:39	Discussion	
14:45	**Coffee break**	

Session 7: Medical treatment in valvular heart disease

Moderator	S. Windecker	
Chairs	P. Meyer, S. Caselli, T. Stämpfli	
15:15	Medical treatment for VHD: impact of the new guidelines for the chronic heart failure	M. Adamo
15:30	Discussion	
15:40	NOAC for better durability of biological valves?	M. Valgimigli
15:50	Discussion	

Session 8: Heart Team Battle 2

Moderator	Scientific committee
Battle Teams	LUKS: P. Matt, S. Toggweiler Cardiocentro: M. Valgimigli, E. Ferrari
15:55	**Case presentation LUKS** - Case presentation (LUKS) - How would we treat (Cardiocentro) - How did we treat (LUKS)
16:10	**Case presentation Cardiocentro** - Case presentation (Cardiocentro) - How would we treat (LUKS) - How did we treat (Cardiocentro)
16:25	Closing Remarks P. Wenaweser, F. Praz, E. Ferrari, S. Toggweiler, O. Muller
16:30	End of Congress
16:30	**Apéro**

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- Cardiologists
- Interventional cardiologists
- Imaging specialists
- Cardiac surgeons

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