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Contemporary treatment approach to chronic coronary syndrome

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

DAY 1 **Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

E1 Conference Hall

PRECOURSE – SELECTED INVITED LECTURES WITH CLINICAL CASES

Some topics for everyday practice: **YOUNG** interventionists forum

- 17.00-18.30** **Panellists: Dragan Kovačić, Jurij Avramovič Gregorič, Tomislav Šipić, Igor Balevski, Nina Glavnik Poznič, Miha Šušteršič, Andrej Lipovšek**
- 16.45-17.00 Welcome
- 17.00-17.15 **AI in everyday practice**
Marta Cvijić (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 17.15-17.30 **How to climb over steep stairs from basic to complex PCI?**
Tomislav Šipić (Zagreb, Croatia)
- 17.30-17.45 **Basic coronary physiology**
Borut Drnovšek (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 17.45-18.00 **PCI wires: Short practical suggestions for everyday practice**
Jurij Avramovič Gregorič (Izola, Slovenia)
- 18.00-18.15 **Complications and rational durability of CTO procedures**
Igor Balevski (Maribor, Slovenia)
- 18.15-18.30 **Contrast induced acute kidney injury in patients undergoing PCI**
Iztok Gradecki (Novo mesto, Slovenia)
- 18.30-19.45** **CLINICAL CASE COMPETITION**
Panellists: Luka Lipar, Luka Vitez, Nina Glavnik Poznič, Miha Šušteršič, Klemen Steblovnik, Dragan Kovačić, Vojko Kanič, Saša Lukić, Andrej Bartolič, Iztok Gradecki, Igor Balevski, Matjaž Klemenc, Miha Čerček, Simon Terseglav, Borut Drnovšek, Igor Šesto, Tomislav Šipić, Andrej Lipovšek
- 19.45 Dinner

DAY 2 **Thursday, June 18, 2026**

Kosovel Hall

8.00-8.45 **Optimal medical treatment of CCS**

Panellists: Dragan Kovačić, Jurij Avramović Gregorič, Igor Šesto, Andraž Cerar, Klemen Steblovnik

8.00-8.15 **Optimal medical treatment of CCS (out of LLth)**

Andraž Cerar (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

8.15-8.30 **GLP-1 and SGLT-2 in CCS**

Klemen Steblovnik (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

8.30-8.45 **Anti-inflammatory treatment**

Luka Vitez (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

09.00 - 12.30 **MORNING SESSION**

CCS NON-INVASIVE DIAGNOSTICS: FROM STABLE TO DYNAMIC DISEASE

Panellists: Jeroen J. Bax, Yoshinobu Onuma, Boštjan Berlot, Tomaž Podlesnikar

9.00-9.15 **Short introduction to meeting**

Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

9.15-9.25 **SPECT**

Spect in CCS

Maja Boncelj Svetek (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

CCTA in CCS

9.25-9.45 **Whole heart CT and CCS**

CCTA for diagnosis; Anatomy and stenosis assessment

Plaque morphology and characterisation

Jeroen J. Bax (Leiden, the Netherlands)

9.45-10.10 **Functional assessment: CT-FFR**

CCTA in clinical decisions and procedural planning

Yoshinobu Onuma (Galway, Ireland)

MRI in CCS

10.10-10.30 **Why CMR in CCS?**

Stress CMR: ischemia detection and Myocardial perfusion

Issue characterisation: LGE, T1/T2 Mapping and fibrosis

Robert Manka (Zuerich, Switzerland)

10.30-10.45 **Coronary MR Angiography (CMRA) and microvascular evaluation in CCS**

Boštjan Berlot (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

- 10.45-11.00 **Discussion: How to use/fuse different modalities?**
CCTA and stress CMR: A combined strategy
 Jeroen J. Bax / Yoshinobu Onuma
- 11.00-11.15 **BREAK**
- 11.15-12.30 **INVASIVE CCSY DIAGNOSTICS UPDATES**
Panellists: Niels van Roijen, Josep Gomez-Lara, Branko Beleslin, Borut Drnovšek, Ivan ilić
- 11.15-11.35 **Functional coronary evaluation overview**
FFR, IFR, CFR, QCA FFr
 Josep Gomez-Lara (Barcelona, Spain)
- 11.35-11.50 **What to do with nonconclusive functional coronary flow measurement?**
 Branko Beleslin (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 11.50-12.05 **Morphologic coronary evaluation**
IVUS, OCT
 Zlatko Mehmedbegović (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 12.05-12.15 **NIRS**
 Tomasz Roleder (Wroclaw, Poland)
- 12.15-12.30 **How to combine invasive functional and morphologic coronary evaluations?**
 Wojtek Wojakowski (Katowice, Poland)
- 12.15-12.45 **Discussion: Optimal approach to functional/morphologic targets**
Case from UKC Ljubljana OCT-FFR
- 12.45-12.55 **BREAK**
- 12.55-14.20 **SHORT COURSE ON BIFURCATIONS**
Panellists: Eduard Margetić, Zlatko Mehmedbegović, Matjaž Bunc, Krešimir Štambuk
- 12.55-13.15 **EBC perspective on LM and bifurcations PCI**
 Zlatko Mehmedbegović (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 13.15-13.30 **Advanced imaging and physiology of LM**
 Zlatko Mehmedbegović (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 13.30-13.45 **LM: ostial stenosis of dominant LCX (Medina 0-0-1)**
 Eduard Margetić (Zagreb, Croatia)
- 13.45-14.00 **Severe calcified LM treatment strategy**
 Alfonso Ielasi (Milan, Italy)
- 14.00-14.20 Discussion

Complex LM anatomies: Trifurcation, short LM, dimension discrepancies, case discussion.

Miha Šušteršič (Ljubljana, Slovenia), Nina Glavnik Poznič (Maribor, Slovenia)

Commentators: Eduard Margetić (Zagreb, Croatia), Zlatko Mehmedbegović (Belgrade, Serbia)

14.20.-15.15 LUNCH BREAK

15.15 - 16.15 AFTERNOON SESSION

CHRONIC CORONARY SYNDROME - DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION AND INTERVENTIONAL MANAGEMENT: STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE FOR OPTIMAL OUTCOMES

Panellists: Josep Gomez-Lara, Niels van Roijen, Yoshinobu Onuma, Borut Drnovšek, Dragan Topić, Branko Beleslin

CLINICAL SKILLS I

FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION OF THE LESION

15.15 - 15.30 Full physiology in modern cathlab today: in combined clinical scenarios

(AS, KAF, right ventricular failure, CABG, CTO)

Ivan Ilić (Belgrade, Serbia)

15.30-15.45 INOCA/ANOCA – clinical data

Josep Gomez-Lara (Barcelona, Spain)

15.45-16.00 Which modality is optimal for which coronary scenario? (iFR, RFR, FFR, QCA FFR ...)

Niels van Roijen (Nijmegen, the Netherlands)

16.00-16.15 How to combine invasive and non-invasive functional and morphologic coronary evaluations?

Niels van Roijen (Nijmegen, the Netherlands)

16.15-16.25 Discussion

16.25-17.15 CLINICAL SKILLS II

PLAQUE REMODELLING / VESSEL PREPARATION / CALCIFIED CORONARIES

Panellists: Marco Pavani, Nina Glavnik Poznič, Dragan Topić, Miha Čerček, Milan Nedeljkić, Eduard Margetić

16.25-16.40 Calcified plaque integrated morphology and treatment strategy

NC, cutting balloon, scoring, IVL, laser: clinical efficacy

Marco Pavani (Turin, Italy)

16.40-17.00 Left main rotablation – contemporary practice

Dragan Topić (Belgrade, Serbia)

17.00-17.15 CASE: Rotablation/orbital rotablation tips and tricks

Rusza Zoltan (Szeget, Hungary)

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| 17.15-17.25 | Discussion |
| 17.25-17.40 17.40-18.00 | BREAK CLINICAL SKILLS III PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTIONS (PCI) ADVANCES Panellists: Yoshinobu Onuma, Siniša Stojković, Boris Starčević, Siniša Dragnić, Sashko Kedev, Elmir Omerović |
| | NOTHING LEFT BEHIND THE STRATEGY |
| 17.40-17.55 | DCB technologies - clinical data Istvan Ferenc Edes (Budapest, Hungary) |
| 17.55-18.10 | BVS technologies – clinical data Sashko Kedev (Skopje, Northern Macedonia) |
| 18.10-18.25 | Thin strats stents outcomes Siniša Stojković (Belgrade, Serbia) |
| 18.25-18.40 | Sweden Heart Registry data about DCBs and DES in CCS Elmir Omerović (Goeteborg, Sweden) |
| 18.40-19.00 | My life with interventional cardiology Goran Stanković (Belgrade, Serbia) |
| 19.00-19.20 | BREAK |
| 19.20 – 19.40 | OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MEETING Zlatko Fras, Dušan Šuput, Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia) |
| 19.40 - 20.45 | EVENING SESSION – SELECTED HOT TOPICS Panellists: Jeroen J. Bax, Yoshinobu Onuma, Zlatko Fras, Niels van Roijen, Elmir Omerović, Branko Beleslin, Eduard Margetić, Boris Starčević |
| 19.40-20.10 | Optimal stratification of cardiovascular risk assessment – any consensus on new available biomarkers and preclinical atherosclerosis assessment? Zlatko Fras (Ljubljana, Slovenia) |
| 20.15-20.45 | Long-term Perspectives of Coronary Revascularization Yoshinobu Onuma (Galway, Ireland) |
| 20.45 | DINNER |

DAY 3 **Friday, June 19, 2026**

09.00-9.30 **SOME IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR MORNING START**

9.00-9.15 **Mechanical circulatory support in complex PCI**
Tomaž Goslar (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

9.15-9.30 **Some clinical cases of complex CCS PCI**
Oliver Busljetic (Skopje, Northern Macedonia)

9.30-10.30 **COMPANIES PARADE**

10.30-11.00 **BREAK**

11.00 - 12.30 **CURRENT EVIDENCE AND STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE ATHEROTHROMBOTIC RISK
IN CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE**

Panellists: Branko Beleslin, Eduard Margetić, Gregor Kompara, Siniša Dragnić, Zlatko Mehmedbegović

11.00-11.15 **What does SWEDEHEART registry data on CCSY revascularisation tell us?**
Elmir Omerović (Goeteborg, Sweden)

11.15-11.30 **Long-term result of CCSY studies**
Miha Čerček (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

11.30-11.45 **How to optimise anti-thrombotic therapy: bleeding vs. thrombotic risks**
Oliver Bushljetikj (Skopje, Northern Macedonia)

11.45-12.00 **Non-femoral approaches for PCI**
Sashko Kedev (Skopje, Northern Macedonia)

12.00-12.15 **Restenosis treatment: DCB vs. DES vs. NC POBA**
Eduard Margetić (Zagreb, Croatia)

12.15-12.30 Discussion

12.30-12.45 **BREAK**

12.45-14.40 **CLINICAL SKILLS IV**
SPECIAL CLINICAL SCENARIOS: HOW TO HANDLE THEM?

Panellists: Sashko Kedev, Boris Starčević, Siniša Stojković, Branko Beleslin, Goran Stanković

12.45-12.55 **Short review of the 2025 ESC guidelines: gaps in PCI evidences**
Luka Lipar (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

- 12.55-13.10 **Revascularisation PCI/CABG in young and old w/wo angina**
Miha Šušteršič (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 13.10-13.25 **Revascularisation in CCS: surgeon's view**
Matija Jelenc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 13.25-13.40 **Revascularisation: after CABG or stent restenosis**
Gregor Kompara (Maribor, Slovenia)
- 13.40-13.55 **Chronic total occlusion (CTO) »positive« clinical data**
Siniša Stojković (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 13.55-14.10 **Coronary sinus reducer: complementary treatment with PCI CTO**
Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
CASE from UKC Ljubljana
- 14.10-14.25 **Coronary sinus reducer: clinical experiences**
Igor Šesto (Krapina, Croatia)
- 14.25-14.40 **CCSY: OMT vs. revascularisation**
Boris Starčević (Zagreb, Croatia)
- 14.40-15.00 **FINAL BEST CASES AWARDS**
Nina Glavnik Poznič, Luka Lipar, Luka Vitez (Ljubljana, Maribor, Slovenia)
- 15.00 **Closing remarks**
Matjaž Bunc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 15.10 **LUNCH**