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# Congress Agenda



## **CONGRESS OF CARDIOVASCULAR THERAPIES AND CARDIOLOGY**



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## Dear Colleagues

After seven successful editions of the **East Meets West Congress**, an event recognized both nationally and internationally, we are delighted to invite you to join us for the eighth edition of East Meets West 2025—a prestigious conference dedicated to Central and Eastern Europe.

This year's congress is proudly organized in partnership with ISEVS (International Society for Endovascular Specialists, USA) and the Romanian Society of Endovascular Surgery.

**East Meets West 2025 will take place on October 17th and 18th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bucharest**, and we look forward to welcoming you to this unique gathering, which brings together cardiac and vascular specialists from around the world.

### Why Attend East Meets West 2025?

Our vision for this congress is to offer a distinguished platform for Romanian and international specialists in cardiovascular and endovascular care. By joining us, you will have the chance to connect with key opinion leaders who will share the latest innovations, insights, and expertise in the field. Leading-edge techniques and technologies will be showcased, thanks to our esteemed partners—many of whom are at the forefront of medical advancements in America and Europe. We are confident that the knowledge gained here will make a meaningful difference in your clinical practice and patient care.

This congress is not only an opportunity to learn but also a forum to exchange ideas and collaborate. Registered participants will benefit from direct interactions with the faculty, while industry exhibitors will present pioneering insights and discuss breakthroughs in medical technology. We are proud to welcome prominent speakers and faculty members from ISEVS and other distinguished institutions across the USA, Europe, and the Middle East, all united by a shared commitment to advancing cardiovascular medicine and care.

In addition, EMW 2025 is designed for those facing professional challenges and seeking knowledge and growth. Whether you are looking to expand your expertise or to connect with peers across borders, you will find a welcoming environment that values open exchange and mutual support.

**We eagerly anticipate seeing you at East Meets West 2025 for what promises to be an inspiring and transformative experience!**

**Assoc. Prof. Silviu Dumitrescu**

President, East Meets West 2025



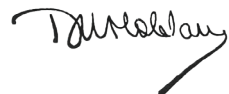
**Prof. Dr. Victor Costache**

President, Romanian Society of Endovascular Surgery  
Vice President, East Meets West 2025



**Prof. Dr. Horațiu Moldovan**

President Romanian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery  
Vice President, East Meets West 2025



Day 1 | Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

09:00	11:55	Session A – New Developments in the Treatment of Peripheral Vascular Disease		
		Chairman: Frank Criado Moderators: Claudia Gherman, Guillermo A. Escobar, Radu Popa		
09:00	09:15	Proximal radial artery and cubital fossa perforator vein for AVF cration-techniques and benefits	Mihai Cucu	Bucharest, Romania
09:15	09:30	Unexpected AAA diagnosis in a 26-years-old patient	Cristina Strobescu	Iasi, Romania
09:30	09:45	The transdisciplinary applicability of virtual reality in minimally invasive cardiac surgical procedures	Marcel Gaina	Iasi, Romania
09:45	10:00	Risk factors associated with surgical site infections in vascular surgery	Claudia Gherman	Cluj Napoca, Romania
10:00	10:15	Entrapment syndrome- a rare pathology with diverse localization and multimodal treatment	Radu Popa	Iași, Romania
10:15	10:30	Managing Accessory Renal Arteries during EVAR	Frank Criado	Baltimore, USA
10:30	10:45	Topical Oxygen Therapy (TWO <sub>2</sub> ) in Diabetic and Venous Ulcers: Evidence and Clinical Applications	Mihai Ionac	Timișoara, Romania
10:45	11:00	Advanced Techniques for Intravascular Extractions	Guillermo A. Escobar	Atlanta, USA
11:00	11:15	The importance of vascular reconstructions in oncologic surgery – a team approach in a specialized center	Horațiu Coman	Cluj Napoca, Romania
11:15	11:30	Biomechanical enhancement of Vascular Tissue using UVA/R photocrosslinking	Adrian Mureșan	Târgu Mureș, Romania
11:30	11:40	Discussions		
11:40	11:50	Coffee Break		

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11:50	14:50	Session B – Progress in the Management of Aortic Valve Disease		
11:50	12:10	Opening Ceremony		
		Chairman: Victor Costache Moderators: Horatiu Moldovan, Eliza Mikus, Eric Arnaud Crozat		
12:10	12:25	Transesophageal echography in TAVI – is it still the case?	Monica Trofin	Bucharest, Romania
12:25	12:40	Longest clinical data after the use of Resilia Valve	Markus Kofler	Berlin, Germany
12:40	12:55	Best solutions for minimally invasive treatment of aortic valve disease	Victor Costache	Bucharest, Romania
12:55	13:10	Sutureless valve implantation vs TAVI – 14 years clinical experience and results	Eric Arnaud Crozat	Grenoble, France
13:10	13:25	Minimally invasive approach for endocarditis	Eliza Mikus	Foggia, Italy
13:25	13:40	TAVI in patients with bicuspid valve disease	Horațiu Moldovan	Bucharest, Romania
13:40	13:55	Early experience with transaxillary MICS	Catalin Trifan	Bucharest, Romania
13:55	14:10	Biological valves under fire : clotting the unclottable	Magdalena Gurzun	Bucharest, Romania
14:10	14:20	Discussions		
14:20	14:50	Lunch Break		

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14:50	17:15	Session C - Minimally invasive mitral and tricuspid valve surgery and novel transcatheter solutions		
		Chairman: Valavanur Subramanian Moderators: Konstantinos Spargias ,Victor Costache, Jean Paul Couetil		
14:50	15:05	CMR and CT imaging for mitral valve surgery	Anatolie Cazacu	Chişinău, Moldavia
15:05	15:20	Intraoperative and intraprocedural echography for the mitral valve	Cristina Pitiş	Bucharest, Romania
15:20	15:35	Evolution of robotics in cardiac surgery	Valavanur Subramanian	New York, USA
15:35	15:50	Minimally invasive mitral repair, a 2025 update	Victor Costache	Bucharest, Romania
15:50	16:05	The forgotten tricuspid valve : is the tricuspid prosthetic ring sufficient for a durable repair	Jean Paul Couetil	Paris, France
16:05	16:20	Pioneering innovation in transcatheter mitral and tricuspid space	Konstantinos Spargias	Athens, Greece
16:20	16:35	CardioScout - a new endoscopic platform to navigate and intervene on the epicardial surface of the beating heart	James Fonger	New York, USA
16:35	16:50	“ Simply Bridging ” The Valvular Gap / TAB- The Trans Annular Bridge( Surgical & Trans Catheter )	Valavanur Subramanian	New York, USA
16:50	17:00	Discussions		
17:00	17:15	Coffee Break		

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17:15	19:40	Session D – ISEVS NextCARDIO session - New developments in the management of aortic dissections and aneurysms		
		Chairman: Kak Khee Yeung Moderators: Arjan Hoksbergen, Daniela Branzan, Rodney White		
17:15	17:30	History of EVAR	Jaques Busquets	Paris, France
17:30	17:45	How to maximize Use of Cook Dissection Stents in Descending Aortic Dissections	Rodney White	Los Angeles, USA
17:45	18:00	Horror in the hybrid OR, a case I'll never forget	Arjan Hoksbergen	Amsterdam, Netherlands
18:00	18:15	Prediction of cardiovascular disease progression in AAA and PAD patients: the VASCUL AID project	Kak Khee Yeung	Amsterdam, Netherlands
18:15	18:30	Long term results after endovascular treatment of aortic dissections with multilayer stents	Victor Costache	Bucharest, Romania
18:30	18:45	In situ fenestration for totally endovascular aortic arch procedures	Ivo Petrov	Bulgaria
18:45	19:00	Optimizing results in Non-surgical management of mycotic aortic aneurysms (including Rifampin-soaked endografts)	Guillermo A. Escobar	Atlanta, USA
19:00	19:15	Saccular Growth after EVAR. How to prevent it?	Daniela Branzan	Munchen, Germany
19:15	19:30	A Critical Look at Saccular Aortic Aneurysms: Are They All Ticking Time Bombs? How to Best Measure Diameters, Do They Rupture at a Smaller Diameter?"	Frank Criado	Baltimore, USA
19:30	19:45	Outcomes of the Treo fevar	Kak Khee Yeung	Amsterdam, Netherlands
19:45	19:55	Discussions		
20:00	22:00	Gala Dinner Crowne Plaza		

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09:00	11:10	Session E – Update on Surgical and transcatheter procedures in congenital heart disease		
		Chairman: Serban Stoica, Moderators: Petru Liuba, Nathalie Dediu, Ioannis Tzanavaros		
09:00	09:15	First trimester fetal heart anomalies	Ioana Biris	London, UK
09:15	09:30	Transcatheter approach for coarctation of aorta in children	Eliza Cinteza	Bucharest, Romania
09:30	09:45	The child with single ventricle pathway- Single ventricle service	Nathalie Dediu	Bristol, UK
09:45	10:00	Harmony valve:Expanding the Horizon of Pulmonary Valve Therapy	Petru Liuba	Lund, Sweden
10:00	10:15	Pediatric Cardiopulmonary bypass	Pavel Heghi	Stuttgart, Germany
10:15	10:30	Aortic stenosis in childhood-pitfalls and fallacies	Şerban Stoica	Bristol, UK
10:30	10:45	Vascular ring surgery	Ioannis Tzanavaros	Nicosia, Cyprus
10:45	10:55	Discussions		
10:55	11:10	Coffee Break		



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11:10		<b>Session F – Advances and Progress in the Management of Aortic Valve Disease and of the ascending aorta</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Ivo Petrov</b> <b>Moderators: Peter Haldenwang, Adrian Molnar, Ioannis Tzanavaros</b>		
11:10	11:25	<b>Does early surgery improves risks or prognosis in acute aortic valve endocarditis?</b>	<b>Adrian Molnar</b>	<b>Cluj, Romania</b>
11:25	11:40	<b>The new ECS/EACTS Guideline for the management of valvular diseases – What remains for the surgeon</b>	<b>Peter Haldenwang</b>	<b>Bochum, Germany</b>
11:40	11:55	<b>TAVI for AR</b>	<b>Ivo Petrov</b>	<b>Sofia, Bulgaria</b>
11:55	12:10	<b>Progress in development of endografts for ascending aortic lesions</b>	<b>Rodney White</b>	<b>Los Angeles, USA</b>
12:10	12:25	<b>When I do a Bentall and when I do a David procedure</b>	<b>Ioannis Tzanavaros</b>	<b>Nicosia, Cyprus</b>
12:25	12:40	<b>AI in Vascular Surgery – Digital Twin Technology</b>	<b>Daniela Branzan</b>	<b>Munchen, Germany</b>
12:40	12:55	<b>Endovascular Navigation Aorto-iliac: The latest innovation in the medical field to optimize endovascular surgery</b>	<b>Sharif Elshafei</b>	<b>Giesen Germany</b>
12:55	13:10	<b>Discussions</b>		
13:10	13:40	<b>Lunch Break</b>		

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13:40	15:15	Session H – Update and Hot Topics in the diagnostic and management of coronary artery disease		
		Chairman: Teodora Benedek Moderators: Valavanur Subramanian, Furdui Daniel, Claude Vaislic		
13:40	13:55	Image-based monitoring after cardiac interventions	Theodora Benedek	Târgu Mureș, Romania
13:55	14:10	Off pumpCoronary artery revascularisation: historical perspectives, evidence and future directions	Fudulu Daniel	Bristol, UK
14:10	14:25	Photon counting Angio CT in interventional cardiology	Imre Benedek	Târgu Mureș, Romania
14:25	14:40	Do we initiate ECLS support too late for cardiogenic shock postcardiotomy syndrome	Peter Haldenwang	Bochum, Germany
14:40	14:55	The treatment of postinfarction ventricular septal defect – is it still a challenge for the heart team	Lucian Stoica	Iasi, Romania
14:55	15:10	OCT imaging guided PCI	Dan Olinic	Cluj, Romania
15:10	15:25	MIDCAB;”From Origin to Current Status “	Valavanur Subramanian	New York, USA
15:25	15:40	Outcomes in cardiac surgery in 800 consecutive Jehovah's Witness patients	Claude Vaislic	Paris, France
15:40	15:55	Revascularization of complex coronary artery disease in elderly mpatients	Rodica Niculescu	Bucharest, Romania
15:55	16:10	Spontaneous dissection of coronary arteries : myth of reality	Vlad Bataila	Bucharest, Romania
16:10	16:25	Drug eluting balloons, fashion or fact	Ruxandra Constantinescu	Bucharest, Romania
16:25	16:35	Discussions		
16:35	16:50	Coffee Break		

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16:50	19:00	Session G –Late-breaking news on Heart Failure		
		Chairman: Silviu Dumitrescu Moderators: Catalina Arsenescu, Radu Vatasescu. Horatiu Moldovan		
16:50	17:05	Cardiac MRI in clinical practice	Mihnea Baila	Bucharest, Romania
17:05	17:20	New chalenges in infective endocarditis	Catalina Arsenescu	Iasi, Romania
17:20	17:35	Patient selection for Heart Transplantation	Andrada Guta	Bucharest, Romania
17:35	17:50	Heart transplantation in Romania	Horațiu Moldovan	Bucharest, Romania
17:50	18:05	The role of combined CPET and exercise echocardiography in Heart Failure	Silviu Stanciu	Bucharest, Romania
18:05	18:20	Hybrid approach for the treatment of complex arrythmias	Radu Vatasescu	Bucharest, Romania
18:20	18:35	LBBB is a totally non-homogenous concept: dephining4 phenotypes of response to CRT	Adrian Radu	Bucharest, Romania
18:35	18:55	Multidisciplinary approach for GDMT Implementation in Heart Failure and Future Perspectives Beyond the Pillars (session suportred by AstraZeneca)	Silviu Dumitrescu	Bucharest, Romania
18:50	19:00	Discussions		
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