

Programme

Winter meeting 2026 heart failure working group

Thursday, 8 January

14:00 – 15:00	NUCLEUS MEETING
15:15 – 16:00	WORKING GROUP MEETING
16:15	Welcome by the President (Ph. Meyer)
16:20 – 18:15	Session 1: Highlights 2025 & special guest
	Chairs: Otmar Pfister, Basel; Matthias Paul, Lucerne
16:20 – 16:35	Current role of vericiguat in the management of HFrEF (Frank Ruschitzka, Zurich)
16:35 – 16:50	Myocarditis & pericarditis 2025 guidelines: key updates for HF (Marc Buser, St. Gallen)
16:50 – 17:05	Dig(it)oxin: old drug, new evidence (Christian Müller, Basel)
17:05 – 17:20	GLP-1 and/or GIP modulators in HF: What's new? (Matthias Naegele, Glarus)
17:20 – 17:45	Panel discussion
17:45 – 18:15	From numbers to patients: how registries are transforming heart failure care (Gianluigi Savarese, Stockholm)
19:00	WORKING GROUP DINNER

Friday, 09 January

08:00 – 08:45	Session 2: René Lerch lecture: Genetics & inflammation
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Chairs: Michele Martinelli, Bern; Georg Noll, Zurich

08:00 – 08:30	Genetic and inflammatory cardiomyopathies: distinct or overlapping?" (Stephane Heymans, Maastricht)
08:30 – 08:45	Panel discussion

08:45 – 10:00	Session 3: HF & cardiomyopathies
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Chairs: Christiane Gruner, Zurich; Annina Vischer, Basel

08:45 – 09:00	My most challenging cardiomyopathy case (Giorgio Moschovitis, Lugano; Michele Martinelli, Bern)
09:00 – 09:15	Cardiac myosin inhibitors: upfront use in all oHCM? (Nicolo Maurizi, London)
09:15 – 09:30	ATTR-CM treatment strategies in 2026: our perspective Andreas Flammer, Zurich)
09:30 – 09:45	Initiation of GDMT in cardiomyopathies: when and how? Henri Lu, Lausanne)
09:45 – 10:00	Panel discussion

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30 – 12:00	Session 4: Advanced heart failure
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Chairs: Paul Mohacsi, Zurich; Roger Hullin, Lausanne

10:30 – 10:45	Our most spectacular transplant/VAD case in 2025 (Natalia Laptseva, Zurich)
10:45 – 11:00	Management of acute heart failure (Mattia Arrigo, Lugano)
11:00 – 11:15	Transplantation and VAD therapy today: patient selection and timing (Patrick Yerly, Lausanne)
11:15 – 11:30	Long term care after heart transplantation (Michelle Frank, Zurich)
11:30 – 12:00	Panel discussion

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 14:30 **Free time**

15:00 – 15:45	Session 5: Otto Hess lecture: Devices in heart failure
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Chairs: Frank Ruschitzka, Zurich; Giorgio Moschovitis, Lugano

15:00 – 15:30	Klaus Witte: Device therapy in contemporary heart failure
15:30 – 15:45	Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 17:30	Session 6: Young HF specialists' session
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Chairs: Valentina Rossi, Zurich; Micha Maeder, St. Gallen

16:00 – 16:15	Deep-phenotyping in HFpEF (Gregorio Tersalvi, Lucerne/Tessin/Rochester)
16:15 – 16:30	Epigenetic signatures of HFpEF and the obesity phenotype (Ludovica Di Venanzio, Zurich)
16:30 – 16:45	H2FPEF and HFpEF-ABA Scores in Low Pretest Probability HFpEF (Angela Rocca, Lausanne)
16:45 – 17:00	Conduction system pacing in cardiomyopathies (Nadia Molitor, Winterthur)
17:00 – 17:15	cDPP3: a novel biomarker in cardiogenic shock (Jolie Bruno, Bern/Paris)
17:15 – 17:30	Panel discussion

17:45 – 18:45	Session 7: Surprise
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Two special guests

19:00	Dinner
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SATURDAY, 10 January

08:15 – 09:45	Session 8: Nursing, palliative care and rehabilitation
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Chairs: Piotr Sobanski, Schwyz; Thorsten Arp, Mammern

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| 08:15 – 08:30 | Cardiac rehabilitation in HF: new data (Jan Vontobel, Davos) |
| 08:30 – 08:45 | Timely identification of palliative care needs in those living with HF: practical tools (Petra Schäfer-Keller, Fribourg) |
| 08:45 – 09:00 | Shared decision making and advance care planning (Hannah Schmiege, Lucerne) |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | End-of-life care in HF: a cardiologist and PC specialist hand in hand (Lisa Hentsch, Geneva; Philippe Meyer, Geneva) |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Panel discussion |

09:30 – 10:00 **Coffee break**

10:00 – 11:45	Session 9: Cardio-oncology and heart failure
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Chairs: Gabriela Kuster Pfister, Basel; Nana Poku, Geneva

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | A case of AL cardiac amyloidosis (Sarah Hugelshofer, Lausanne) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | AL amyloidosis management in 2026 (Bernhard Gerber, Bellinzona) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Preventing cardiotoxicity today: from risk scores to evidence-based agents (Eva Hägler-Laube, Baden) |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | ICI myocarditis: rapid diagnosis and current therapies (Valentina Rossi, Zurich) |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | CAR-T and the heart (Yannick Muller, Lausanne) |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Panel discussion |

11:45 – 12:00 **Wrap-up**

12:00 **Standing LUNCH**