JOINT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON **ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE**

15th International Monaldi Adult Congenital Heart Disease Symposium

Joint to

4th 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 on 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 Introductive 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, Azerbijan)***

11.55 Introductive 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 (Lubjana, 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

→ Saturday, October 3, 2026 ←

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)

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)

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

INFO

Registration Fees (VAT 22% included)

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

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