

ACTACC ASM 2026

EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF CARDIAC ANAESTHESIA: INNOVATION, EDUCATION & OUTCOMES



Day 1 – Thursday 18th June

Workshops and Sponsor Symposiums

TIME	GUY WHITTLE AUDITORIUM	WHEATLEY ROOM	SEMINAR SUITE 2	SEMINAR SUITE 3
07.00-08.00	REGISTRATION / COFFEE & TRADE - THE ATRIUM			
08.00-09.00	08.15-08.55 – Breakfast Symposium 1 Sponsored by Cytosorbents – Topic TBC	TOE for Mitral Valve Repair Workshop 1 Sarka Moravcova	Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) Workshop 1 Alex Rosenberg	Regional Anaesthesia for Thoracic Surgery Workshop 1 Emilie Hoogenboom
09.00-10.00	09.15-09.55 – Breakfast Symposium 2 Sponsored by BD – Topic TBC	TOE for Mitral Valve Repair Workshop 2 Sarka Moravcova	Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) Workshop 2 Alex Rosenberg	Regional Anaesthesia for Thoracic Surgery Workshop 2 Emilie Hoogenboom

Main Programme

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10.00-10.30	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM		
10.30-12.15	SESSION 1 – AI & Machine Learning in Cardiothoracic Surgery Chair: Professor Amer Ahmed – Consultant, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust		
10.30-10.45	Welcome Dr Ben Silverman – Consultant, Harefield Hospital & Professor Gudrun Kunst – ACTACC President		
10.45-11.10	Risk Prediction in Cardiothoracic Surgery Mr Sam Nashef – Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Papworth Hospital		
11.10-11.35	Individualised Cerebral Blood Flow Management, Technical Advances and Outcomes Dr Charles Hogue – Professor of Anesthesiology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago		
11.35-12.00	Automated Processing in Echocardiography (GLS, 3D, MV, EF): Theory and Practice Dr Jakob Labus – Senior Consultant, University Hospital and Medical Faculty, Cologne University		
12.00-12.15	Q&A and Discussion		
12.15-13.30	LUNCH BREAK AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER PRESENTATIONS – THE ENT ROOM		
12.20-13.00	LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (1) Sponsored by AOP Health – Topic TBC		LINK NETWORK MEETING
12.50-13.30	LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (2) Sponsored by Haemonetics – Topic TBC		
13.30-15.00	SESSION 2 – Mechanical Support and Cardiothoracic Transplantation Chair: Professor Anna Reed – Consultant, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust		
13.30-13.55	Options for MCS – Impella, BiVAD, Durable LVAD Maria Monteagudo-Vela – Cardiothoracic Transplant Surgeon, Harefield Hospital		
13.55-14.20	Current State of Cardiac Transplantation: Overview & UK Direction Mr Aaron Ranasinghe – Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham		
14.20-14.45	Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion (EVLV) & Lung Transplantation: Key Challenges & Future Trends Professor Edouard Sage – Thoracic Surgeon, Foch Hospital, Paris		
14.45-15.00	Q&A and Discussion		
15.00-15.30	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM		
15.00-15.30			CICU SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
15.30-17.00	SESSION 3 – Shaping the workforce: EDI and the role of PA/PAs Chair: Professor Gudrun Kunst – Consultant and Professor, King's College Hospital & ACTACC President		
15.30-16.00	KEYNOTE LECTURE – EDI and Academic Anaesthesia Professor Kate Leslie – Specialist Anaesthetist, Royal Melbourne Hospital and University of Melbourne		
16.00-16.25	Training, Fellowship Programmes & CESR – Workforce Planning in Cardiothoracic Surgery & Critical Care Dr Mark Steven – Consultant, Golden Jubilee National Hospital		
16.25-16.50	PAs & PAAs: Challenges, Controversies and the Road Ahead Professor Gillian Leng – President, Royal Society of Medicine		
16.50-17.00	Q&A and Discussion		
19.00-22.30	CONFERENCE DINNER – House of Commons, Palace of Westminster		

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Day 2 – Friday 19th June

TIME	GUY WHITTLE AUDITORIUM
07:30–08:30	REGISTRATION / COFFEE & TRADE – THE ATRIUM
08:30–10:30	SESSION 1 – Abstracts & Audit Session <i>Chair: Dr Anders Hulme – Consultant Anaesthetist, Harefield Hospital</i>
08:30–09:30	Oral Abstract Presentations 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
09:30–09:50	MCS Audit <i>Dr Ben Milne – Intensivist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust</i>
09:50–10:00	Q&A and Discussion
10:00–10:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE – ECMO: Building on the Past and a Bridge to the Future <i>Prof. Dr. Filip de Somer – Researcher, Institute of Biomedical Technology of Ghent University</i>
10:30–11:00	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM
11:00–12:30	SESSION 2 – CARDIOTHORACIC CRITICAL CARE <i>Chair: Nick Lees</i>
11:00–11:25	Post-Cardiotomy Low Cardiac Output Syndrome (LCOS) & ECMO Strategies <i>Dr Clara Hernandez-Caballero – Consultant Intensivist, Harefield Hospital</i>
11:25–11:50	Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OOHCA) & ECPR <i>Dr Caroline Bullen – Consultant In Anaesthesia And Intensive Care Medicine, Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust</i>
11:50–12:15	The Journey Through Cardiothoracic Critical Care – the Patient Perspective <i>Dr Simon Mattison – Consultant, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust</i>
12:15–12:30	Q&A and Discussion
12:30–13:45	LUNCH BREAK, TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM
12:30–12:50	ACTACC AGM
13:00–13:40	LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (3) Sponsored by Octapharma – Topic TBC
13:45–15:00	SESSION 3 – Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery <i>Chair: Dr Seema Agarwal – Consultant, University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust</i>
13:45–14:05	MICS & Transvenous Pacing <i>Mr Toufan Bahrami – Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Harefield Hospital</i>
14:05–14:25	Minimally Invasive, Maximally Effective? Evaluating Robotic Cardiac Surgery <i>Mr Dincer Aktuerk – Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Barts Health NHS Trust</i>
14:25–14:45	Postoperative Protocols in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery <i>Professor Nick Fletcher – Consultant and Lecturer, Institute of Anaesthesia and Critical Care</i>
14:45–14:55	Q&A and Discussion
14:55–15:00	Prizes and Awards <i>Professor Gudrun Kunst – Consultant and Professor, King's College Hospital & ACTACC President</i>
15:00–15:30	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM
15:30–16:45	SESSION 4 – Patient Outcomes <i>Chair: Dr Claire Boynton – Consultant, Hammersmith Hospital</i>
15:30–15:50	ERAS in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia – Which Interventions Matter Most? <i>Prof. Dr. Steffen Rex – Head of Department, University Hospitals Leuven</i>
15:50–16:10	Renal Injury and Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia – How do we Best Protect the Kidneys? <i>Professor Giovanni Landoni, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan</i>
16:10–16:30	Post-operative Cognitive Dysfunction after CTS (POCD) <i>Dr Magda Sbai – Consultant Geriatrician and Physician, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust</i>
16:30–16:45	Q&A and Discussion
16:45–17:00	CLOSING REMARKS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS <i>Professor Gudrun Kunst – Consultant and Professor, King's College Hospital & ACTACC President</i>