

# ACTACC ASM 2026

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



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### Programme Day 1 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

TIME	GUY WHITTLE AUDITORIUM	WHEATLEY ROOM	SEMINAR SUITE 1+2	SEMINAR SUITE 3
07.00–08.00	REGISTRATION / COFFEE & TRADE – THE ATRIUM			
08:00–09:00	<b>08.15–08.55 – Breakfast Symposium 1</b> Sponsor TBC	<b>TOE for Mitral Valve Repair Workshop 1</b> <i>Sarka Moravcova</i>	<b>Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) Workshop 1</b> <i>Alex Rosenberg</i>	<b>Regional Anaesthesia for Thoracic Surgery Workshop 1</b> <i>Emilie Hoogenboom</i>
09:00–10:00	<b>09.15–09.55 – Breakfast Symposium 2</b> Sponsored by BD – Topic TBC	<b>TOE for Mitral Valve Repair Workshop 2</b> <i>Sarka Moravcova</i>	<b>Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) Workshop 2</b> <i>Alex Rosenberg</i>	<b>Regional Anaesthesia for Thoracic Surgery Workshop 2</b> <i>Emilie Hoogenboom</i>
10.00–10.30	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM			
10:30–12:15	<b>SESSION 1 – AI &amp; Machine Learning in Cardiothoracic Surgery</b> <i>Chair: Aamer Ahmed</i>			
10:30–10:45	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Ben Silverman</i>			
10:45–11:10	<b>Risk Prediction in Cardiothoracic Surgery</b> <i>Sam Nashef</i>			
11:10–11:35	<b>Individualised Cerebral Blood Flow Management, Technical Advances and Outcomes</b> <i>Charles Hague</i>			
11:35–12:00	<b>Automated Processing in Echocardiography (GLS, 3D, MV, EF): Theory and Practice</b> <i>Jakob Labus</i>			
12:00–12:15	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>			
12:15–13:30	LUNCH BREAK AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER PRESENTATIONS – THE ENT ROOM			
12:20–13:00	<b>LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (1)</b> Sponsored by AOP Health – Topic TBC		<b>LINK NETWORK MEETING</b>	
12:50–13:30		<b>LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (2)</b> Sponsored by Medtronic – Topic TBC		
13:30–15:00	<b>SESSION 2 – Mechanical Support and Cardiothoracic Transplantation</b> <i>Chair: Anna (Nonni) Reed</i>			
13:30–13:55	<b>Options for MCS – Impella, BiVAD, Durable LVAD</b> <i>Maria Monteagudo-Vela</i>			
13:55–14:20	<b>Current State of Cardiac Transplantation: Overview &amp; UK Direction</b> <i>Aaron Ranasinghe</i>			
14:20–14:45	<b>Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion (EVLP) &amp; Lung Transplantation: Key Challenges &amp; Future Trends</b> <i>Édouard Sage</i>			
14:45–15:00	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>			
15:00–15:30	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM			
15:00–15:30		<b>CICU SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING</b>		
15:30–17:00	<b>SESSION 3 – Shaping the workforce: EDI and the role of PA/PAs</b> <i>Chair: Gudrun Kunst</i>			
15:30–16:00	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE – EDI and Academic Anaesthesia</b> <i>Kate Leslie</i>			
16:00–16:25	<b>Training, Fellowship Programmes &amp; CESR – Workforce Planning in Cardiothoracic Surgery &amp; Critical Care</b> <i>Mark Stevens</i>			
16:25–16:50	<b>PAs &amp; PAAs: Challenges, Controversies and the Road Ahead</b> <i>Gillian Leng</i>			
16:50–17:00	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>			
19.00–22.30	CONFERENCE DINNER – House of Commons, Palace of Westminster			

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## Day 2 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

TIME	GUY WHITTLE AUDITORIUM
07:30–08:30	REGISTRATION / COFFEE & TRADE – THE ATRIUM
08:30–10:30	<b>SESSION 1 – Abstracts &amp; Audit Session</b> <i>Chair: Anders Hulme</i>
08:30–09:30	<b>Oral Abstract Presentations</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
09:30–09:50	<b>MCS Audit</b> <i>Ben Milne</i>
09:50–10:00	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
10:00–10:30	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE – ECMO: Building on the Past and a Bridge to the Future</b> <i>Filip de Somer</i>
10:30–11:00	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM
11:00–12:30	<b>SESSION 2 – CARDIOTHORACIC CRITICAL CARE</b> <i>Chair: Nick Lees</i>
11:00–11:25	<b>Post-Cardiotomy Low Cardiac Output Syndrome (LCOS) &amp; ECMO Strategies</b> <i>Clara Hernandez</i>
11:25–11:50	<b>Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OOHCA) &amp; ECPR</b> <i>Caroline Bullen</i>
11:50–12:15	<b>The Journey Through Cardiothoracic Critical Care – the Patient Perspective</b> <i>Simon Mattison</i>
12:15–12:30	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
12:30–13:45	LUNCH BREAK, TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM
12:30–13:00	<b>ACTACC AGM</b>
13:00–13:40	<b>LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (3)</b> Sponsored by Octapharma – Topic TBC
13:45–15:00	<b>SESSION 3 – Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery</b> <i>Chair: Seema Agarwal</i>
13:45–14:05	<b>MICS &amp; Transvenous Pacing</b> <i>Toufan Bahrami</i>
14:05–14:25	<b>Robotic Cardiac Surgery &amp; Transplantation – Data-Driven Outcomes</b> <i>Naoufal Zebdi</i>
14:25–14:45	<b>Postoperative Protocols in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery</b> <i>Nick Fletcher</i>
14:45–14:55	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
14:55–15:00	<b>Prizes and Awards</b> <i>Gudrun Kunst</i>
15:00–15:30	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM
15:30–16:45	<b>SESSION 4 – Patient Outcomes</b> <i>Chair: Claire Boynton</i>
15:30–15:50	<b>ERAS in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia – Which Interventions Matter Most?</b> <i>Steffen Rex</i>
15:50–16:10	<b>Renal Injury and Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia – How do we Best Protect the Kidneys?</b> <i>Giovanni Landoni</i>
16:10–16:30	<b>Post-operative Cognitive Dysfunction after CTS (POCD)</b> <i>Magda Sbai</i>
16:30–16:45	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
16:45–17:00	<b>CLOSING REMARKS &amp; FUTURE DIRECTIONS</b> <i>Gudrun Kunst</i>