

ACTACC ASM 2026

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



Programme

Day 1 – Thursday 18th 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	08.15–08.55 – Breakfast Symposium 1 Sponsored by Cytosorbents – Topic TBC	TOE for Mitral Valve Repair Workshop 1 <i>Sarka Moravcova</i>	Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) Workshop 1 <i>Alex Rosenberg</i>	Regional Anaesthesia for Thoracic Surgery Workshop 1 <i>Emilie Hoogenboom</i>
09.00–10.00	09.15–09.55 – Breakfast Symposium 2 Sponsored by BD – Topic TBC	TOE for Mitral Valve Repair Workshop 2 <i>Sarka Moravcova</i>	Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) Workshop 2 <i>Alex Rosenberg</i>	Regional Anaesthesia for Thoracic Surgery Workshop 2 <i>Emilie Hoogenboom</i>
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 <i>Chair: Aamer Ahmed</i>			
10.30–10.45	Welcome <i>Ben Silverman</i>			
10.45–11.10	Risk Prediction in Cardiothoracic Surgery <i>Sam Nashef</i>			
11.10–11.35	Individualised Cerebral Blood Flow Management, Technical Advances and Outcomes <i>Charles Hogue</i>			
11.35–12.00	Automated Processing in Echocardiography (GLS, 3D, MV, EF): Theory and Practice <i>Jakob Labus</i>			
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 Medtronic – Topic TBC		
13.30–15.00	SESSION 2 – Mechanical Support and Cardiothoracic Transplantation <i>Chair: Anna (Nonni) Reed</i>			
13.30–13.55	Options for MCS – Impella, BiVAD, Durable LVAD <i>Maria Monteagudo-Vela</i>			
13.55–14.20	Current State of Cardiac Transplantation: Overview & UK Direction <i>Aaron Ranasinghe</i>			
14.20–14.45	Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion (EVLP) & Lung Transplantation: Key Challenges & Future Trends <i>Édouard Sage</i>			
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/PAA <i>Chair: Gudrun Kunst</i>			
15.30–16.00	KEYNOTE LECTURE – EDI and Academic Anaesthesia <i>Kate Leslie</i>			
16.00–16.25	Training, Fellowship Programmes & CESR – Workforce Planning in Cardiothoracic Surgery & Critical Care <i>Mark Stevens</i>			
16.25–16.50	PAs & PAAs: Challenges, Controversies and the Road Ahead <i>Gillian Leng</i>			
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: Anders Hulme</i>
08:30–09:30	Oral Abstract Presentations 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
09:30–09:50	MCS Audit <i>Ben Milne</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>Filip de Somer</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>Clara Hernandez</i>
11:25–11:50	Out–of–Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OOHCA) & ECPR <i>Caroline Bullen</i>
11:50–12:15	The Journey Through Cardiothoracic Critical Care – the Patient Perspective <i>Simon Mattison</i>
12:15–12:30	Q&A and Discussion
12:30–13:45	LUNCH BREAK, TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM POSTER DISPLAY – THE ENT ROOM
12.30–13.00	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: Seema Agarwal</i>
13.45–14.05	MICS & Transvenous Pacing <i>Toufan Bahrami</i>
14.05–14.25	Robotic Cardiac Surgery & Transplantation – Data–Driven Outcomes <i>Naoufal Zebdi</i>
14.25–14.45	Postoperative Protocols in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery <i>Nick Fletcher</i>
14.45–14.55	Q&A and Discussion
14.55–15.00	Prizes and Awards <i>Gudrun Kunst</i>
15:00–15:30	COFFEE AND TRADE EXHIBITION – THE ATRIUM
15:30–16:45	SESSION 4 – Patient Outcomes <i>Chair: Claire Boynton</i>
15:30–15:50	ERAS in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia – Which Interventions Matter Most? <i>Steffen Rex</i>
15:50–16:10	Renal Injury and Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia – How do we Best Protect the Kidneys? <i>Giovanni Landoni</i>
16:10–16:30	Post–operative Cognitive Dysfunction after CTS (POCD) <i>Magda Sbai</i>
16:30–16:45	Q&A and Discussion
16:45–17:00	CLOSING REMARKS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS <i>Gudrun Kunst</i>