

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: 14 NOVEMBER 2025

CONFERENCE HALL: CLUB CD

12:00 – 13:00	Registration
13:00 – 13:30	Welcome address by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia and opening ceremony
13:30 – 14: 45	Session 1: Pathophysiology of Heart Failure in Congenital Heart Disease Moderators: Craig Laurence, David Žižek, Saša Ilovor Strehar
13:30	Overview of the prevalence, challenges, and advancements in the treatment of heart failure in congenital heart disease Craig Laurence
13:45	Case of CHF in a child with TOF and small pulmonary arteries Tatiana Miriam Marušič, Saša Ilovor Strehar, Gorazd Mlakar
13:55	The unique mechanisms of heart failure in children with congenital heart defects. Cordula Wolf
14:10	Case CHF in ACHD Jure Dolenc
14:20	Differentiating Paediatric Heart Failure from Adult Heart Failure: Unique aspects of heart failure in paediatric populations. Saša Ilovor Strehar, Gorazd Mlakar, Nejc Pavšič
14:35	Is there a role for ACE inhibitors in neonates with CHF due CHD? Sandra Cerar, Matej Pal
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee break & Networking by Medis
15:15 - 16:35	Session 2: Diagnostic Approaches for Children with Congenital Heart Disease Moderators: Peter Ewert, Christian Meierhofer, Slavojka Ponorac
15:15	Diagnostic Imaging Techniques: Role of echocardiography. Milka Prigsheim
15:30	Congestive heart failure associated with Wilms tumour: A case report Arijan Verbić, Ema Labek, Lucija Ružman, Ilarja Serini
15:40	Diagnostic Imaging Techniques: Role of advanced imaging (CMR and CT). Christian Meierhofer

15:55	Cardiac catheterization in advanced procedures. Peter Ewert
16:10	Biomarkers: NT-proBNP. Jonas Palm
16:25	Recurrent acute heart failure in a young child - case report. Igor Stefanović
16:35 – 16:55	Coffee Break & Networking
16:55 – 18:10	Session 3: Medical Management of Heart Failure in CHD Moderators: Daniel Dilber, Fabian von Scheidt, Gorazd Mlakar
16:55	Pharmacological interventions and their role in paediatric heart failure – RV, LV Failure Fabian von Scheidt
17:10	Two PICU cases of infants with dilatative cardiomyopathy with LV failure treated with advanced medical therapy. Ariana Mrčela Rikel, Metka Sluga
17:20	Pharmacological interventions and their role in ACHD. Jure Dolenc, Nejc Pavšič
17:35	Clinical and Hemodynamic Outcomes with Enalapril Orodispersible Minitablets in Young Children with Heart Failure Due to Congenital Heart Disease. Maja Bijelić
17:45	1.5 year-old girl with myocarditis, who was supported by Berlin heart and achieved myocardial recovery Karel Koubsky
17:55	Management of Coexisting Conditions: Managing infections and comorbidities in paediatric heart failure. Matej Pal, Tatiana Miriam Marušič
18:10 – 18:45	Welcome Drink

DAY TWO: 15 NOVEMBER 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:40	Session 4: Heart Failure, Intensive Care and Post-Surgical Interventions Moderators: Milan Đukić, Irena Vuličević, Igor Šehić
09:00	Case: Acute decompensation Heart Failure and intensive care. Tanja Kranjc Božič, Irena Vuličević
09:10	Perioperative decompensation: Low cardiac output syndrome after cardiac surgery for congenital heart defect. Miroslav Elek
09:25	Case: perioperative decompensation - Low cardiac output syndrome after cardiac surgery for congenital heart defect. Primož Herga, Irena Vuličević
09:35	Postsurgical intervention in the cath lab Dunja Renner
09:55	PICU drug regime heart failure catecholamines Tanja Kranjc Božič, Irena Vuličević
10:10	Banding and exit strategies Jelena Pabst von Ohain
10:25	Managing complications, treatment, and long-term care Nicole de Winkel
10:40 – 11:10	Coffee Break & Networking
11:10 – 12:55	Session 5: Transplantation Moderators: Gregor Poglajen, Vladimir Milovanović, Branko Mimić, Sabina Frljak, Andraž Cerar
11:10	When to go for transplant in children. Craig Laurence
11:25	Case Transplant- first transplantation under 10 kg in Ljubljana. Gregor Poglajen
11:40	Advanced Heart failure Therapies and Paediatric HTX in UMC Ljubljana Ivan Knežević
11:55	Transplant management - UMC Ljubljana experience. Gregor Poglajen
12:10	Perioperative Management of Paediatric Heart Transplant Patient- Anaesthesiologist's perspective. Saša Živković, Urša Žerjav

12:25	DCD heart transplantation in children Branko Mimić
12:40	Heart transplant in Croatia. Daniel Dilber
12:55 – 14:10	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:10 – 16:25	Session 6: Mechanical Support and Device Therapy Moderators: Ivan Knežević, Jürgen Hörer, Mirko Topalović, Sabina Frljak, Andraž Cerar
14:10	Indications for device therapy. Craig Laurence
14:25	Case: ECMO - Recurrent fulminant myocarditis in a child requiring multiple ECMO runs. Gorazd Mlakar, Rok Kučan
14:40	ECMO systems and pitfalls. Andrea Amici
14:55	VAD systems Jürgen Hörer
15:10	PM and ICD-Pacemaker therapies in advanced heart failure David Žižek
15:25	When synchrony matters - two cases Mirko Topalović, Žiga Pokorn
15:40	Electrophysiology Mirko Topalović, Matevž Jan
15:55	Development of a paediatric heart surgery program in North Macedonia Vladimir Chadikovski
16:10 – 16:35	Fireside Chat: Multidisciplinary Approach to Paediatric Heart Failure – Does the Center Size matter? Pro and Con Talk
	Pro: Of course, Size matters Jürgen Hörer
	Con: Small is as good as big Janez Vodiškar
16:35	<i>Wrap up & Closing remarks</i>
16:45	<i>End of the Meeting</i>