



MALTESE CARDIAC SOCIETY

CONFERENCE 2025

Friday 17th – Saturday 18th October

AX- The Palace Hotel

Sliema

MAIN CONFERENCE

Friday, 17th October 2025

Venue: AX The Palace Hotel Sliema

08:00 Registration

08:30 MCS President Opening Address

Maryanne Caruana

08:40 MCS Award

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08:50 SESSION 1: The Great Debate – Aortic Valve Intervention

08:50 Pro-TAVI

Matthew Mercieca Balbi

09:10 Pro-SAVR

Elizabeth Hunt

09:30 Discussion

09:40 SESSION 2: The Heart-Brain Connection

9:40 Muscular dystrophies and conduction problems

Maria Bonello

10:00 Subclinical atrial fibrillation, post-operative atrial fibrillation and oral anti-coagulation

John Bonello

10:20 Patent foramen ovale closure 1990-2025: what we learned in Rotterdam

Jeroen Wilschut

10:40 Discussion

10:50 Coffee Break and Moderated Posters

11:15 SESSION 3: Cardiotoxicity and the Heart-Cancer Crossroads

11:15 Cardio-oncology imaging

Salvatore Massimo Petri

11:35 Minimizing Cardiotoxicity from the Treatment of Breast Cancer

Etienne Paris

11:55 Immune checkpoint inhibitor-induced myocarditis – are we making it up?

Daniel Bromage

12:15 Discussion

LUNCH

12:25-13:35

13:25 SESSION 4: Your Case Presentations

14:25 SESSION 5: Weight of the Heart – Cardiology Meets Obesity

14:25 Exercise in cardiomyopathy: time to stop holding back?

Mark Abela

14:45 At the Heart of the Matter: lowering cardiovascular risk with novel anti-obesity medications

Rachel Agius

15:05 Silent Nights, Strained Hearts. The OSA – Cardiovascular Link

Kyra Bartolo

15:25 Discussion

15:35 Coffee Break

16:00 SESSION 6: Teaming-up for the Aortic Valve – An Allied Healthcare Session

16:00 Echocardiography assessment of aortic valve stenosis severity

Tania Spiteri

16:15 Role of CT in prognostication and decision regarding aortic valve surgery and percutaneous treatment

Andrea Bellizi

16:30 Role of MRI in diagnosis of aortic valve stenosis severity and decision regarding surgery

Leanne Ellul

16:45 The road to recovery after surgery or TAVI from a patient's perspective

Marilyn Gauci

17:00 Discussion

17:10 Closing Remarks

Alex Borg

Saturday, 18th October 2025

Main Conference Hall

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08:00 Registration

08:30 SESSION 7: The Great Debate - Pacing the future

8:30 Pro-Left Bundle Pacing

Melanie Burg

8:50 Pro-Contemporary Pacing

Mark Sammut

9:10 Discussion

9:20 SESSION 8: The Cutting-Edge – Advances in Cardiothoracic Surgery

9:20 Cerebral protection in aortic arch surgery

Davide Paccini

9:40 Mitral valve surgery; contemporary strategies and decision making

Kit Wong

10:00 Discussion

10:10 Coffee Break and Moderated Posters

10:35 SESSION 9: Advanced Cardiac Monitoring and Support

10:35 Cardiac Output monitoring in the general intensive care unit

Carl Tua

10:55 Echocardiography in cardiac intensive care; state of the art

Susanna Price

11:15 Do's and Don't's of mechanical circulatory support in cardiogenic shock

Nicolas Van Mieghem

11:35 Discussion

11:45 SESSION 10: Matters of the Heart in Motherhood

11:45 Pre-conception planning in cardiovascular disease

Maggie Simpson

12:05 Antenatal cardiac screening

Sarah Darmanin

12:25 Discussion

LUNCH

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13:35 SESSION 11: Your research and audits

14:35 SESSION 12: The Heart–Kidney Axis

14:35 Navigating the challenges of hyperkalaemia in cardiovascular disease and chronic kidney disease

Maria Angela Gauci

14:55 The cardio-renal alliance: from nephrotoxic to newfound friends

Laura Ann McGill

15 :15 Discussion

15:25 Coffee Break

15:50 SESSION 13: Fresh from the Frontline

15:50 Late-breaking trials in Heart Failure

Jeremy Fleri Soler

16:10 Late-breaking trials in Interventional Cardiology

William Camilleri

16:30 Late-breaking trials in Electrophysiology

Melanie Burg

16:50 Best Abstract Awards and Closing Remarks

Maryanne Caruana

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Online Registration on www.mcardios.org

Venue: Breakout Session Room at AX - The Palace Hotel

Friday 17th October

9:00 – 10:30 Echocardiogram Masterclass

Foundations of Echocardiography Hands-on Workshop

11:00 – 12:00 The Cardiac Wet Lab

Hands-on Cardiac-Anatomy Tutorials

13:00 – 14:00 Intra-cardiac Echocardiography Simulation Workshop

(Organized by Abbott – by invite only)

14:30 – 15:30 Act quick, save lives

A Rapid Response Team workshop

16:00 – 17:00 Ride the Waves

ECGs with the Masters

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