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WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 19th National Congress of Cardiology, taking place on 8–11 October 2026 at the Grand Hotel Millennium, Sofia.

Over the years, the Congress has established itself as a leading platform for scientific exchange, professional dialogue and the sharing of experience in cardiovascular medicine. This year, too, we expect the event to bring together more than 1,200 specialists from Bulgaria and abroad, as well as distinguished international speakers.

The scientific programme will present the latest advances in cardiology, including updates to clinical guidelines, results from key clinical trials, and contemporary diagnostic and therapeutic approaches. Through focus lectures, scientific sessions, clinical case discussions and interactive formats, the Congress will offer an opportunity to exchange knowledge and good practice.

Special attention will be given to the sessions of the Working Groups of the Bulgarian Society of Cardiology, as well as to the participation of young researchers, who are the future of our specialty.

In the context of modern medicine, which increasingly relies on interdisciplinary collaboration, this year's edition will place particular emphasis on the interaction between medical specialties in the care of patients with cardiovascular disease.

The Congress will also host a specialised industry exhibition presenting the latest developments in pharmaceutical products, medical technologies and diagnostic equipment.

We are confident that the 19th National Congress of Cardiology will be an inspiring and productive meeting for the entire cardiology community.

This is possible only through the active participation of each and every one of you!



Yours sincerely,

Prof. Kiril Karamfilov, MD
President of the BSC, 2024–2026

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MILLENNIUM HALL

TIME	TOPIC
14:30–16:00	Prevention WG Session: A holistic approach to obesity <i>Chairs: L. Kitova, M. Orbetsova</i> Obesity: the endocrinologist's perspective – <i>M. Orbetsova</i> Obesity: the cardiologist's perspective – <i>L. Kitova</i> Proarrhythmic potential in obesity – <i>E. Georgieva</i> Mechanisms and treatment of depression in obesity – <i>D. Stoyanov</i>
16:00–16:30	Coffee break Poster Session I – Invasive Cardiology; Arterial Hypertension, Mozart Hall
16:30–17:30	ESC Munich 2026 HOTLINE I <i>Chair: A. Goudev</i> <i>Panellists: N. Spasova, S. Yakov, K. Dyankov</i> - ACACIA-HCM – aficamten in symptomatic non-obstructive HCM: effect on functional capacity and symptoms - CARDIO-TTTransform – eplonterсен in transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy: effect on CV events and mortality - LUMINARA (Phase 2b) – oral relaxin receptor agonist (AZD5462) in chronic heart failure: effect on cardiac remodelling and haemodynamics - POET-II – safety and efficacy of shortened antibiotic therapy in left-sided infective endocarditis - LIBREXIA-ACS – milvexian (FXIa inhibitor) after acute coronary syndrome: effect on ischaemic events and bleeding - PRESC1SE-MI – ESC O/1–h hs-cTn algorithm in suspected myocardial infarction - STAREE – atorvastatin in patients aged ≥ 70 years without established CVD: primary prevention of cardiovascular events - REACT – prevalence of subclinical atherosclerosis in patients without established cardiovascular disease
17:30–18:00	Focus lecture: On peptides – frankly and personally – G. Momekov
18:00–18:20	In memoriam: Dr E. Braunwald – R. Giugliano
18:20–18:50	Lecture in Honour of Prof. Yu. Belov The evolution of atrial fibrillation ablation: a first-person account <i>Chair: K. Karamfilov; Speaker: V. Traykov</i>
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EINSTEIN HALL

TIME	TOPIC
14:30–15:30	Guidelines (supported by Teva) <i>Chair: A. Kisheva</i> Mental health and CVD – <i>K. Karamfilov</i> Heart failure – <i>M. Tokmakova</i> Hyperuricaemia consensus – <i>Y. Yotov</i>

TIME	TOPIC
15:30-16:00	Focus lecture (online): The role of 3D in the percutaneous catheter-based procedures <i>Speaker: F. Faletra Chair: D. Gencheva</i>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break Poster Session I – Invasive Cardiology; Arterial Hypertension, Mozart Hall
16:30-18:00	Cardiovascular Imaging WG Session: Cardiomyopathies Rare diagnoses or part of everyday practice? (supported by Swixx BioPharma) <i>Chairs: Y. Yotov, E. Kinova, I. Bayraktarova</i>
Restrictive cardiomyopathy and phenocopies with restrictive haemodynamics – basic principles of diagnosis – <i>Y. Yotov</i> Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy – what to do when there is no gradient? – <i>I. Petrova</i> Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy – from diagnosis to prognosis – <i>Ya. Simova</i> Left atrium in cardiomyopathies and diastolic dysfunction – does it help with the diagnosis? – <i>E. Kinova</i> Discussion	
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NEWTON HALL

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15:00-16:00	Original research from Bulgarian teams <i>Chairs: K. Gospodinov, A. Angelov</i>
Predictors of atrial fibrillation in patients with mildly reduced and preserved ejection fraction – <i>M. Minchev</i> 599 consecutive patients with very distal radial access beyond the anatomical snuffbox: can it become a routine approach in everyday practice? – <i>M. Mihalev</i> Myocardial contrast transit time in patients with non-obstructive coronary artery disease – <i>R. Grigorov</i>	
16:00-16:30	Coffee break Poster Session I – Invasive Cardiology; Arterial Hypertension, Mozart Hall
16:30-18:00	Joint Session with the Bulgarian Society of Endovascular Therapy <i>Chairs: I. Petrov, V. Velchev, Z. Stankov, A. Postadzhian, Sv. Tsonev, D. Vassilev</i>
Type A/type B aortic dissection – TEVAR: clinical experience and strategies. TEVAR with the chimney technique. The Petticoat principle. Total aortic stenting – <i>Z. Stankov, I. Petrov</i> Aortic dissection involving the aortic arch – TEVAR assisted by in-situ fenestration and retrograde spontaneous bypass – <i>Z. Stankov, I. Petrov</i> Endovascular options for treating the pulmonary valve in adults after repair of tetralogy of Fallot: percutaneous implantation of the Melody valve – <i>I. Petrov</i>	

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	Carotid stenting – optimising outcomes and preventing stroke – <i>L. Yanevska</i>
	Intervention on the radial and brachial arteries in iatrogenic and non-iatrogenic vascular ischaemic disease – <i>Z. Stankov</i>
	Endovascular approach to vertebral artery disease – <i>Z. Stankov</i>
	Balloon pulmonary angioplasty (BPA) in chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) – <i>V. Velchev</i>
	Catheter-directed treatment of intermediate-risk pulmonary embolism (PE) – <i>A. Aleksandrov, H. Mateev</i>
	Interventional treatment of stroke: collaboration between cardiologists and neurologists – <i>D. Vassilev</i>

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DA VINCI HALL 1

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14:30–16:00	Joint Session with the Bulgarian Society of Interventional Cardiology Opening of the session and definition of objectives Chairs: <i>D. Trendafilova, D. Vassilev</i> Panellists: <i>V. Gelev, D. Kyuchukov, N. Stoyanov, I. Martino</i>
	Lifetime management of aortic stenosis – <i>D. Trendafilova</i>
	Transcatheter treatment of mitral regurgitation – <i>I. Petrov</i>
	Patent foramen ovale (PFO): precise patient selection and long-term efficacy – <i>A. Aleksandrov</i>
	Transcatheter left atrial appendage closure (LAAC) – <i>D. Vassilev</i>
	Final discussion and take-home messages – <i>D. Vassilev</i>
16:00–16:30	Coffee break Poster Session I – Invasive Cardiology; Arterial Hypertension, Mozart Hall
16:30–18:00	Joint Session with the Bulgarian Society of Angiology Peripheral arterial disease Chairs: <i>M. Staneva, L. Grozdinski, D. Vassilev</i>
	Leriche syndrome – diagnosis and interventional treatment – <i>D. Vassilev, I. Pazarcıklı, O. Maksudov</i>
	Vascular adverse events of cancer immunotherapy: an algorithm for diagnosis and management – <i>M. N. Sinno, M. Staneva</i>
	Endovascular treatment of chronic visceral atherosclerosis – <i>L. Yanevska, L. Grozdinski, I. Petrov, Z. Stankov</i>
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DA VINCI HALL 2

TIME	TOPIC
14:30–15:30	Session 1: How is catheter ablation performed? <i>Chairs: Kr. Dzhinsov, M. Stoyanov</i> Pulsed field ablation (PFA) – <i>M. Marinov</i> Cardioneuromodulation – <i>Ch. Shalganov</i> Session 2: How are cardiac implantable electronic devices implanted? <i>Chairs: S. Yovev, B. Borisov</i> Conduction system pacing – <i>D. Boychev</i> Cardiac resynchronisation therapy system – <i>Kr. Dzhinsov</i>
15:30–15:55	Heart Failure Challenge – Who wants to be a heart failure specialist? Part I <i>Chairs: N. Koleva, Hr. Baychev, M. Rushid</i>
16:00–16:30	Coffee break Poster Session I – Invasive Cardiology; Arterial Hypertension, Mozart Hall
16:30–16:45	Heart Failure Challenge – Who wants to be a heart failure specialist? Part II <i>Chairs: N. Koleva, D. Gencheva, Hr. Baychev, M. Rushid</i>
16:45–17:45	Cardio Millionaire Quiz <i>I. Garvanski</i>
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SHAKESPEARE HALL

TIME	TOPIC
14:30–16:00	Cardio-Oncology WG Session: Cardio-oncology challenges <i>Chairs: L. Demirevska, M. Dimova</i> The heart under attack: cardiac tumours – <i>I. Petrova</i> Anticancer treatment of gastrointestinal malignancies – problems and challenges – <i>I. Hadzhiev</i> Geriatric cardio-oncology – <i>M. Samardzhieva</i> Cardiac risk in long-term cancer survivors – <i>M. Dimova</i> Discussion

TIME	TOPIC
16:00–16:30	Coffee break Poster Session I – Invasive Cardiology; Arterial Hypertension, Mozart Hall
16:30–17:00	Sandoz Symposium Rivaroxaban for the prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in elderly patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation – <i>M. Tokmakova</i>
17:00–17:30	70/27 – Chair: I. Gruev; Speaker: K. Marinov
17:30–18:00	Teva Symposium The new hypertensive patient: which combinations do we choose today and why? Chair: A. Postadzhyan Speaker: I. Gruev
18:00–18:20	In memoriam: Dr E. Braunwald – R. Giugliano (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor)
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MOZART HALL

TIME	TOPIC
15:15–16:00	BSC in ESC I Chair: K. Karamfilov Multisystem risk profiling at discharge identifies a high-risk phenotype in acute decompensated heart failure – <i>A. Borizanova</i> Cardiometabolic benefits of dual GLP1–RA and SGLT2i therapy in patients with HFpEF, T2DM, obesity, and obstructive sleep apnea: a prospective study – <i>G. Voynova</i> Incremental benefit of sodium–glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor and mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist therapy in HFpEF with moderate mitral regurgitation: 24-month ambulatory cohort study – <i>V. Dimitrova</i> Inclisiran in combination with statin therapy achieves profound LDL–C and lipoprotein(a) reduction with previous acute cardiovascular events in high-risk patients with familial hypercholesterolemia – <i>K. Dyankov</i>
16:00–16:30	Coffee break Poster Session I – Invasive Cardiology; Arterial Hypertension, Mozart Hall
16:30–17:15	BSC in ESC II Chair: A. Kisheva Atrial tricuspid regurgitation in advanced atrial cardiomyopathy: prevalence and prognostic significance – <i>R. Ilieva</i> Impact of CPAP therapy adherence on atrial fibrillation recurrence and progression in patients with severe obstructive sleep apnea – <i>P. Kalaydzhev</i> When rare meets rarer: constrictive pericarditis in Erdheim–Chester disease – <i>M. Dimova</i> Comprehensive cardiac care: managing of myocardial infarction with multiple severe complications – <i>R. Ralkovski</i>
18:00–18:20	In memoriam: Dr E. Braunwald – R. Giugliano (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor)

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FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2026

MILLENNIUM HALL

TIME	TOPIC
08:30-09:30	Dyslipidaemia Session (supported by Novartis) The year of Lp(a): rise and fall <i>Chair: A. Goudev</i> The effect of PCSK9 inhibition with inclisiran on LDL-C and Lp(a) levels – <i>K. Dyankov</i> Lipoprotein(a): have we reached the HORIZON? What results from our own practice show – <i>V. Gelev</i> Lipoprotein(a) Levels, Risk of Cardiovascular Events, and Benefit of Evolocumab: Findings From the VESALIUS-CV Trial – <i>R. Giugliano</i>
09:30-10:15	Novartis Symposium Rethinking lipid control: Leqvio in contemporary lipidology <i>Panel discussion: A. Goudev, K. Karamfilov, A. Postadzhiyan, A. Borizanova</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break Poster Session II – Arrhythmias; Cardiac Pacing; PE, Mozart Hall
11:00-11:30	Focus lecture Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation: state of the art <i>G. Lip</i>
11:30-13:00	How science changes AF practice – joint session with the Pacing & EP Society <i>Chairs: Kr. Dzhinsov, I. Garvanski</i> Can we stop anticoagulation after successful PVI? – <i>I. Garvanski</i> PVI in the era of single-shot devices – <i>V. Traykov</i> SRT (sinus rhythm therapy) in heart failure – <i>Kr. Dzhinsov</i> Flecainide for pharmacological cardioversion in patients with coronary artery disease – <i>M. Stoyanov</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break / Lunch symposia Poster Session III – Prevention; Coronary Artery Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00-14:45	Genesis Pharma Symposium – ATTR-CM: early diagnosis and new opportunities to change the natural course of the disease with RNA silencing therapy <i>Chair: M. Gospodinova</i> ATTR cardiomyopathy: when to suspect the diagnosis and how not to miss it – <i>M. Tokmakova</i> RNA silencing in ATTR-CM: a new opportunity to change the course of the disease – <i>G. Zemlich</i>
14:45-15:30	Berlin-Chemie Menarini Symposium CCS and AF – clinical dilemmas and therapeutic algorithms <i>S. Marchev, I. Gruev</i>
15:30-16:30	Pfizer Symposium <i>Chair: M. Gospodinova</i>

TIME**TOPIC**

Use of tafamidis in patients with transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy – *Y. Yotov*

Apixaban and older age – *Tsv. Katova*

Cardioprotection through immunoprophylaxis: a perspective for patients over 65 – *L. Demirevska*

17:00**BSC General Assembly and Elections****EINSTEIN HALL****TIME****TOPIC****08:30–09:30 Cardiovascular Risk in Women WG**

Chair: M. Milanova

Specifics of treating cardiovascular disease during pregnancy – *L. Demirevska*

Cardiac risk with assisted reproductive therapy – *Sn. Tisheva*

Modifying cardiac risk in women with obesity – specific considerations – *St. Naydenov*

Teva Symposium**09:30–10:30 Management of arterial hypertension and acute stroke**

Chair: E. Trendafilova

Management of arterial hypertension and acute stroke – *E. Trendafilova*

Management of hypertension in acute stroke – why is the approach different? – *M. Milanova*

Long-term management of arterial hypertension after stroke – *T. Yaneva*

Panel discussion: E. Trendafilova, M. Milanova, I. Gruev, T. Yaneva

10:30–11:00**Coffee break****Poster Session II – Arrhythmias; Cardiac Pacing; PE, Mozart Hall****11:00–12:00****Joint Session of the Cardiovascular Imaging WG / EACVI****Multimodality imaging of mitral regurgitation**

Chairs: A. Sannino, Y. Yotov, I. Petrova

Mitral regurgitation beyond severity: diagnosis, risk assessment and prognosis – *A. Sannino*

Atrial mitral regurgitation is more common than we think – diagnosis and prognosis – *I. Bayraktarova*

Multimodality imaging after interventions for mitral regurgitation – *R. Ribeiros*

Discussion

12:00–13:00**Quiz Session: What am I looking at?**

Chairs: Y. Yotov, Ya. Simova, I. Bayraktarova, I. Petrova, D. Panayotova

One shadow, many faces: from suspicion to diagnosis – *M. Samardzhieva*

A play of images – *V. Vicheva*

The onset of congestion: the story after a TAVI – *M. Peneva*

Incidental finding or clinically significant? – *D. Gencheva*

13:00–13:30**Sopharma Lunch Symposium****Cardiovascular and brain health**

A. Postadzhiyan, L. Traykov

13:00–14:00**Lunch break****Poster Session III – Prevention; Coronary Artery Disease, Mozart Hall****14:00–15:00****Guidelines**

(supported by Berlin–Chemie Menarini)

Chair: St. Naydenov

Rehabilitation – *E. Dimitrova*

Valvular heart disease – *E. Kinova*

Environmental factors and cardiovascular health – *V. Traykov*

TIME	TOPIC
15:00–16:00	Swixx BioPharma Symposium One year of mavacamten in oHCM: real-world experience, changes in clinical practice and future directions <i>Chair: M. Tokmakova</i> <i>Speakers: C. Firinci, I. Petrova</i>
16:00–16:30	Lecture in Honour of Prof. Urumov – From mapping the heart to mapping the future: the path to predictive and personalised electrophysiology <i>Speaker: Kr. Dzhinsov</i> <i>Chair: V. Traykov</i>
17:00	BSC General Assembly and Elections, Millennium Hall

NEWTON HALL

TIME	TOPIC
09:00–10:30	Heart Failure WG Session (supported by Boehringer Ingelheim) <i>Chairs: Pl. Gatsov, M. Tokmakova</i> Clinical profile, diagnostic methods and pharmacotherapy of patients with HF in Bulgaria – results from the national registry – <i>M. Tokmakova</i> Laboratory markers in the diagnosis of heart failure – <i>Pl. Gatsov</i> Contemporary diagnosis and treatment of patients with HFpEF – <i>Y. Yotov</i> Evidence for the benefits of early initiation of guideline-directed therapy in patients with worsening heart failure – <i>A. Kisheva</i> Discussion
10:30–11:00	Coffee break Poster Session II – Arrhythmias; Cardiac Pacing; PE, Mozart Hall
11:00–11:30	Lecture in Honour of Prof. Al. Doganov <i>V. Gelev, D. Vassilev</i>
11:30–12:00	Focus lecture: Mental disorders before, during and after cardiovascular interventions – V. Tenev
12:00–13:00	How-to Session – Cardio-Oncology WG <i>Chairs: L. Demirevska, M. Dimova</i> Management of arterial hypertension induced by targeted therapy – <i>L. Demirevska</i> Percutaneous coronary interventions in cancer patients at high bleeding risk – <i>S. Ivanov</i> Management of cancer therapy-related cardiotoxicity – when to stop and when to continue? – <i>S. Slavcheva</i>
13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session III – Prevention; Coronary Artery Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00–15:00	Treating obesity to modify cardiovascular disease (supported by Novo Nordisk) <i>Chairs: K. Karamfilov, T. Yaneva</i> Obesity and coronary artery disease – <i>K. Karamfilov</i> Obesity and atrial fibrillation – <i>A. Kisheva</i> Obesity, OSA and cardiovascular risk – what is new in the paradigm – <i>E. Manov</i>

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15:00-15:30	Lecture in Honour of Acad. I. Tomov: Inflammation in heart failure – pathophysiology and therapeutic targets <i>Sn. Tisheva</i> <i>Chair: Y. Yotov</i>
15:30-16:30	Arterial Hypertension WG Session (supported by Servier) <i>Chairs: Sn. Tisheva, L. Vladimirova</i> Hypertension and vascular ageing – <i>A. Postadzhiyan</i> Cardiac stress and arterial hypertension – <i>Sn. Tisheva</i> Hypertension in cardiometabolic syndrome – <i>R. Ivanova</i>
17:00	BSC General Assembly and Elections, Millennium Hall

DA VINCI HALL 1

TIME	TOPIC
08:30-09:30	Clinical Case Session – Cardio-Oncology <i>Chairs: L. Demirevska, S. Slavcheva, I. Petrova</i> Treating lung cancer in a patient at very high risk of cardiotoxicity – when good collaboration leads to good results – <i>Kr. Peeva</i> When thrombosis strikes twice: clinical lessons from pancreatic cancer – <i>M. Gospodinova</i> Cardiac involvement during immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy – not always myocarditis – <i>I. Hadzhiev</i> Metastatic lung cancer – the cardiologist's place in the multidisciplinary team – <i>M. Samardzhieva</i>
09:30-10:30	Debate: Holistic or integrated care management of atrial fibrillation <i>Chair: N. Kozhuharov</i> <i>Speakers: G. Lip, A. Babinska</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break Poster Session II – Arrhythmias; Cardiac Pacing; PE, Mozart Hall
11:00-11:30	Lecture in Honour of Prof. D. Velichkova <i>Chairs: M. Tsonzarova, A. Kaneva</i> Challenges in pregnancy in women with congenital heart disease – <i>Z. Vasileva</i>
11:30-13:00	Current recommendations through the eyes of the paediatric cardiologist <i>Chairs: A. Kaneva, D. Pechilkov, E. Levunlieva</i> Management of acute heart failure in children – <i>D. Pechilkov</i> Follow-up of congenital heart defects with left-to-right shunt in outpatient care – <i>K. Nenova</i> Current recommendations for the management of pulmonary embolism in children – <i>E. Levunlieva</i> Myocarditis and pericarditis in children – <i>D. Hristova</i> Paediatric cardio-oncology – <i>L. Simeonov</i> Pregnancy and congenital heart disease – <i>Z. Vasileva</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break Poster Session III – Prevention; Coronary Artery Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00-14:30	Artificial intelligence-assisted thermography for early detection and monitoring of multifocal vascular disease <i>I. Petrov</i>

TIME	TOPIC
14:30-15:00	Focus lecture: FONTAN CIRCULATION – WHEN COMPLEX BECOMES EVEN MORE COMPLEX <i>M. Caruana</i> <i>Chairs: A. Kaneva, P. Kratunkov, I. Petrova</i>
15:00-16:30	Paediatric Cardiology WG Session: Our own experience <i>Chairs: A. Dasheva, D. Pechilkov</i> Pericarditis and myopericarditis in children – 10 years of experience at a single clinical centre – <i>A. Gancheva, P. Musenova</i> Idiopathic capillary leak syndrome – <i>A. Dasheva</i> Tachycardia-induced cardiomyopathy – current diagnostic options – <i>L. Bardarska</i> Cardiopulmonary exercise testing in athletes with repolarisation abnormalities on the ECG – <i>R. Lekova</i> Pulmonary artery banding as palliation in biventricular circulation – <i>M. Penkova</i> Surgical treatment and follow-up of neonates with critical coarctation of the aorta – <i>B. Bakalcheva</i> Acute surgical abdomen in the early postoperative period in children after cardiac surgery – <i>St. Stoichkova</i> 3D reconstruction in atrial septal defect – <i>D. Dobrev</i> Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy presenting in childhood – what is new in understanding and treatment? – <i>R. Marinov, A. Kaneva</i>
17:00	BSC General Assembly and Elections, Millennium Hall

DA VINCI HALL 2

TIME	TOPIC
08:30-09:00	Focus lecture (online) Tricuspid Regurgitation Evaluation: From Anatomic to Quantitative Assessment <i>L. A. Leo</i> <i>Chair: D. Gencheva</i>
09:00-10:00	MythBusters in Cardiology EP studies, cardiac pacing – <i>I. Garvanski</i> Dyslipidaemia, hypertension – <i>A. Postadzhiyan</i> Coronary artery disease, antiplatelet therapy – <i>K. Karamfilov</i>
10:00-10:30	Lecture in Honour of Ch. Nachev <i>Chair: E. Manov</i> New therapeutic options in the treatment of arterial hypertension – <i>St. Naydenov</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break Poster Session II – Arrhythmias; Cardiac Pacing; PE, Mozart Hall
11:00-12:30	Joint Session with the Balkan Cardiology Societies: Deep insight in the scientific achievements of the east european cardiology societies <i>Chair: K. Karamfilov</i> <i>Panel discussion: I. Mitevska, K. Toutouzas, V. Mitov</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break Poster Session III – Prevention; Coronary Artery Disease, Mozart Hall

TIME	TOPIC
14:00–14:30	Bulgarian Society of Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology Quiz Interactive clinical cases – electrophysiology <i>Chairs: N. Marinov, E. Georgieva</i>
	Interactive clinical case 1 – <i>K. Karamitev</i> Interactive clinical case 2 – <i>D. Marchov</i>
14:30–15:30	Joint Session with the Bulgarian Resuscitation Council Survival after sudden cardiac death: a shared responsibility of the resuscitation team and the cardiologist
	Building the Chain of Survival in the community – AED availability, public access defibrillation and DA-CPR in Bulgaria – <i>I. Petrov</i> After return of spontaneous circulation – the cardiologist's role in post-cardiac arrest care and the path from early defibrillation to the catheterisation laboratory – <i>I. Garvanski</i> Updated ERC (European Resuscitation Council) clinical guidelines – <i>G. Ivanova</i>
15:30–16:30	Debate: Pace and ablate <i>N. Kozhuharov, M. Stoyanov</i>
17:00	BSC General Assembly and Elections, Millennium Hall

SHAKESPEARE HALL

TIME	TOPIC
08:30–09:30	Pulmonary Hypertension Session <i>Chairs: V. Velchev, E. Dimitrova</i>
	The evolution of pulmonary hypertension guidelines – <i>G. Kovacs</i> The real hemodynamic battle – 5 years standard therapy vs 7 months sotatercept – <i>M. Peneva</i> Beyond medical therapy: interatrial flow regulators in severe PH – <i>P. Parashkevova, V. Velchev</i> CTEPH: a different face of pulmonary hypertension – <i>D. Tonkova</i>
09:30–10:30	MSD Symposium
	Pulmonary arterial hypertension – new therapeutic options – panel discussion – <i>G. Kovacs, F. Jubour, V. Velchev</i>
10:30–11:00	Coffee break Poster Session II – Arrhythmias; Cardiac Pacing; PE, Mozart Hall
11:00–11:45	Bayer Symposium <i>Chair: I. Gruev</i>
	Finerenone in the new ESC heart failure guidelines: what has changed and what does it mean for clinical practice? – <i>I. Gruev</i> Finerenone in heart failure: evidence from FINEARTS-HF and its place in contemporary therapy – <i>M. Tokmakova</i> From guidelines to practice: a clinical case – <i>R. Ilieva</i>
11:45–12:15	Metabolic therapy for heart failure <i>I. Petrov</i>
12:30–13:00	Egis Symposium Contemporary aspects of metabolic risk in cardiovascular disease <i>Chair: K. Karamfilov</i>
	A paradigm shift in hyperuricaemia: from crystals to systemic risk – <i>I. Gruev</i> Dyslipidaemia control with atorvastatin/ezetimibe – Mission possible! – <i>K. Karamfilov</i>

TIME	TOPIC
13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session III – Prevention; Coronary Artery Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00–14:45	Servier Symposium A new paradigm in the treatment of difficult-to-control hypertension: Quadrixam – the first quadruple fixed-dose combination <i>Chair: A. Postadzhiyan</i> The reality of hypertension control in Bulgaria – the SNAPSHOT study – <i>A. Postadzhiyan</i> The complex pathophysiology of difficult-to-control hypertension – <i>Y. Yotov</i> Results of the QUADRO study – <i>I. Gruev</i>
14:45–15:30	Debate – Anticoagulation in cancer patients at very high bleeding risk <i>Chair: A. Postadzhiyan</i> "Yes", because the risk of fatal thrombosis outweighs the risk of bleeding – <i>Kr. Peeva</i> "No", because it may do more harm than good – <i>G. Gospodinova</i>
15:30–16:30	Clinical Cases – Heart Failure WG (supported by Genesis Pharma) <i>Chairs: Pl. Gatsov, L. Mircheva</i> Unrecognised pre-eclampsia and infection in an 18-year-old patient – <i>D. Gencheva</i> An unexpected thrombosis – <i>N. Koleva</i> Behind the curtain of a perfect body, an ailing heart whispers – <i>M. Rushid</i> Clinical case 4 – <i>R. Mihneva</i> Clinical case 5 – <i>E. Popov</i> "After the storm comes the sun" – <i>Hr. Baychev</i>
17:00	BSC General Assembly and Elections, Millennium Hall

MOZART HALL

TIME	TOPIC
09:30–10:30	Quiz Session I <i>Chair: E. Dimitrova</i> Teams: National Cardiology Hospital; St. Marina University Hospital – Varna; Medica Cor University Hospital – Ruse
10:30–11:00	Coffee break Poster Session II – Arrhythmias; Cardiac Pacing; PE, Mozart Hall
11:00–12:00	Quiz Session II <i>Chair: D. Gencheva</i> Teams: Acibadem City Clinic; Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital; Heart and Brain Hospital – Pleven; Tsaritsa Yoanna – ISUL University Hospital
13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session III – Prevention; Coronary Artery Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00–15:00	Quiz Session III <i>Chair: D. Gencheva</i>

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Teams: Alexandrovska University Hospital; St. Anna University Hospital – Sofia; St. Ekaterina University Hospital	
15:30–16:30	Quiz Session IV <i>Chair: I. Garvanski</i>
Teams: Acibadem City Clinic Vitoshka; St. George University Hospital – Plovdiv; Dr. Georgi Stranski University Hospital – Pleven	
17:00	BSC General Assembly and Elections, Millennium Hall

SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2026

MILLENNIUM HALL

TIME	TOPIC
09:00–10:00	Bayer Symposium <i>Chair: Y. Yotov</i>
ATTR–CM in Bulgaria: from suspicion to treatment – four centres, one mission – <i>E. Kinova, M. Gospodinova, M. Tokmakova</i>	
10:00–10:30	Coffee break Poster Session IV – Imaging; Cardiomyopathies; Other, Mozart Hall
10:30–11:30	AstraZeneca Symposium Time matters in heart failure: how early is early enough? <i>Chair: I. Gruev</i> <i>Speakers: I. Gruev, Y. Yotov, M. Tokmakova</i>
11:30–12:45	Teva Symposium "Anticoagulants 360°: Why YES and why NOT?" <i>Chair: E. Trendafilova</i>
Apixaban – does it cover all clinical scenarios? – <i>Y. Yotov, T. Chalakova</i> Rivaroxaban – why and when is it preferred? – <i>M. Tokmakova, D. Gencheva</i> Edoxaban – arguments for choosing it – <i>E. Trendafilova, Hr. Baychev</i> Dabigatran – my first choice in... – <i>I. Gruev, M. Minchev</i>	
13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session V – Heart Failure; Pericarditis; Valvular Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00–15:00	Boehringer Ingelheim Symposium Heart failure: time to act earlier <i>Panel discussion: M. Tokmakova, A. Kisheva, I. Gruev</i>
• HFpEF: can we change the course of the disease today? • The role of SGLT2 inhibitors, Jardiance® • Keynote lecture: G. Savarese	
15:00–15:45	AstraZeneca Symposium New options in the treatment of patients with uncontrolled and resistant hypertension <i>Chair: A. Goudev; Speakers: N. Runev, E. Trendafilova</i>

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16:00–16:30	Coffee break
16:30–18:30	Minimally invasive surgery and catheter-based interventions at the service of the clinical cardiologist. Instructions for use <i>Chairs: D. Trendafilova, V. Traykov, I. Garvanski, V. Gelev, I. Petrov, D. Vassilev, V. Velchev, Z. Stankov, D. Petkov, A. Kelchev, Pl. Panayotov</i> Minimally invasive and catheter-based treatment of AV (mitral and tricuspid) valve regurgitation • Minimally invasive surgery for mitral and tricuspid regurgitation – <i>A. Kelchev</i> • Mitral TEER – indications based on clinical trials of 2nd/3rd-generation devices – <i>I. Petrov</i> • Tricuspid TEER – outcomes and indications – <i>V. Gelev</i> • Transcatheter mitral and tricuspid valve implantation – <i>D. Trendafilova</i> Minimally invasive and surgical left atrial appendage closure • From rhythm to risk: LAA closure in the era of ablation – who, when and why – <i>V. Traykov</i> • Epicardial exclusion (AtriClip): surgical and hybrid technique for complete LAA closure – <i>A. Kelchev</i> • Initial experience with LAA closure in Bulgaria – <i>Z. Stankov</i> The forgotten patient. Endovascular options for pulmonary valve correction after repair of tetralogy of Fallot • Surgical treatment and late outcomes in tetralogy of Fallot – <i>St. Lazarov</i> • Clinical and morphological challenges in patients after a second and third repair of tetralogy of Fallot – <i>E. Levunlieva</i> • Endovascular options for treating the pulmonary valve – <i>I. Petrov</i> • Periprocedural challenges and tips and tricks for Melody valve implantation – <i>Z. Stankov</i>
18:30	Closing remarks, Millennium Hall

EINSTEIN HALL

TIME	TOPIC
08:45–09:15	Focus lecture – Probability model for pulmonary embolism <i>M. Bosevski</i>
09:15–10:00	Novo Nordisk Symposium Live lighter with Wegovy® <i>A. Goudev, Zh. Boneva, A. Borizanova</i>
10:00–10:30	Coffee break Poster Session IV – Imaging; Cardiomyopathies; Other, Mozart Hall
10:30–12:00	ANOCA: The Disease Beyond the Angiogram <i>Chairs: V. Gelev, D. Vassilev, H. Jurin</i> The Hidden Burden of ANOCA: From Symptoms to Prognosis: Epidemiology, Mechanisms and Prognostic Impact of ANOCA – <i>I. Zheleva</i> Beyond the Angiogram: The Matrix of Coronary Physiology. ANOCA Endotype Diagnosis – <i>H. Jurin</i> From Endotype to Treatment: A Personalized Approach to ANOCA Management – <i>D. Vassilev</i> Live-in-a-Box: ANOCA Unmasked – A Step-by-Step Coronary Function Test – <i>V. Gelev</i>
12:00–13:00	Joint Session with the ESC – Cardio-Reno-Metabolic Syndrome – Contemporary Overview <i>S. Price, K. Karamfilov</i>

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Anti-inflammatory treatment of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease: the way forward – *F. Crea*

Does obesity represent an intersection of the cardiovascular, endocrine, and gastrointestinal impairment?
– *K. Karamfilov*

13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session V – Heart Failure; Pericarditis; Valvular Disease, Mozart Hall
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14:00–15:15	Valvular Heart Disease WG Session (supported by Pfizer) <i>Chairs: A. Nosikov, Sv. Tsonev</i>
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Haemodynamic profiles in aortic stenosis – *Ya. Peychev*

Aortic stenosis and mitral regurgitation: the end of "watchful waiting" – *A. Nosikov*

TAVI vs SAVR in potentially operable patients: short- and long-term outcomes – Format: Pro and Con debate

The case for TAVI – *N. Stoyanov*

The case for SAVR – *A. Kelchev*

15:15–16:00	Debate: How to assess and manage the challenges of TAVI-in-valve and TAVI-in-TAVI
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Choosing the procedure at the first intervention with the future in mind.

Speakers: I. Petrov, A. Kelchev

16:00–16:30	Coffee break
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16:30–17:30	Is obesity a purely endocrine disease? <i>I. Aleksandrova, D. Dimitrov, K. Karamfilov</i>
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17:30–18:00	Focus lecture HRT – the cardiologist's perspective – <i>K. Karamfilov</i> Hormone replacement therapy – <i>M. Yunakova</i>
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18:30	Closing remarks, Millennium Hall
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NEWTON HALL

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08:30–09:30	Heart and Sport <i>Chairs: I. Gruev, E. Manov</i>
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Coronary artery disease and sport – *V. Dimitrova*

CT coronary angiography and coronary artery calcium score in sports cardiology – *A. Angelov*

Clinical case of a rare coronary anomaly in an amateur athlete – *N. Koleva*

09:30–10:00	Debate: Sport in cardiomyopathies "Pro" – <i>Z. Shomanova</i> ; "Con" – <i>I. Gruev</i>
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10:00–10:30	Coffee break Poster Session IV – Imaging; Cardiomyopathies; Other, Mozart Hall
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10:30–11:00	Anticoagulants and the brain – A. Postadzhiyan, L. Traykov
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11:00–11:30	Focus lecture: ESUS ESUS: where our views meet – and don't – R. Kalpachki
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How not to anger Esus – *L. Dimitrov*

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11:30–13:00	PFO and Stroke <i>Chairs: S. Aleksandrov, R. Kalpachki, V. Velchev, V. Gelev</i> Diagnosis and clinical significance of PFO after stroke – <i>A. Kisheva</i> Where did the bubbles go? – <i>M. Peneva</i> TOE in the cath lab during transcatheter PFO closure – <i>I. Bayraktarova</i> "Small hole, big problem" – <i>P. Parashkevova</i> Patent foramen ovale (PFO) in cryptogenic ischaemic stroke – screening and patient stratification – <i>N. Kartuleva</i> Anaesthesia for transcatheter PFO closure – subtleties and challenges – <i>L. Bakalivanov</i>
13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session V – Heart Failure; Pericarditis; Valvular Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00–15:00	Guidelines – Chair: A. Postadzhiyan Cardiovascular disease in chronic kidney disease – <i>L. Demirevska</i> The Fifth Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction – <i>E. Trendafilova</i> Dyslipidaemia update – <i>A. Postadzhiyan</i>
15:00–16:00	Cardiomyopathies – Chair: L. Demirevska Hypertrophic cardiomyopathies – from diagnosis to treatment – <i>F. Knebel</i> Peripartum cardiomyopathy – <i>A. Aleksandrov</i>
16:00–16:30	Coffee break
16:30–17:30	Inflammatory diseases – myocarditis, pericarditis, endocarditis <i>Chairs: F. Nikolov, M. Gospodinova</i> Highlights from the guidelines on the management of myocarditis and pericarditis – <i>M. Gospodinova</i> Platelet count and mean platelet volume-to-platelet count ratio as prognostic markers in infective endocarditis – <i>B. Yatseva</i> Our own experience compared with the guidelines for the management of infective endocarditis – <i>F. Nikolov</i>
17:30–18:30	Cardiology Meets Genetics <i>Chairs: I. Dimova, T. Yaneva</i> Personalising drug therapy (statins, anticoagulants and antiplatelet agents) – genetic and clinical laboratory aspects – <i>M. Levkova</i> Polygenic risk scores in cardiology – <i>R. Kaneva</i> The cardiogenetic multidisciplinary team – gaps and needs – <i>M. Hachmeriyan</i> Genomics, molecular medicine and regenerative therapies – <i>I. Dimova</i>
18:30	Closing remarks, Millennium Hall

DA VINCI HALL 1

TIME	TOPIC
08:30–09:30	Heart Team – a health insurance fund requirement or a reality in clinical practice? <i>Chairs: I. Petrova, E. Levunlieva</i> How to assess the least familiar heart valve? Aetiology and factors affecting pulmonary valve function – <i>M. Peneva</i> The right ventricle matters more and determines management in pulmonary regurgitation – <i>I. Bayraktarova</i> The interventional cardiologist's view: "I will intervene on the pulmonary valve" – indications and new options – <i>A. Aleksandrov</i> The cardiac surgeon's view: "Better to operate" – indications and clinical outcomes – <i>D. Kyuchukov</i>

TIME	TOPIC
10:00-10:30	Coffee break Poster Session IV – Imaging; Cardiomyopathies; Other, Mozart Hall
10:30-11:30	Joint Session with the Bulgarian Society of Cardiac Surgery <i>Chair: D. Kyuchukov</i> A contemporary view of mechanical circulatory support devices – <i>D. Petkov</i> Looking more than five years ahead. Surgical treatment of aortic stenosis – <i>D. Kyuchukov</i> Surgical treatment of left ventricular free wall rupture – <i>V. Geguskov</i>
11:30-13:00	Session: "We too have given something to the world" (supported by Bayer) Publications by Bulgarian teams in international journals <i>Chairs: A. Goudev, D. Vassilev, M. Stoyanov</i> Factors Associated with Atrial Fibrillation in Heart Failure with Preserved and Mildly Reduced Ejection Fraction: A Real-World Cohort Study – <i>M. Minchev et al</i> High-Sensitivity Troponin T as a Prognostic Factor of Conventional Echocardiographic Parameters in Cancer Patients: A Prospective Observational Study – <i>S. Slavcheva et al</i> Effects of SGLT2 Inhibitors on Sleep Apnea Parameters and Cheyne–Stokes Respiration in Patients with Acute Decompensated Heart Failure: A Prospective Cohort Study – <i>P. Kalaydzhiev et al</i> Histone H2A: a promising diagnostic marker in heart failure with reduced versus preserved ejection fraction – <i>D. Tsoneva et al</i> Safety and Performance of Multilayer Stents in Patients With Type B Aortic Dissection: Long-term Results From a Multicenter, Single-Arm Clinical Trial – <i>V. Kostash et al</i> Cardiovascular registries – bibliometric analysis of structure and characteristics – <i>H. Mateev et al</i> Clinical Outcomes After Scoring-Balloon and Sirolimus-Eluting Balloon Strategy in Diffuse Small-Vessel Coronary Artery Disease (SCA-DEB Study): A Single-Center Prospective Study – <i>D. Vassilev et al</i> Personalized management of acenocoumarol dosage using eGFR: Analysis of INR data in a cohort of 204 patients – <i>C. Firinci et al</i> Cardiovascular Phenotypes Across Major Cancer Types: Distribution and Association with All-Cause Mortality in a Retrospective Cohort Study. – <i>B. Krastev et al</i> Smoking Behavior, Exposure to Second-Hand Smoke, and Attitudes Among Bulgarian and Foreign Medical Students – <i>D. Gencheva et al</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break Poster Session V – Heart Failure; Pericarditis; Valvular Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00-15:00	ESC HOTLINE II (interventional) <i>Chair: H. Mateev</i> <i>Panellists: K. Dyankov, G. Vladimirov, L. Abujamous</i> - AIR-STEMI – functional versus angiography-guided complete revascularisation in STEMI patients with multivessel disease - TAVI PCI – timing of revascularisation before or after TAVI in patients with severe aortic stenosis and coronary artery disease - A-CLOSE – optimal antiplatelet strategy in patients at high ischaemic risk - NATURE In STEMI – mechanical thrombus aspiration in STEMI patients with a large thrombus burden
15:00-16:00	A different view of HFpEF (supported by AstraZeneca) Physical inactivity syndrome – <i>T. Yaneva</i> Assessment of nutritional status in heart failure – <i>T. Ivanova</i> Clinical significance of sarcopenia and frailty in patients with heart failure – <i>K. Gospodinov</i>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:30	At the crossroads of cardiology and nephrology: difficult decisions in severe renal failure (supported by Gedeon Richter)

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Cardiorenal syndrome – why are these patients at high risk? – *M. Nikolova*

Arterial hypertension in severe renal failure – *I. Daskalov*

Heart failure in severe renal failure – *L. Demirevska*

Anticoagulant and antiplatelet therapy in severe CKD – *E. Trendafilova*

17:30–18:30 Oral Health

Chairs: E. Dimitrova, K. Karatancheva

Chronic inflammatory diseases of dental origin – *K. Karatancheva*

The link between total oral microbial burden and coronary atherosclerosis – *R. Hristova*

Porphyromonas gingivalis-associated periodontitis and coronary artery disease – *R. Angelova*

Oral dysbiosis and coronary atherosclerosis: a focus on Treponema denticola – *D. Tonkova*

18:30

Closing remarks, Millennium Hall

DA VINCI HALL 2

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09:15–10:00 Gedeon Richter Symposium

The Bulgarian patient with AF – what have we learnt from the AF Screen Now project? – *K. Karamfilov*

Challenges in the use of anticoagulants in different clinical scenarios – *A. Postadzhiyan*

Discussion

10:00–10:30

Coffee break

Poster Session IV – Imaging; Cardiomyopathies; Other, Mozart Hall

10:30–12:00

EUROASPIRE VI Session

Chairs: E. Dimitrova, A. Kisheva

30 years of EUROASPIRE: looking back, moving forward – *D. Wood*

New insight into CV prevention: principal results of the EUROASPIRE 6 Survey – *K. Kotseva*

Are Prevention Guidelines enough for implementation? Data from the Euroaspire 6 – *A. Abreu*

Where are we? Bulgaria on the map of Europe – *E. Dimitrova*

12:00–12:45

Heart Failure WG Debate Session

Chair: Pl. Gatsov

Coronary revascularisation in patients with HFrEF – pro – *N. Stoyanov*

Coronary revascularisation in patients with HFrEF – con – *Pl. Gatsov*

Discussion

13:00–14:00

Lunch break

Poster Session V – Heart Failure; Pericarditis; Valvular Disease, Mozart Hall

14:00–15:00

Skin Manifestations of Cardiovascular Disease

Chair: E. Dimitrova

The dermatological traffic light – *P. Zlateva*

Beyond the skin – dermatological clues to cardiovascular disease – *M. Peyneshka*

15:00–16:00

Cardiology Meets the Laboratory

Chairs: V. Koleva, A. Kisheva

Biomarkers – we measure more, but do we understand more about cardiovascular risk? – *V. Koleva*

Laboratory diagnosis of thrombophilia – *S. Shefket*

Vitamin D and cardiovascular risk – *T. Deneva*

TIME	TOPIC
16:00–16:30	Coffee break
16:30–17:30	Atrial Heart Failure <i>Chair: E. Kinova</i> Haemodynamics of atrial failure — <i>M. Peneva</i> Atrial dyssynchrony — <i>Kr. Dzhinsov</i> Atrial functional MR — <i>R. Ilieva</i>
17:30–18:30	Imaging by cardiologists for cardiologists: echocardiography, CT, MRI <i>E. Kinova, D. Vassilev, I. Pazarcikli</i>
18:30	Closing remarks, Millennium Hall

SHAKESPEARE HALL

TIME	TOPIC
08:30–10:00	Paradigm shift in cardiac pacing <i>Chairs: K. Čurila, V. Traykov</i> Cardiac re-synchronization in the era of conduction system pacing — <i>K. Čurila</i> Tips and tricks for achieving conduction system capture — <i>V. Traykov</i> Leadless pacing – niche procedure or all comers option — <i>V. Velchev</i> When and how to save the patient from getting a pacer. Neuromodulation as an elegant option — <i>Kr. Dzhinsov</i>
10:00–10:30	Coffee break Poster Session IV – Imaging; Cardiomyopathies; Other, Mozart Hall
10:30–11:00	Amgen Symposium Earlier, Broader, Better: What VESALIUS-CV Means for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction <i>Chair: A. Goudev</i> <i>Speaker: R. Giugliano</i>
11:00–11:45	Joint session with EHJ <i>Chair: P. Seferović</i> The top papers of EHJ 2025 – 2026 — <i>F. Crea</i> <i>Panel discussion: P. Seferović, V. Traykov</i>
12:00–13:00	LVAD Session – from patient selection to life at home: the role of the Heart Team <i>Chairs: V. Velchev and D. Kyuchukov</i> <i>Speakers: K. Petkov (cardiologist), S. Georgiev (cardiac surgeon), L. Pampulova (intensivist)</i>
13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session V – Heart Failure; Pericarditis; Valvular Disease, Mozart Hall
14:00–15:30	Digital Health WG – What happened in digital health in 2026 <i>Chairs: K. Karamfilov, M. Ganova</i> Artificial intelligence in everyday clinical practice: from the physician's decision to the organisation of care — <i>D. Mitev</i> "Artificial intelligence today: how machines have changed and what is coming to the doctor's office" — <i>M. Stoyanov</i> The National Health Information System as part of the European Health Data Space — <i>B. Kostadinov</i>

TIME	TOPIC
15:30–16:00	Interactive clinical cases – cardiac pacing <i>Chairs: V. Velchev, Kr. Dzhinov</i>
Interactive clinical case 1 – <i>E. Georgieva</i> Interactive clinical case 2 – <i>V. Velchev</i>	
16:00–16:30	Coffee break
16:30–17:00	Focus lecture: Can We Predict Pacing-Induced Cardiomyopathy? Who Really Needs Conduction System Pacing? <i>N. Kozhuharov</i>
17:00–17:30	Focus lecture: Atrial fibrillation and cognitive function <i>S. Mantarova</i>
17:30–18:30	Debate: Treatment of hypertension – Back in the Future Polypill and MPA – <i>A. Postadzhiyan</i> Selective aldosterone synthase inhibitors – <i>N. Runev</i> Renal denervation – <i>I. Petrov</i> Zilebesiran (siRNA), CagriSema (GLP-1RA), CPAP – <i>A. Goudev</i>
18:30	Closing remarks, Millennium Hall

MOZART HALL

TIME	TOPIC
10:00–10:30	Coffee break Poster Session IV – Imaging; Cardiomyopathies; Other, Mozart Hall
11:30–12:30	Quiz Session V <i>Chair: E. Dimitrova</i> Teams: The runners-up from each of the four groups
13:00–14:00	Lunch break Poster Session V – Heart Failure; Pericarditis; Valvular Disease, Mozart Hall
16:00–16:30	Coffee break
16:30–17:30	Quiz Session VI <i>Chair: I. Garvanski</i> Teams: The winners of the four groups
18:30	Closing remarks, Millennium Hall

SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2026

MILLENNIUM HALL

TIME	TOPIC
08:30–09:30	Highlights of the 19th National Congress of Cardiology <i>K. Karamfilov, I. Gruev</i>

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09:30–10:30**Patient Organisations Session***Panel discussion: I. Gruev, V. Traykov, A. Kisheva*

Cardiovascular risk does not begin with the diagnosis – *I. Gruev*

"Listen to your heart, give it a chance for the future" – *A. Draganova*

MYTH OR FACT? – interactive poll

- QR survey on cholesterol, statins, blood pressure, physical activity and treatment adherence. Discussion of the results and debunking of the most common myths – *Moderated by I. Gruev*

When risk adds up

- High blood pressure + cholesterol + smoking + stress and lifestyle – the concept of cumulative cardiovascular risk – *A. Postadzhivan*

"I know what I should do. Why don't I do it?"

- The psychology behind cardiovascular risk and treatment adherence – *A. Milanov, clinical social worker*

Discussion and closing

- "When is a patient a 'difficult patient' – and when are the treatment or the system difficult for the patient?"
- A conversation between a cardiologist, a psychologist and patients

Questions from the audience

10:30–11:00**Coffee break**

11:00–12:00**Healthcare Professionals Session (Nursing and Allied)***Chairs: Y. Yotov, D. Gencheva*

Sleep quality in patients with heart failure – *M. Georgieva, Y. Yotov*

Cardiovascular assessment in patients with lung cancer after definitive radiotherapy combined with chemotherapy – *K. Katradzhieva*

Psycho-emotional profile of comorbid patients with acute myocardial infarction – the role of the nurse in early recognition – *I. Stoyanova, S. Borisova, G. Bachvarov*

Developing a model for error prevention in cardiology clinics and departments – *P. Pavlova, R. Dimova, R. Raycheva*

12:00–12:30**Closing of the Congress**

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