



Atrial Fibrillation Summit 2026

Interdisciplinary Management of Cardiac Arrhythmias

Friday, 6th November 2026, 1.00 – 7.00 pm

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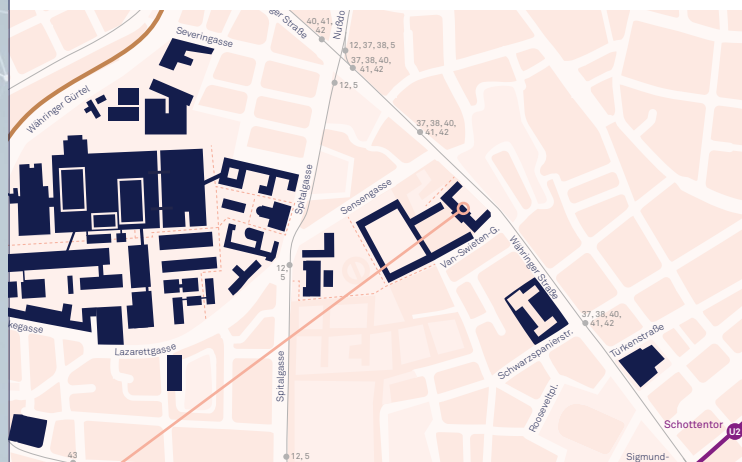


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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to this year's Atrial Fibrillation (AF) Summit Vienna, a joint meeting organised by the Department of Cardiac and Thoracic Aortic Surgery and the Division of Cardiology, Department of Medicine II, Medical University of Vienna/University Hospital Vienna. The AF Summit 2026 is officially endorsed by the Austrian Society of Cardiology (ÖKG).

The meeting is aimed at cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, general practitioners and all healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with atrial fibrillation. It is a platform for presenting and discussing the latest developments in the multidisciplinary treatment of atrial fibrillation.

The scientific programme will focus on innovative catheter-based and surgical ablation techniques, contemporary hybrid strategies and current guidelines and clinical evidence. It will be complemented by interactive discussions and hands-on training.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Josephinum in Vienna.

Scientific Committee

Emilio Osorio, Christoph Schukro, Marek Ehrlich,
Daniel Zimpfer

Department of Cardiac and Thoracic Aortic Surgery
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Stefan Stojkovic, Robert Schönbauer,
Christian Hengstenberg
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Programme

1.00 – 1.10 pm

Opening

Christiane Druml, Josephinum and UNESCO-Chair for Bioethics at the Medical University of Vienna
Daniel Zimpfer*, Christian Hengstenberg**

1.10 – 2.00 pm

Session 1 – How to manage the left atrial appendage in 2026

Chair: Alexander Geppert, 3rd Medical Department for Cardiology and Intensive Care Medicine, Clinic Ottakring
Marek Ehrlich*

Ulrike Neuhold, Medical Department, University Hospital Krems

Left Atrial Appendage Exclusion – What the ESC Guidelines recommend

Thorsten Hanke, Department of Cardiac Surgery, Heart & Vascular Centre, Albertinen Hospital Hamburg

Concomitant endocardial LAA Occlusion – How and when

Martin Manninger-Wünscher, Division of Cardiology, Medical University of Graz

Concomitant epicardial LAA Occlusion – How and when

Piotr Suwalski, National Medical Institute of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration, Warsaw

OAC after closure – Rapid-fire pro/con session

Pro: Laura Stix, Division of Cardiology, Medical University of Graz
Con: Timo Weimar, Sana Cardiac Surgery Stuttgart

2.00 – 2.30 pm

Break

2.30 – 4.00 pm

Session 2 – AF Ablation in 2026

Chair: Julian Keznickl-Pulst, 3rd Medical Department for Cardiology and Intensive Care Medicine, Clinic Ottakring

Emilio Osorio*

Taemi Yoshida, Department of Cardiology, Clinic Landstraße

How to treat paroxysmal AF in 2026

Georgios Kollias, Department of Cardiology, Ordensklinikum Linz Elisabethinen

My approach to persistent AF ablation and when to perform hybrid – Who is suited?

Robert Schönbauer, Department of Medicine II, Division of Cardiology, MedUni Vienna/University Hospital Vienna

Hybrid AF ablation – How I do it

Mahmoud Wehbe, Department of Cardiac Surgery, Schüchtermann Klinik, Bad Rothenfelde

Anaesthesiological considerations for hybrid ablation

Christian Zenz, Department of Anaesthesia, Intensive Care Medicine and Pain Medicine, MedUni Vienna/University Hospital Vienna

Mapping and rhythm outcomes following hybrid ablation

Stefan Stojkovic**, Christoph Schukro*

Case corner

Azygos continuity

Michael Pfeffer, Department of Internal Medicine, University Hospital Wr. Neustadt

Hybrid VT ablation

Stefan Stojkovic**, Rabab Saleh*

LAD stenosis and paroxysmal AF

Philipp Angleitner*, Barbara Karner*

4.00 – 4.20 pm

Break

4.20 – 6.00 pm

Session 3 – The future is now

Chair: Georgios Kollias, Department of Cardiology,
Ordensklinikum Linz Elisabethinen

Daniel Zimpfer*

Dagmar Burkart-Küttner, 2nd Department of Internal
Medicine, Hanusch Hospital Vienna

Faster, better, stronger? How an nsPFA catheter works

David Kenigsberg, Florida Heart and Vascular,
Ft. Lauderdale

PFA in the operating room?

Niv Ad, Johns Hopkins University

VT ablation – Key takeaways for a successful EP programme

Martin Martinek, Department of Cardiology,
Ordensklinikum Linz Elisabethinen

Hybrid VT ablation – Why and how (online)

Mark La Meir, Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel

What are cardiac dysautonomia, IST and POTS?

Advanced high-density mapping strategies

Luigi Pannone, Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel

Emerging technologies

Piotr Suwalski, National Medical Institute of the
Ministry of the Interior and Administration, Warsaw

Closing remarks

Daniel Zimpfer*, Christian Hengstenberg**

6.00 – 7.00 pm

Workshops

- **Impella CP-Implant**
(supported by J&J)
- **MAZE-Simulation**
(supported by AtriCure)
- **Appendage and Valve Management**
(supported by Medtronic)
- **Mapping-Simulation**
(supported by Biosense Webster)
- **ILR Implantation**
(supported by Biotronik)

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