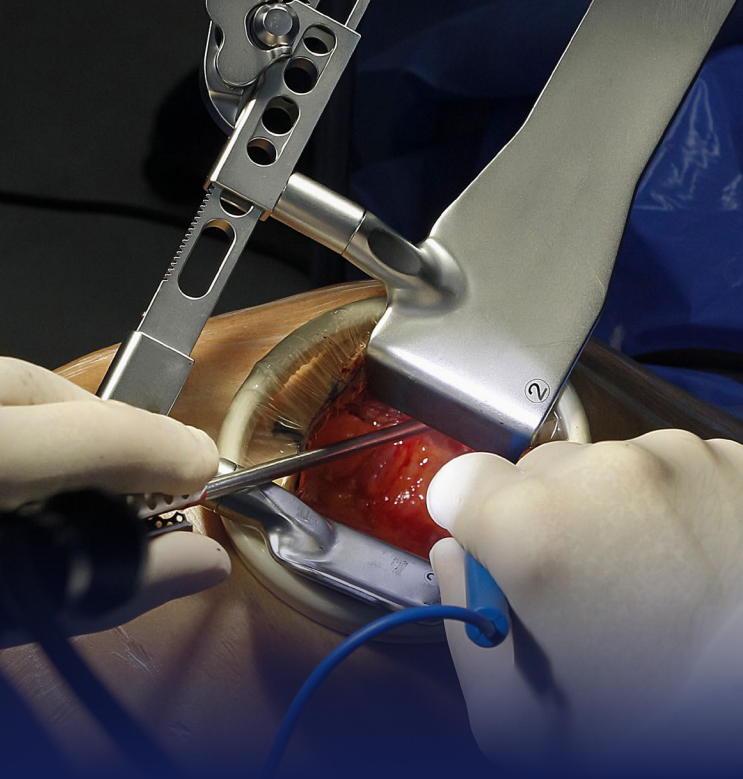




26th – 27th November 2026

Minimally Invasive Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Symposium

An interdisciplinary forum focused on innovative surgical techniques and hands-on education.

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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the 2026 meeting on Minimally Invasive Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, an interdisciplinary forum focused on innovative surgical techniques and hands-on education.

The meeting will offer a dynamic programme with expert lectures, interactive case discussions, and practical training, including a wet lab and simulation-based sessions designed to translate theory into practice. The scientific programme will cover minimally invasive techniques across the full spectrum of congenital heart disease, from newborns to adults, addressing both established procedures and emerging approaches.

Join colleagues and leading experts to exchange experience and discuss future directions in this rapidly evolving field. Please mark your calendar. Further details will follow.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,

Daniel Zimpfer, Peter Murin, Erhan Urganci,
Paul Werner
Department of Cardiac and Thoracic Aortic Surgery,
MedUni Vienna/University Hospital Vienna

Organizing Committee

Speakers

Ali Dodge-Khatami, Department of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery and Congenital Heart Defects, Uniklinik RWTH Aachen, Germany

Christoph Haller, Department of Surgery Cardiovascular Surgeon, Division of Cardiovascular Surgery, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada

Katharina Schmitt, Developmental Pediatrics in Cardiac, Deutsches Herzzentrum der Charité, Berlin, Germany

Jörg Kempfert, Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, Deutsches Herzzentrum der Charité, Berlin, Germany

Vladimiro Vida, Department of Cardiac Thoracic Vascular Sciences and Public Health, University of Padua, Italy

Zuzana Hrubšová, Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine, Children's Cardiology Center, National Institute of Heart and Vascular Diseases, a.s., Bratislava, Slovakia

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Wetlab-Course

The course fee for the Wetlab-Course amount to 200 Euro and is due upon participant registration.

Please find the exact bank details for your registration:

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Day 1 – Scientific Sessions

9.00 – 9.10 am
Welcome and opening address
Advancing Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery in children and ACHD patients
Daniel Zimpfer

9.10 – 11.10 am
Session 1
Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery in infants: Indications, timing and techniques
Moderators: Christoph Haller, Andreas Hanslik, Katharina Schmitt

Axillary thoracotomy – patient selection, tips and tricks
Erhan Urganci

Live-in-a-box. VSD closure
Ali Dodge-Khatami

Hemisternotomy – patient selection, tips and tricks
Erhan Urganci

Live-in-a-box. AVSD, TOF, doubly committed VSD
Peter Murin

Perioperative management in MICS
Eva Base

Beyond surgery – analgesia and ERAS
Zuzana Hrubšová

Panel discussion and Q&A

11.10 – 11.40 am
Coffee break

11.40 am – 1.10 pm
Session 2
Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery in children: Expanding indications and clinical practice
Moderators: Ali Dodge-Khatami, Daniel Zimpfer, Zuzana Hrubšová

Pediatric MICS portfolio
Peter Murin

Cannulation, complications & OR setting
Paul Werner

How to build a career as congenital MIC surgeon
Christoph Haller

Cosmesis, patient needs and benefits
Katharina Schmitt

Panel Discussion and Q&A

1.10 – 2.10 pm
Lunch break

2.10 – 4.10 pm
Session 3
Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery in adolescents and ACHD patients. Transition, advanced techniques and outcomes
Moderators: Vladimiro Vida, Jörg Kempfert, Lore Schrutka

Building a transitional MIC programme for CHD
Paul Werner

Minimally invasive surgery for ACHD
Vladimiro Vida

Robotic surgery in ACHD – update and outlook
Jörg Kempfert

Follow-up, outcomes, PROMs and patient counselling
Lore Schrutka, Andreas Hanslik

Panel Discussion and Q&A

4.10 – 4.40 pm
Coffee break

7.00 – 9.30 pm
Faculty dinner

Day 2 – Wet Lab

Hands-on Dry Lab
Moderators: Ali Dodge-Khatami, Peter Murin, Jörg Kempfert

9.00 – 10.00 am
Axillary thoracotomy – ASD closure
Erhan Urganci, Clemens Atteneder

10.00 – 11.00 am
Axillary thoracotomy – VSD closure
Ali Dodge-Khatami, Peter Murin, Christoph Haller

11.00 am – 12.00 pm
Totally endoscopic ASD closure
Paul Werner, Alexandra Andreeva

12.00 – 1.00 pm
Robotic surgery
Jörg Kempfert, Peter Murin