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Master Course in Heart Failure - From ESC Guidelines to Clinical Practice Bucharest 2025, Oct 30th - Nov 1st

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Day1, Thursday, October 30th, 2025

13:00	Welcome Session	
13:00	Introduction: Thomas F. Lüscher, Petar Seferovic, Mandeep Mehra, Ovidiu Chioncel	
13:10	Magistral Lecture: The spectrum of HF and what it means for practice	Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH
13:30	Session I – Heart Failure: Definition and Classifications <i>Chairs: Daniel Lighezan, RO and Mariya Tokmakova, BU</i>	
13:30	Heart Failure: Definition and Classifications	Marija Polovina, RS
13:40	Heart Failure: Imaging	Yasmin Rustamova, AJ
13:50	Heart Failure: Biomarkers	Robert Sepp, HU
14:00	Heart Failure Profiling; The role of AI	Kevin O’Gallagher, UK
14:10	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Radu Sascau, RO</i>	
14:30	Magistral Lecture: Update on Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathies: the 2023 ESC Guidelines	Petar Seferovic, RS
14:50	Session II – Heart Failure: Comorbidities <i>Chairs: Yasmin Rustamova, AJ and Dan Dobreanu, RO</i>	
14:50	Obesity	Daniel Lighezan, RO
15:00	Iron Deficiency	Oliviana Geavlete, RO
15:10	Diabetes	Dan Gaita, RO
15:20	Amyloidosis	Mariya Tokmakova, BU
15:30	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Petar Seferovic, RS</i>	
15:50	COFFEE BREAK	
16:10	Simulator (1h/3rooms)	

17:10	<i>Magistral Lecture:</i> HF perspective on the 2024 ESC Guidelines on Hypertension	Elisabeta Badila, RO
17:30	Session III - Heart Failure: Guideline-based medical therapies (GBMT) <i>Chairs: Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH and Dragos Vinereanu, RO</i>	
17:30	Heart Failure medical therapies along the LVEF spectrum	Dragos Vinereanu, RO
17:45	Heart Failure medical therapies in particular clinical settings (low SBP, CKD, frailty)	Laura Antohi, RO
18:00	New therapies: Finerenone and GLP1 agonists	Zviad Kipiani, GEO
18:15	Medical inertia and Polypharmacy, conflicting concepts ?	Gianluigi Savarese, SE
18:30	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Dan Dobreanu, RO</i>	
18:45	Overview of Day 1	Dan Gaita, RO

Day 2, Friday, October 31st, 2025

09:10	<i>Magistral Lecture:</i> Inflammation in HF	Gh A Dan, RO
09:30	Session IV – Arrhythmias and Device therapies in HF <i>Chairs: Marianna Adamo, IT and Cecilia Linde, SWE</i>	
09:30	Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy	Dan Dobreanu, RO
09:45	Clinical case-Dragos Guz	
09:50	Ventricular Arrhythmias in ESC Guidelines and scientific documents	Magdy Abdelhamid, EG
10:05	Clinical case- Alexandru Ababei	
10:10	2024 ESC Guidelines on Atrial Fibrillation	Cecilia Linde, SWE
10:25	Clinical case -Carla Goldis	
10:30	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Cristian Statescu, RO</i>	
10:50	COFFEE BREAK	
11:10	Session V - 2025 ESC Guidelines on Valvular Heart Disease <i>Chairs: Marco Metra, IT and Bogdan Popescu, RO</i>	
11:10	Aortic Stenosis	Bogdan Popescu, RO
11:25	Clinical case-Anisia Cristea	
11:30	Mitral Regurgitation	Alison Duncan, UK
11:45	Clinical case-Dragos Guz	
11:50	Tricuspid Regurgitation	Marianna Adamo, IT

12:05	Crina Radulescu, RO	
12:10	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Vlad Iliescu, RO</i>	
12:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:20	Simulator (1h10min/3rooms) TEE, RHC, FoCUS, UF	R. Radu / R. Filipescu / D. Guz
14:30	Session VI - My patient with heart failure in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) <i>Chairs: Susanna Price, UK and Serban Bubenek, RO</i>	
14:30	How to use blood samples in ICU	Laura Antohi, RO
14:45	Clinical case-Liana Văleanu	
14:50	How to use Echo in ICU	Susanna Price, UK
15:05	Clinical case- Dragos Guz	
15:10	How to use pulmonary artery catheterization	Serban Bubenek, RO
15:25	Clinical case-Mihai Stefan	
15:30	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Alexandre Mebazaa, FR</i>	
15:50	COFFEE BREAK	
16:10	Magistral Lecture: Acute Heart Failure in the ESC Guidelines	Marco Metra, IT
16:30	Session VII - Acute Heart Failure <i>Chairs: Marco Metra, UK and Ovidiu Chioncel, RO</i>	
16:30	AHF during pregnancy: what 2025 ESC Guidelines are saying	Elisabeta Badila, RO
16:45	Clinical case- Carla Goldis	
16:50	Myocarditis and Pericarditis with AHF: what 2025 ESC Guidelines are saying	Oliviana Geavlete, RO
17:05	Clinical case-Alexandru Ababei	
17:10	The role of congestion scores and risk stratification	Andrew Ambrosy, US
17:25	Clinical case-Claudia Penaru	
17:30	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Magdy Abdelhamid, EG</i>	
17:50	Session VIII - How to understand the results of clinical research <i>Chairs: Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH and Bogdan Popescu, RO</i>	
17:50	Observational studies and registries	Ovidiu Chioncel, RO
18:00	Randomised controlled trials	Alexandre Mebazaa, FR
18:10	Meta-analyses	Gianluigi Savarese, SW
18:20	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Mandeep Mehra, US</i>	

Day 3, Saturday, November 1st, 2025**09:30 Session IX - Cardiogenic Shock***Chairs: Susanna Price, UK and Ovidiu Chioncel, RO*

09:30	Cardiogenic Shock-Epidemiology, classifications, outcomes	Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH
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09:45 Clinical case-Alexandru Ababei

09:50	How to use IV inotropes and Vasopressors	Alexandre Mebazaa, FR
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10:05	Clinical case-Dragos Guz	
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10:10	Mechanical Circulatory Support	Marine Clement, FR
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10:25	Clinical case-Radu Filipescu	
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10:30	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Mandeep Mehra, US</i>	
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10:50 COFFEE BREAK**11:10 Magistral Lecture:**

	Advanced Heart Failure: past, present and the future	Mandeep Mehra, US
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11:30 Session X - Advanced Heart Failure*Chairs: Mandeep Mehra, US and Vlad Iliescu, RO*

11:30	Advanced Heart Failure vs Worsening Heart Failure	Ovidiu Chioncel, RO
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11:45	Clinical case-Carla Goldis	
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11:50	Medical therapies in Advanced Heart Failure	Razvan Radu, RO
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12:05 Clinical case-Rebeca Gadei

12:10	Left Ventricular Assist Devices and Heart Transplantation	Mandeep Mehra, US
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12:25	Clinical case-Dragos Guz	
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12:30	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Ovidiu Chioncel, RO</i>	
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12:50 LUNCH BREAK**13:50 Simulator (1h20min/2rooms)**

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15:10 Heart Failure in 2035: What does my Crystal ball predict?*Chairs: Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH and Ovidiu Chioncel, RO*

Cecilia Linde, Susanna Price, Petar Seferovic, Dan Dobreanu, Mandeep Mehra, Alexandre Mebazaa, Alison Duncan, Marco Metra, Gianluigi Savarese, Bogdan Popescu

15:40 Closing remarks

Thomas F. Lüscher and Ovidiu Chioncel

