

Master Course in Heart Failure - From ESC Guidelines to Clinical Practice

Bucharest 2026, Oct 29th - Oct 31st

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Day1, Thursday, October 29th, 2026

13:00 Welcome Session

13:00 **Introduction:** Thomas F. Lüscher, Petar Seferovic, Mandeep Mehra, Ovidiu Chioncel

13:10 **Magistral Lecture:**

The history of HF

Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH

13:30 **Session I – Heart Failure :in 2026 ESC Guidelines:Definition and Classifications**

Chairs: Daniel Lighezan, RO and Mariya Tokmakova, BU

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 'Gallagher, London

14:10 Panel discussion

Discussant: Radu Sascau, RO

14:30 **Magistral Lecture:**

The clinical spectrum of Cardiomyopathies: the 2023 ESC Guidelines

Petar Seferovic, RS

14:50 **Session II – Heart Failure: Comorbidities**

Chairs: Yasmin Rustamova, AJ and Dan Dobreanu, RO

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

Discussant: Petar Seferovic, RS

15:50 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:10 **Simulator (1h/3rooms)**

TEE, RHC, FoCUS, UF

R. Radu / R. Filipescu / D. Guz

17:10 **Magistral Lecture:**

From ischemia to Heart Failure

Filippo Crea , Italy

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
17:55	Who needs the 5 th pillar	Zviad Kipiani, GEO
18:10	GBMT implementation; where we are?	Gianluigi Savarese, SE
18:20	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Dan Dobreanu, RO</i>	
		Dan Gaita, RO
18:50	Overview of Day 1	

Day 2, Friday, October 30th, 2026

09:10	Magistral Lecture: <i>Registries, clinical trials and meta-analyses; good and bad</i>	Gianluigi Savarese, SWE
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-Ioana Sus	
09:50	Ventricular Arrhythmias and Sudden Cardiac Death	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	

	Session V - 2025 ESC Guidelines on Valvular Heart Disease <i>Chairs :Marianna Adamo, 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-Rebeca Gadei	
11:50	Tricuspid Regurgitation	Marianna Adamo, IT
12:05	Clinical case-Crina Radulescu	
12:10	Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Vlad Iliescu, RO</i>	

12:40	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	Imaging in ICU	Susanna Price, UK
14:45	Clinical case-Radu Filipescu	
14:50	Mechanical Ventilation in ICU	Cosmin Balan, RO
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	Decongestion strategies	Jan Biegus, Poland
16:45	Clinical case- Carla Goldis	
16:50	AHF in HFpEF	Razvan Radu, RO
17:05	Clinical case-Alexandru Ababei	
17:10	Organ dysfunction in AHF	Marco Metra, Italy
17:25	Clinical case-Dragos Guz,	
17:30	Panel discussion	
	<i>Discussant: Magdy Abdelhamid, EG</i>	
17:50	Magistral Lecture	
	<i>From embryology to cardiac mechanics</i>	Mandeep Mehra, US
18:10	Overview of Day 2	Daniel Lighezan, RO

09:30 Session VIII - Cardiogenic Shock*Chairs: Susanna Price, UK and Ovidiu Chioncel, RO*

09:30 Cardiogenic Shock-Epidemiology, classifications, outcomes Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH

09:45 Clinical case- Nechifor Macu

09:50 What is missing for an ideal inotrope Mandeep Mehra,US

10:05 Clinical case-Adriana Dorobantu

10:10 Mechanical Circulatory Support Ovidiu Chioncel, RO

10:25 Clinical case-Radu Filipescu

10:30 Panel discussion

*Discussant: Mandeep Mehra, US***10:50 COFFEE BREAK**

11:20 *Magistral Lecture:* Mandeep Mehra, US
Advanced Heart Failure; where is the progress?

11:40 *Magistral Lecture* Thomas F Lüscher
Leadership in Modern Cardiology

12:00 Heart Failure in 2036: What does my Crystal ball predict?*Chairs: Thomas F. Lüscher, UK/CH and Ovidiu Chioncel, RO*

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

12:20 Closing remarks Thomas F. Lüscher and Ovidiu Chioncel