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PROGRAM

HALL 1 MOUSSALA: SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM
HALL 2 RUEN: SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM
VIHREN HALL: NURSE AND TECHNICIANS SESSION
ALEKO HALL: HANDS-ON-SESSION

HALL 1 – 06 March (FRIDAY)

SESSION 1 EMBOLIZATION SAVES LIFES. LIVER AND VISCERAL ENDOVASCULAR PROCEDURES

Moderators: Vassil Velchev; Zoran Stankov
Panelists: Dinko Kamburov

Opening Ceremony ISEVS Board

09.30 – 09.45 When embolization saves the day/introduction | **Vassil Velchev**

09.45 – 10.00 Acute non variceal GI bleeding | **Dinko Kamburov**

10.00 – 10.15 Acute bronchial bleeding/BAE | **Zoran Stankov**

10.15 – 10.30 **SPONSORED LECTURE** Terumo Interventional Systems
Embolization

10.30 – 10.45 Case of bleeding endometrial carcinoma | **Plamen Petrov**

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30 **LIVE CASE** (TIPs; Liver/Embolization St. Anna)

11.30 – 11.45 Epistaxis | **Stanimir Sirakov**

11.45 – 12.15 **SPONSORED LECTURE** Medtronic
Sympathetic denervation of the liver: the Spyral Gemini program | **Stefan Tunev**

12.15 – 12.30 Glomus caroticum tumor embolization | **Ivo Petrov**

12.30 – 12.45 Renal denervation overview | **Ivo Petrov**

12.45 – 13.00 Endovascular therapy of uterine leiomyomas | **Kristian Ivanov**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

SESSION 2 ENDOVASCULAR TIPS AND TRICKS

Moderators: Zoran Stankov; Klaus Mathias; Valeri Gelev
Panelists: Ivan Martinov

14.00 – 14.15 A novel human perfused heart model | **Iris Grunwald**

14.15 – 14.30 Radiation protection in cardiovascular interventions | **Klaus Mathias**

14.30 – 14.45 **SPONSORED LECTURE** Penumbra

14.45 – 15.00 BEC lecture

15.00 – 15.15 Vertebral Interventions | **Zoran Stankov**

15.15 – 15.30 Management of Accessory Renal Arteries during EVAR | **Frank Criado**

15.30 – 16.10 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** Novartis caring and curing
Intervention and prevention: optimizing the lipid care
★ *Panelists: Ivo Petrov; Mihail Mihalev; Plamen Minkov*

16.15 – 16.30 Deep Loop for CAS - How to do it | **Ivo Petrov**

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 17.00 Save the day. Tips and tricks in neurointerventions | **Menka Lazareska**

17.00 – 17.15 The Fine Line Between Control and Catastrophe: Endovascular Tips and Tricks in Hemorrhagic Neurointerventions | **Deniz Bulija**

17.15 – 17.30 Extravascular recanection | **Mariana Konteva**

17.30 – 17.45 Retrograde transtibial approach in total tibial occlusion | **Zoran Stankov**

17.45 – 18.00 3D-printed and placenta models for training in vascular and endovascular neurosurgery | **Simone Peschillo**

18.00 – 18.30 **LIVE CASE** (St. Anna)

19.30 Faculty Dinner

HALL 2 – 06 March (FRIDAY)

SESSION 1 EVT HEAD-TO-TOE (PART 1)

Moderators: Ivo Petrov; Ivan Martinov
Panelists: Dimitar Nikolov; Dobrin Vassilev: ; Rebeca Reachi

Opening Ceremony ISEVS BOARD

09.45 – 10.00 Tandem Carotid lessions what and when to do | **Ivo Petrov**

10.00 – 10.15 Sac Management during and after EVAR | **Jacques Busquet**

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 11.45 **LIVE CASE** *supported by* Boston Scientific
Deep loop carotis case

11.45 – 12.00 What Do Meta-Analyses Say About Endovascular Procedures for Deep Vein Thrombosis? | **Rebeca Reachi**

12.00 – 12.15 Thoracoabdominal aortic interventions | **Dimitar Nikolov**

12.15 – 12.30 How can Artificial Intelligence Assist in Treatment of Aortic Disease | **Tatum Jackson**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

SESSION 2 EVT HEAD-TO-TOE (PART 2)

Moderators: Rebeca Reachi; Ivo Petrov
Panelists: Tatum Jackson; Haytham Hamid; Rebeca Reachi

14:00 – 14:15 Endovascular Longevity: Frailty, Vascular Age and What We Really Change When We Treat an Artery | **Lachezar Dobrichkov**

14.15 – 14.30 Endovascular Procedures for Varicose Veins: Who, Which, and How? | **Rebeca Reachi**

14.30 – 14.45 Iliac arteries aneurysms | **Donald Reid**

14.45 – 15.00 Standardized protocol for the treatment of complex aortic aneurysms using physician-modified four fenestrated endografts with valiant captivia system: a literature review and a clinical case | **Stefan Manasiev**

15.00 – 15.30 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** Bentley
Bentley B-graft/Head to toe. Present and future | **Ivo Petrov**

15.30 – 15.45 Pulmonary Melody Valve global practice | **Sigitas Cesna**

15.45 – 16.00 linical Outcomes in Direct and Indirect Recanalization of Infrapopliteal Arteries | **Hristo Georgiev**

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 17.15 **LIVE CASE Melody life case**
| Sigitas Cesna; Ivo Petrov; Zoran Stankov

17.15 – 17.30 How to perform supraselective suprarenal vein sampling | **Petar Polomski**

17.30 – 17.45 Endovascular Treatment of Carotid Artery Aneurysms | **Klaus Mathias**

17.45 – 18.00 CAS in subtotal carotid stenosis | **Jivka Stoikova**

18.00 – 18.30 **SPONSORED LECTURE** valentis

18.30 – 18.45 Upper arm pathology treatment | **Dimitar Nikolov**

19.30 Faculty Dinner

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HALL 1 – 07 March (SATURDAY)

SESSION 1

WIST SESSION | Building Sustainable Thrombectomy Services: Training, evidence and innovations

STROKE; SUPRA AORTIC AND EXTRA CRANIAL INTERVENTIONS

Moderators: Iris Grunwald; Nurfet Alioski; Piotr Musialek
Panelists: Klaus Mathias; Deniz Bulja; Ivan Vukasinovic

09.20 – 09.40 **The big picture**

a. Why WIST exist - global inequity in thrombectomy access and expanding indications | **Anna Podlasek**
b. WIST mission and credentialling | **Iris Grunwald & Klaus Mathias**

09.40 – 10.00 **From theory to catheter - how to train safe thrombectomy operators? Training that actually works**

a. Simulation | **Anna Podlasek**
b. Perfused models | **Michelle Cooper**
c. Combined peer (WIST) training | **Piotr Musialek**

10.00 – 10.20 **Building thrombectomy services**

a. EVT Stroke in Bulgaria - network | **Nurfet Alioski**
b. Hub and Spoke model - how can it work using AI and communication tools | **Iris Grunwald**

10.20 – 11.10 **What you need to know in 2026**

a. What can go wrong in thrombectomy | **Klaus Mathias**
b. Basilar stroke: what's settled and what is not | **Ivo Petrov**
c. Device changes: distal access and aspiration evolution | **Maria Politi**
d. First Robotic Microneurosurgical Experience in Austria | **PD Philippe Dodier**
e. Tandem lesions: micromesh stents and embolic protection choices when Mo.Ma isn't available | **Piotr Musialek**

11.10 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.00 **Innovations and the future**

a. Robotic neurointervention | **Tomas Baltranus**
b. MeVO - what's next | **Sandor Nardai**
c. PCD | **Grant Milne / Anna Podlasek**

12.00 – 12.40 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** Medtronic
LIVE CASE ★ Latest experience with cSDH treatment | **Nurfet Alioski**

12.40 – 12.50 Workflow impact on clinical outcomes | **Ivan Vukasinovic**

12.50 – 13.00 Initial experience of a young stroke center - two years follow up | **Mihail Kalnev**

13.00 – 13.10 Initial experience at Tokuda Hospital | **Ivan Staikov/Nikolay Mihnev**

13.10 – 14.00 Lunch

SESSION 2

INTRACRANIAL INTERVENTIONS

Moderators: Omar abu Feres; Naci Kocer; Jeroen Boogaarts
Panelists: Stanimir Sirakov; Ramon Torne

14:00 – 14:10 Cerebral venous thrombosis - endovascular management | **Victoria Hellstern**

14.10 – 14.20 Preoperative endovascular management of paragangliomas | **Omar Abu Fares**

14.20 – 14.30 Dural venous stenting | **Naci Kocer**

14.30 – 15.00 **LIVE CASES** (Flow Diverter St. Anna)

15.00 – 15.40 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** Santis®
Hemodynamic Modulation in Acute Ischemic Stroke: Balloon-Guided Thrombectomy and the Pursuit of First-Pass Complete Reperfusion | **Simone Peschillo**

15.40 – 15.55 MME | **Dara Niknejad**

15.55 – 16.10 Endovascular management of skull base haemorrhage | **Omar Abu Fares**

16.10 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 16.40 Use of IA MMA Lidocaine for the Treatment of aSAH Headache | **Alexander Sirakov**

16.40 – 16.50 CBD and Anti-VEGF to Target GBM - Early Human Results | **Stanimir Sirakov**

16.50 – 17.00 **SPONSORED LECTURE** iVascular from the heart
iVascular Neuro portfolio: advancing stroke treatment, from innovation to real cases | **Juan Miguel Macho Fernández**

17.00 – 17.10 Clinical Decision-Making: Indications and Patient Selection for Treatment | **Ramon Torne**

17.10 – 17.20 Role of endovascular therapy in AVM treatment | **Jeroen Boogaarts**

SESSION 3

MO-MO (COMPLICATIONS) SESSION

Moderators: Deniz Bulija; Ivan Vukasinovic
Panelists: Ivo Petrov; Nurfet Alioski; Simone Peschillo

17.20 – 17.30 Aortic thoracoabdominal interventions in complicated cases | **Dimitar Nikolov**

17.30 – 17.40 Panopticum of Complications: The Hard Way to a Happy End! | **Ivan Martinov**

17.40 – 17.50 Complications of Endovascular Treatment of Cerebral Aneurysms and Bailout Options | **Deniz Bulija**

17.50 – 18.00 Complications in neuroendovascular field | **Ivan Vukasinovic**

18.00 – 18.10 Lightning Strikes Twice: Managing Recurrent Thrombotic Complications in a Single Aneurysm | **Petar Janevski**

18.10 – 18.20 Complication during AV fistula intervention | **Menka Lazareska**

18.20 – 18.30 The ghost pseudoaneurysm - a clinical nightmare | **Mihail Kalnev**

18.30 – 18.40 An M1 occlusion - a simple 30min case or a possible disaster | **Mihail Petrov**

19.00 Gala Dinner

HALL 2 – 07 March (SATURDAY)

SESSION 1

ISEVS SUPPORTED SESSION: AO&AORTIC BRANCHES INTERVENTIONS

Moderators: Frank Criado; Victor Costache; Jacques Busquet
Panelists: Ivo Petrov; Donald Reid

09.30 – 09.40 The mystery of post-EVAR endotension | **Jacques Busquet**

09.40 – 09.50 10 years experience with Valiant Captivia for aortic dissection | **Ivo Petrov**

09.50 – 10.00 AI for aortic interventions planning | **Donald Reid**

10.00 – 10.10 Update on Kommerell Diverticulum and associated Aortic Arch Anomalies | **Frank Criado**

10.10 – 10.20 Pulmonary artery and aorta punctured case. What did we do | **Bryce Renwick**

10.20 – 10.30 Thoracic Disections | **Donald Reid**

10.30 – 11.00 **LIVE CASE** (Insito fenestration City Clinic)

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

11.20 – 11.30 Endovascular Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Stenosis and Occlusion | **Klaus Mathias**

11.30 – 12.30 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** teva
ACS in patients with AF

Moderator: ***Ivo Petrov***

What do we consider in clinical practice when reading the guidelines | **Ivo Petrov**

When is rivaroxaban the optimal choice? | **Ivan Martinov**

When is edoxaban the optimal choice? | **Valeri Gellev**

12.30 – 12.40 Long term results after endovascular treatment of aortic dissections with multilayer stents | **Victor Costache**

12.40 – 13.00 **SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM** Boehringer Ingelheim
Heart Failure Reimagined: Jardiance as First Line Foundation Therapy Across the LVEF Spectrum *Moderator:* ***Ivo Petrov***

Early Screening Pathways for HFpEF in High-Risk Vascular Patients. Importance of UACR and the Benefits of Early Jardiance Treatment | **Zoran Stankov**

13.00 – 13.10 2 years experience with routine in-situ fenestration in the aortic arch | **Zoran Stankov**

13.10 – 14.00 Lunch

SESSION 2

PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL AND VENOUS INTERVENTIONS

Moderators: Zoltan Ruzsa; Nadelin Nikolov; Dimitar Nikolov
Panelists: Dobrin Vassilev; Assen Todorov

14:00 – 14:10 Invasive pressure guidance for lower limb interventions | **Zoltan Ruzsa**

14.10 – 14.20 EVT of postthrombotic syndrome | **Dimitar Nikolov**

14.20 – 14.30 Distal radial access for lower limb interventions | **Zoltan Ruzsa**

14.30 – 14.50 **LIVE CASES** (BTK, NKB Hospital)

14.50 – 15.05 **SPONSORED LECTURE** Abbott
Optimizing Vessel Preparation in PAD: Real-World Experience with Peripheral Orbital Atherectomy | **Ivo Petrov**

15.05 – 15:15 PMEG Pro Max | **Nikola Kolev**

15.15 – 16.20 Coffee break

16.20– 16.30 Atherectomy-Thrombectomy in Aorto-Iliac Occlusion. A Potentially Safer Technique - Initial Experience | **Haytham Hamid**

16.30 – 16.40 Breaking the Cascade: How to Prevent, Detect, and Manage the Systemic, Local, and Distal Complications of Peripheral Arterial Rheolytic Thrombectomy | **Lachezar Dobrichkov**

16.40 – 16.50 Orbital atherectomy as a salvage procedure for complex PAD | **Sashko Zhezhovski**

16.50 – 17.00 What's next when everything else fails | **Sashko Nikolov**

17.00 – 17.10 Treating the 'Impossible' Patient: The Reconnect Strategy | **Mariano Palena**

17.10 – 17.20 AI assisted thermography for early detection of peripheral and cerebrovascular disease | **Ivo Petrov/Zoran Stankov**

17.20 – 18.20 **LIVE CASES** (EVAR, City Clinic)

19.00 Gala Dinner