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WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to MICS 2026 – Minimally Invasive & Catheter Solutions, which will take place in Naples on June 11–13, 2026.

MICS 2026 represents much more than a scientific meeting. It is a strategic platform where the most advanced frontiers of cardiovascular care converge, bringing together minimally invasive surgery and transcatheter therapies into a truly integrated vision.

Today, more than ever, the future of our discipline lies in the ability to overcome traditional boundaries and embrace a tailor-made approach, where innovation, clinical excellence, and patient-centered care come together to optimize outcomes and recovery.

The strength of this conference is reflected in the presence of global pioneers and key opinion leaders who have shaped the evolution of modern cardiology and cardiac surgery. Through their experience and vision, we will explore the current and future management of coronary and valvular diseases, with a specific focus on the aortic, mitral, and tricuspid valves, alongside the latest developments in arrhythmology, including new ablation technologies and hybrid strategies for complex patients.

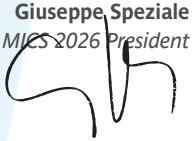
A distinctive moment of this edition will be the "Care Revolution" session, dedicated to the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence and digital innovation in healthcare. We will discuss how these technologies are redefining the patient journey—moving from reactive medicine to a predictive, personalized, and data-driven model of care, capable of enhancing both clinical outcomes and system sustainability.

Naples, with its unique energy and cultural heritage, will host this dynamic exchange of knowledge, featuring multidisciplinary Heart Team discussions and "Live in the Box" sessions, designed to translate innovation into daily clinical practice.

I am confident that MICS 2026 will be a pivotal moment for our community—an opportunity not only to share knowledge, but to shape the future of cardiovascular medicine together.

I look forward to welcoming you in Naples.

Giuseppe Speziale
MICS 2026 President



THURSDAY JUNE 11 2026

PROGRAM

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13.30 Welcome and Introduction
Ettore Sansavini, Giuseppe Speziale, Roberto Fico, Ugo Trama, Gaetano Manfredi

SESSION 1
TREATMENT OF ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE

Chairs: **Pasquale Mastroroberto, Alessandro Parolari, Mauro Rinaldi, Giuseppe Massimo Sangiorgi**

14.00 Coronary Artery Disease Revascularization: From latest ESC/EACTS Guidelines to New Frontiers
Alfredo Marchese

14.10 CABG in the Modern Era: From Trials to Real-World Practice
Mario Gaudino

14.20 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Antonio Maria Calafiore, Roberto Coppola, Sotirios Prapas**

LIVE IN THE BOX

14.30 Hybrid Coronary Revascularization in a High-Risk Patient with Complex Left Main Disease: MIDCAB LIMA-LAD as Surgical Component of a BEST Strategy with PCI Completion
Vito Margari
Challenger: **Alfredo Marchese**

14.37 Robotic CABG
Emiliano Navarra
Challenger: **Umberto Benedetto**

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SESSION 2
CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE: IMAGING AND CARDIOMETABOLIC PERSPECTIVES

Chairs: **Pasquale Perrone Filardi, Tullio Tesorio, Carlo Zebele**

14.45 Coronary CT and Advanced Imaging in the Diagnostic Pathway of Coronary Artery Disease
Gianluca Pontone
Challenger: **Gaetano Mottola**

14.55 Stable and Vulnerable Atherosclerotic Plaque: Pathophysiology and Clinical Implications
Marino Scherillo
Challenger: **Nicola Castaldini**

New Trends in Cardiovascular Therapies

15.05 Cardiovascular Risk in Obesity and Diabetes
Giuseppe Musumeci

15.15 Optimizing Oral Lipid-Lowering Therapy in Patients at Cardiovascular Risk
Giuseppe Patti

15.25 Injectable Lipid-Lowering Therapies: Current Evidence and Emerging Perspectives
Paolo Calabrò

15.35 Challenger Perspectives
Challengers: **Alessandro Furgieri, Guido Maria Giuseppe Lembo, Simone Ventra**

SESSION 3
AORTIC REGURGITATION AND ROOT DISEASE

PART I

State of the Art in Repair and Root Surgery

Chairs: **Alberto Albertini, Marisa De Feo, Marco Diena, Giuseppe Speziale**

KEY LECTURES

15.45 The Ozaki Technique: A New Paradigm in Aortic Valve Reconstruction
Shigeyuki Ozaki

15.55 The Ross Procedure: A Physiological Solution for Aortic Valve Disease
Domenico Paparella

16.05 Aortic Valve-Sparing Surgery: The David Procedure and Its Evolution
Tirone David

16.15 Aortic valve repair: Optimize techniques for tricuspid and bicuspid: Optimize techniques for tricuspid and bicuspid
Khalil Fattouch

16.25 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Roberto Coppola, Mauro Del Giglio, Calogera Pisano, Giuseppe Visicchio**

PART II

Transcatheter Frontiers

16.35 Advanced Echocardiographic CT and Artificial Intelligence in the Evaluation of the Aortic Regurgitation
Corrado Fiore, Angelo Squeri

16.45 Transcatheter Treatment of Native Aortic Regurgitation:t the Emerging Role of Dedicated TAVI Devices
Francesco Bedogni
Introduction by: **Alfredo Marchese**

16.55 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Mario Siro Brigiani, Simone Calvi, Luigi Specchia**

SESSION 4
AORTIC STENOSIS: IMAGING, GUIDELINES AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES

Chairs: **Francesco Santini, Michele Pilato, Alfredo Marchese, Alberto Tripodi**

17.05 New ESC/EACTS Guidelines in Aortic Stenosis: Impact on Clinical Decision-Making
Alaide Chieffo

17.15 Surgical Aortic Valve Treatment: Guideline Updates and the Position Paper of the Italian Society of Cardiac Surgery
Mauro Rinaldi

17.25 Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation: Evolution, Evidence and Future Directions
Giovanni Esposito

17.35 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Marco Gucciardo, Luigi Martinelli, Carmelo Mignosa**

HEART TEAM DEBATE on challenging scenarios

TAVI vs Surgery in asymptomatic SAS
Chair: **Giuseppe Tarantini**

17.45 Management of asymptomatic aortic stenosis
Patrizio Lancellotti

17.55 Surgical Perspective
Pierluigi Stefano

18.05 Interventional Perspective
Alberto Cremonesi

18.15 **LIVE IN THE BOX**
Marco Moscarelli

TAVI vs Surgery in Bicuspid SAS
Chair: **Alfredo Marchese**

18.20 Surgical Perspective
Paolo Berretta

18.30 Interventional Perspective
Gabriele Crimi

18.40 **LIVE IN THE BOX**
Gaetano Contegiacomo

18.45 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Carmine Carbone, Mauro De Benedictis**

18.55 **End of Day 1**

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FRIDAY JUNE 12 2026

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SESSION 1
IMAGING AND DECISION-MAKING IN MITRAL VALVE DISEASE

Chairs: **Ottavio Alfieri, Alain Berrebi, Patrizio Lancellotti, Giuseppe Speziale**

KEY LECTURES

09.00 Mitral Valve Disease: Advanced Imaging for Diagnosis, Mechanistic Understanding and Surgical Decision-Making
Mani A. Vannan

09.10 Mitral Regurgitation Phenotypes: Beyond Severity - Mechanisms, Remodeling and Imaging Red Flags
Francesco Faletra

09.20 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Luigi Martinelli, Gaetano Contegiacomo, Domenico Paparella, Marco Di Eusanio**

09.30 Multimodality Imaging for Surgical Planning in Complex Mitral Valve Repair
Angelo Squeri

09.40 Mitral Annular Disjunction: The Missing Link Between Prolapse and Sudden Cardiac Death. Up-to-date from EHRA/EACVI expert consensus
Corrado Fiore

09.50 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Paolo Izzo, Antonietta Demola**

SESSION 2
CONTEMPORARY SURGICAL STRATEGIES IN MITRAL VALVE REPAIR

Chairs: **Khalil Fattouch, Ernesto Greco, Claudio Muneretto, Carlo Savini, Tirone David**

PART I

The Philosophy and Durability of Mitral Valve Repair

10.00 Edge-to-Edge Repair: From the Alfieri Technique to Contemporary Surgical and Transcatheter Applications
Ottavio Alfieri

10.10 Respect but Resect: Follow the Lesions
David Adams

10.20 Respect or Resect: Is There One Better Than the Other?
Gilles Dreyfus

10.30 Minimally Invasive Mitral Valve Repair: Ten-Year Results from the GVM Care & Research Experience
Giuseppe Speziale

10.40 **Remarks from the Chairs**

PART II

Contemporary Surgical Techniques

10.50 Bileaflet Mitral Valve Dysfunction: RE-LOCK and TRACK Techniques for Complete Repair
Giuseppe Nasso

11.00 Advanced Surgical Strategies in Mitral Valve Repair
Pierluigi Stefano

11.10 Trans-axillary Approach for Mitral Valve Repair: Technique and Clinical Results
Marco Di Eusanio

11.20 Surgical implications of mitral plasticity
Antonio Maria Calafiore

11.30 Totally endoscopic mitral valve repair: a step forward
Marco Diena

11.40 **LIVE IN THE BOX**

Mitral Valve repair in Endocarditis
Carlo Savini

11.45 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Alberto Albertini, Davide Ricci, Carlo Zebele**

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SESSION 3
TRANSCATHETER TREATMENT FOR MITRAL VALVE DISEASE

Chairs: **Massimo Chello, Gabriele Crimi, Alessandro Parolari, Leonardo Patanè**

11.55 Mitral Valve Disease: Guideline-Based Decision Making and future perspectives
Fausto Castriota

12.05 Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair vs replacement: Indications, Patient Selection and Clinical Outcomes
Sergio Berti

LIVE IN THE BOX

12.15 How to treat mitral valve disease
Roberto Nerla

12.20 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Luigi Martinelli, Giulia Pignatelli, Luigi Salemme, Gianmarco Arturo Volpe**

12.30 The Patient experience: Complex Mitral Regurgitation Treated with MitraClip: Clinical Case and Procedural Strategy
Fausto Castriota *and special guest*

12.45 *Light Lunch*

SESSION 4
TRICUSPID VALVE

Chairs: **Francesco Bedogni, Alberto Cremonesi, Tullio Tesorio**

14.00 Right Ventricular Dysfunction and Pulmonary Hypertension
Mani A. Vannan

14.10 From Echocardiographic Assessment to Clinical Decision
Francesco Melillo

14.20 When and how to treat tricuspid regurgitation
Khalil Fattouch

14.30 Transcatheter Treatment of Tricuspid Regurgitation: TriClip and Emerging Endovascular Valve Implantation
Anna Franzone

14.40 Recurrent Tricuspid Regurgitation: Contemporary Treatment Algorithms
Giovanni La Canna

14.50 Up to date grading of TR and how to quantify TR in presence of right ventricle dysfunction
Tugba Kemaloglu Oz

15.00 **VIDEO IN THE BOX**

Live in the box Surgical Repair
Elisa Mikus

15.05 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Corrado Fiore, Michele Di Mauro, Giuseppe Santarpino**

ANESTHESIA CORNER

Anesthesia and Perioperative Management in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

Chairs: **Enrico Coscioni, Ilir Dhojniku, Lorenzo Mantovani, Antonio Rago**

15.15 Practical Anesthesia Tips for Minimally Invasive Mitral Surgery: Making MIMVS Truly Minimal
Cataldo Labriola

15.20 Regional Analgesia in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery: The Role of Fascial Plane Blocks
Antongiulio Valenzano

15.25 Anesthetic Management of High-Risk Mitral Patients: Right Ventricular Protection, Pulmonary Hypertension and Safe Weaning from CPB
Flavio Fiore

15.30 Mechanical Circulatory and Respiratory Support After Cardiac Surgery: VA-ECMO in Post-Cardiotomy Shock and VV-ECMO in Postoperative SIRS
Marcello Melone

15.35 Challengers Perspectives
Challengers: **Ettore Augugliaro, Andrea Cuccio, Angelo Vavassori, Josè Zulueta**

KEY LECTURES

15.45 Biological markers for refining thrombotic risk in cardiovascular patients
Elena Tremoli

SESSION 5
ARRHYTHMOLOGY

Chairs: **Saverio Iacopino, Claudio Muneretto, Marino Scherillo, Francesco Solimene, Richard Whitlock**

16.00 The New Era of Atrial Fibrillation Ablation: Energy Sources, Mapping Revolution and Personalized Therapy
Giuseppe Stabile

16.10 Hybrid Atrial Fibrillation Treatment: Lessons from Two Decades of Surgical Innovation
Claudio Muneretto

16.20 New Frontiers in Cardiac Pacing
Saverio Iacopino

16.30 Ventricular Tachycardia Ablation: RF, PFA or Combined Strategies
Francesco Solimene

16.40 Sudden Cardiac Death in Athletes: Epidemiology, Mechanisms, and Prevention
Antonio Dello Russo

16.50 A comprehensive Approach to Atrial Fibrillation: from PFA ablation to LAA closure
Ignacio Garcia Bolao
Challenger: **Pasquale Filannino**

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17.00 Left Atrial Management and atrial fibrillation ablation in Cardiac Surgery: As Important as the LIMA to lad
Richard Whitlock
Challenger: **Domenico Paparella**

17.10 Left Atrial Appendage Management: Surgical vs Percutaneous Strategies
Carlo Savini
Challenger: **Gaetano Contegiacomo**

17.20 Heart Failure Management Through Multiparametric Diagnostics: Bridging Monitoring and Clinical Decisions
Antonio D'Onofrio

17.30 **MASTER LECTURE**
by **Professor Gilles Dreyfus**
Surgical Mitral Valve Repair: Art or Science?

17.50 **End of Day 2**

SATURDAY JUNE 13 2026

rd day

THE CARE REVOLUTION

Digital, AI, communication and marketing in healthcare

Chairs: **Giuseppe Speziale, Massimiliano Sisto**

9.00 From Treatment to Trust
Silvia Baioni

9.10 Real-Time Healthcare Governance: AI, Data Analysis and Ethics in Clinical and Administrative Decision-Making
Elena Sini

9.20 From Reactive Care to Predictive Healthcare: AI is Rewriting the Patient Journey: Report Aid through the case studies of Santa Maria Hospital and Clinica Montevergine GVM CARE & RESEARCH
Antonio Rainone, Giuseppe Faraci

9.30 From Acquisition to Retention: Automating the Patient Journey with AI and Data
Lorenzo Fiorito, Pio Fiorito

9.40 Healthcare communication must be surgical
Franco Balestrieri

9.50 Human Reloaded: Who We've Become in the Age of AI
Giacinto Fiore

10.00 The Future of AI in Healthcare
Paolo Massimo Buscema

10.10 Discussion

10.30 **MICS Awards**
Presented by **Vira Carbone**

11.00 **Closing Remarks**
Giuseppe Speziale

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