VAS EADays Final Program

27-29 November 2026 Web Live

We are pleased to present the Final Program of the 23rd EADays, the annual VAS conference bringing together the international vascular community to address key gaps, challenges and advances in vascular medicine.

• **21 Sessions**, including Two-Voices Lessons and Workshops
• More than **80 Speakers** and **35 Chairs** from Universities, Teaching Hospitals and Research Centres in **24 Countries**: 19 European countries, together with the USA, Canada, Australia, the Philippines and Syria

The Program brings together science, clinical practice, education, innovation and patient perspectives in a dynamic international agenda featuring:
• High-level Scientific Sessions, including Joint Sessions with World Health Organization (WHO) and leading European and international scientific societies-as appearing in the program- (ISTH,VASCA, ESM, SVM, ESL, ISL);
• Workshops, Lectures and Complex Clinical Cases addressing real clinical challenges and practical solutions;
• Expert Discussants fostering deeper debate, interaction and critical thinking;
• Patients' voices integrated into the Program, strengthening the connection between research, clinical care and real-life needs;
• A dedicated VAS Youngs Session supporting education, active participation and future leadership among young professionals;
• Ongoing joint projects and new proposals for European and international collaboration.

Main Topics:
• Prevention
• Thrombosis: VTE – Arterial/Venous Thrombosis – Thrombosis in Pregnancy
• Vascular Anomalies
• Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD): Asymptomatic Disease – Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia (CLTI)
• Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
• Microcirculation
• Dyslipidaemias
• Early Vascular Aging (EVA)
• Lymphedema: Clinical Cases
• Patient Focus: Reflection Lecture – European Network
• Nursing Education Perspective
• Clinical Cases by VAS Youngs
• Ethics and Integrity in Healthcare and Science
• European and International Collaborative Projects

The scientific Program is complemented by prestigious awards recognizing excellence in research, education, clinical innovation and international collaboration. Nominations are open for the **VAS International Gustav Born Award for Research, the Klaus Breddin Award for Education** in Vascular Medicine and the **VAS International Academy Education Awards**, as well as awards dedicated to young investigators and clinicians, developed by VAS in collaboration with ten European and international scientific societies (**Joint International Young Investigators/Clinician Awards**).

Physicians, specialists in Angiology/Vascular Medicine, professionals from related specialties, nurses and allied healthcare professionals are invited to register and take part in EADays.

European Independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine

Collaboration, science and creativity are at the heart of the year-round VAS Project and find one of their major annual expressions in EADays

Join us and be part of the future of vascular medicine

FINAL PROGRAM

1st Day

Friday, 27 November 2026 | Overall time range: 13:45-20:30 CET |

At-a-glance program

No.	Time	Block type	Title / content
	13:45-14:00	Opening	**Opening**
1	14:00-16:00	Joint Session WHO-VAS	**Working for Prevention: What Matters, What Works, What Lasts**
2	16:00-17:30	Joint Session ISTH-VAS	**VTE Prevention: Bridging Gaps and Defining Priorities**
	17:30-17:45	Break	
3	17:45-19:00	Joint Session VASCA-VAS	**Significant Advances in Vascular Anomalies**
4	19:00-20:00	Two-Voices Lecture	**Arterial and Venous Thrombosis - Is inflammation the link?**
5	20:00-20:30	VAS International Honorary Awards in Vascular Medicine	**International Honorary Awards: Gustav Born's (Research) & Klaus Breddin's (Education)**

Detailed program

13:45-14:00 **Opening**	Opening Chair: Member of the VAS Board Speaker: VAS President

SESSION 1 | 14:00-16:00 | 120' | Session |

No.
1
Time
14:00-16:00

Type
Joint WHO-VAS Session

Duration
120'

Working for Prevention: What Matters, What Works, What Lasts

Joint WHO-VAS Session

Chairs: Sasha Marschang BE *Int PAD Network* **- Majda Vrkic HR** *University of Zagreb* **- Chris Manu UK** *Imperial College London*

Brief session description:

VAS supports a broad, integrated approach to health and prevention, consistent with WHO's emphasis on addressing health across clinical, behavioural, social and environmental dimensions.

Prevention is built on well-established principles, but priorities, challenges and opportunities continue to evolve. This session brings together different perspectives on what matters today, what can make prevention work in practice, and what may help its benefits last over time. Established issues deserving renewed attention are considered alongside broader and evolving perspectives that may influence clinical practice, prevention strategies and future action.

Vascular diseases provide an important clinical perspective within this broader vision of prevention and health.

Time / duration	Format	Presentations	Speaker and institution
5 mins	Introduction	**Introduction on Session goals**	**Mariella Catalano** *University of Milan-Milan* IT **VAS Board**
13 mins	Presentation	**Less Risk Factors, less drugs and costs**	**Silvio Garattini** *Istituto Mario Negri -Milan* **IT**
13 mins	Presentation	**To reduce premature death: prevent smoking and obesity**	**Kremlin Wickramasinghe** *Division of Prevention and Health Promotion* **WHO/Europe**
13 mins	Presentation	**Physical activity-exercise prescription for behavioural change**	**Mats Börjesson** *University of Gothenburg / Sahlgrenska* **SE**
13 mins	Presentation	**Social Prescribing: Community, culture and nature as part of prevention and well-being**	**Marie Polley** *East University London (UCL)* **UK**
13 mins	Presentation	**Long-term perspectives on treatment: Lessons from Antithrombotic Therapy**	**Marco Marietta** *Università degli Studi di Modena* **IT**
13 mins	Presentation	**Social Determinants of Health: Progress, Gaps and Implications for Practice**	**Jessica Allen** *Institute Health Equity London* **UK**
5 mins	Conclusion	**Conclusions**	**Kremlin Wickramasinghe** *Director of the Division of Prevention and Health Promotion* **WHO/Europe**
30 mins		**Discussion**	**Discussants**

SESSION 2 | 16:00-17:30 | 90' | Joint Session | ISTH-VAS

Session No.
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Time
16:00-17:30 CET

Type
Joint Session

Duration
90'

VTE Prevention: Bridging Gaps and Defining Priorities

Joint ISTH-VAS Session

Chairs: **Anna Falanga IT** *University of Milan-Bicocca* – **Marc Blondon CH** *University of Geneva*

Brief session description:

VTE prevention is advancing, but important gaps remain. This Joint ISTH-VAS session brings together evolving evidence, unresolved issues, and emerging priorities to contribute to the international discussion on how prevention can move forward.

Time / duration	Format	Presentations	Speaker and institution
15'	Presentation	**Real-world effectiveness of current VTE risk assessment models**	**Alex C. Spyropoulos** *Feinstein Institutes for Med Res Northwell Health-NY* **USA**
15'	Presentation	**Optimal patient selection and dosing strategies for thromboprophylaxis, with a focus on high-risk groups**	**Gregoire Le Gala** *University of Ottawa* **CA**
15'	Presentation	**Extended prophylaxis beyond hospitalization: who benefits and for how long?**	**Neil Zakai** *University of Vermont-Larned College of Med* **USA**
15'	Presentation	**Population-level prevention: current evidence and data gaps**	**Sigrid K. Brækkan** *UIT The Arctic University of Norway* **NO**
30'		**Discussion**	

17:30-17:45 **Break**	**Break** *Notes: Stay connected*

SESSION 3 | 17:45-19:00 | 75' | Joint Session | VASCA-VAS

No.
3
Time
17:45-19:00
Type
Joint Session
Duration
75'

Significant Advances in Vascular Anomalies

Joint VASCA-VAS Session

Chairs: **Miikka Vikkula BE** *University of Louvain (UCL)* **-Amer Hamade FR** *Mulhouse Hospital Center* **FR**

Brief session description:

This Joint VASCA-VAS session explores recent advances and innovative options in vascular anomalies, opening discussion among specialists while offering clear insights for those less familiar with this evolving field.

Time / duration	Format	Presentations	Speaker and institution
15'	Presentation	**A novel genetic mechanism underlying complex lymphatic anomalies**	**Miikka Vikkula** **BE** *University of Louvain (UCL)*
15'	Presentation	**Thalidomide use for the management of arteriovenous malformations**	**Laurence Boon** **BE** *Cliniques universitaires Saint-Luc*
15'	Presentation	**BEET (bleomycin electro embo therapy) treatment of vascular anomalies**	**Walter A. Wohlgemuth** **DE** *University Halle*
30'		**Discussion**	

SESSION 4 | 19:00-20:00 | 60' | Two-Voices Lecture

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Time
19:00-20:00
Type
Two-Voices Lecture
Duration
60'

Arterial and Venous Thrombosis - Is inflammation the link?

Two-Voices Lecture

Chairs: Pavel Poredos SL *University Ljubljana* - **Helia Robert-Ebaldi CH** *University Geneva*

Brief session description:

Coexisting risk for arterial and venous thrombosis is receiving renewed attention.

This Two-Voices Lecture with Discussant explores inflammation as a possible common pathway and potential target, bringing together different perspectives and open questions.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title	Speaker and institution
15'	Voice 1	**Venous and Arterial Thrombosis: when are they linked?**	**Paolo Prandoni** *IT University of Padua* – **IT**

15’	Voice 2	**Inflammation: is it the link?**	**Hugo ten Cate** *University of Maastricht* **NL**
10’	Discussant	**Arterial and Venous thrombosis in PAD**	**Paul Wennberg** *USA Mayo Clinic*- **USA**
20’		**Discussion**	

SESSION 5 | 20:00-20:30 | 30’ | Awards

No.
5
Time
20:00-20:30
Type
Awards
Duration
30’

International Honorary Awards: Gustav Born’s (Research) & Klaus Breddin’s (Education)

VAS International Honorary Awards in Vascular Medicine

Endorsed by The William Harvey Research Institute of London and WH Research Foundation

Chairs: Benilde Cosmi IT *VAS Board; University of Bologna* **- Mauro Peretti UK** *The WHRI*

Brief session description:

The International VAS Awards celebrate outstanding contributions to research and education in vascular medicine, honoring specialists whose work has achieved significant European and international impact. Professors Gustav Born and Klaus Breddin were closely associated with the development of VAS, and their legacy also lives on through this annual recognition of excellence, dedication and distinguished achievement in the advancement of vascular medicine.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Award and institution
	Award Winners Declared	**International Gustav Born Award for Research in Vascular Medicine**	
	Award Winners Declared	**International Klaus Breddin Award for Education in Vascular Medicine**	
	Committees	***Research Award*** **Restricted Board-** *Mariella Catalano (Milan, IT) - Benilde Cosmi (Bologna IT) - Isabel Durand Zaleski (Paris, FR)- Grigorios Gerotziafas (Paris, FR)- Paolo Gresele (Perugia, IT) -Clive P. Page (London, UK)- Carlo Patrono (Rome, IT) -Mauro Peretti (WHRI London,UK)* **Scientific Board** *M.V. Huisman (Leiden, NL)- Beverley Hunt (London, UK)- Pavel Poredos (Huston, USA and Ljubliana, SL)- Oliver Schlager (Vienna, AT) Dusan Suput (Ljubliana ,SL)- Gregory Lip (Liverpool, UK) -Cífková Renata (Prague, CZ) -Angela Shore (Exter, UK)* ***Education Award*** **Restricted Board-***Benilde Cosmi (Bologna IT) -Job Harenberg (Heidelberg, DE) -Michael Lichtenberg (Arnsberg, DE) -Marc Righini (Geneva, CH) -Gerit Schernthaner (Vienna, AT)- Paolo Gresele (Perugia, IT)* **Scientific Board-** *Endre Kolossvari (Budapest, HU) -Jawed Fareed (Chicago, USA) -Matija Kozak (Ljubliana, SL)- Bernhard Lammle (Mainz, DE) Edelgard Lindhoff-Last (Frankfurt, DE) - Karel Rostocil (Praha, CZ)*	

2nd Day

Saturday, 28 November 2026 | Overall time range: 8:00-13:45 / 14:30-20:00 CET |

At-a-glance program

No.	Time	Block type	Title / content
6	08:00-09:00	Joint Session ESM-VAS	**The power of lifestyle factors to heal the microcirculation**
7	09:00-09:45	Two-Voices Lecture	**Abdominal Aortic Aneurism (AAA) advances in knowledge**
8	09:45-11:15	Session Joint?	**From Guidelines to the Last major Key Evidence in Dyslipidemias**
	11:15-11:30	Break	
9	11:30-12:30	Session	**Early vascular aging (EVA)**
10	12:30-13:45	Joint Session ESL-ISL-VAS	**My difficult Lympho cases**
	13:45-14:30	Break	
11	14:30-16:00	Joint Session SVM-VAS	**Asymptomatic PAD: An Unmet Challenge in Improving Outcomes**
12	16:00-17:15	Workshop	**VAS Major Education and Awareness Programs**
	17:15-17:30	*Break*	
13	17:30-18:30	Lecture	**Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia (CLTI): Evolving Perspectives**
14	18:30-19:30	Session	**Patient Focus: Reflecting on Our Practice, Building a European Vascular Patient Voice**
15	19:30-20:00	Awards	**Joint International Young Investigators/Clinicians Awards with presentations**

Detailed program

SESSION 6 | 08:00-09:00 | 60’ | Joint Session | ESM-VAS

No.
6
Time
08:00-09:00 CET

Type
Joint Session
Duration
60’

The power of lifestyle factors to heal the microcirculation

Joint ESM-VAS Session

Chairs: **Boy Huben NL** *Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC)*- **Petra Korpisalo FL** *Kuopio University Hospital*

Brief session description:

How far can lifestyle influence and restore microvascular health? This Joint ESM-VAS session explores current evidence, underlying mechanisms, and the growing potential of lifestyle factors in microcirculatory prevention and care.

Time / duration	Format	Presentations	Speaker and institution

10’	Presentation	**The impact of physical activity and sex hormones on skeletal muscle microvascular function**	**Ylva Hellsten** *Copenhagen University* **DK**
10’	Presentation	**Effects of a 20-year (infancy onset) healthy diet on the microcirculation**	**TBC**
10’	Presentation	**Impact of electronic cigarettes on microcirculation**	**TBC**
10’	Presentation	**Lifestyle changes versus medication: how does it affect cardio-vascular health?**	**Abraham Kroon** *Maastricht University* **NL**
20’		**Discussion**	

SESSION 7 | 09:00-09:45 | 45’ | Two-Voices Lecture

No.
7
Time
09:00-9:45
Type
Two-Voices Lecture
Duration
45’

Arterial Aortic Aneurism (AAA) advances in knowledge

Chairs: **Armando Mansilha PT** *University of Porto* – **Nadjib Schahab DE** *University of Bonn*

Brief session description:

Complementary perspectives come together to explore how evolving evidence is reshaping our understanding and management of aortic aneurysmal disease. A focused dialogue between different areas of expertise, linking advances in knowledge with their implications for clinical decision-making.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
13 mins	Presentation	**Endovascular therapy in AAA: outcomes and patients selection**	**Stèphan Houlon** *University Paris Saclay-Paris* **FR**
13 mins	Presentation	**Growth profile and prognostic criteria**	**Isabella Kardys** *Erasmus University Rotterdam* ***NL***
6’ mins	Discussant	**Drugs targets for AAA: lessons from PAD**	**Jonathan Golledge** *James Cook University-Townsville* **AU**
15 mins		**Discussion**	

SESSION 8 | 09:45-11:15 | 90’ | Session Joint?

No.
8
Time
10:00-11:30
Type
Session
Duration
90’

From Guidelines to the Latest Key Evidence in Dyslipidemias

Chairs: Alberto Zambon IT *University of Padua* - **Gerit Schernthaner AT** *University of Vienna*

Brief session description:

Evidence in dyslipidemia is rapidly expanding, with new data and longer-term follow-up continuously refining our understanding. At the same time, a persistent gap remains between guideline recommendations and clinical practice. This session highlights the latest major evidence and its potential implications for everyday care.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution

13’	Presentation	**Updated Guidelines on Dyslipidemias**	**Alberto Zambon** *University of Padua* **IT**
13’	Presentation	**Last Key Evidences on Statins safety**	**Christina Reith** *University of Oxford* **UK**
13’	Presentation	**Clinical value of Lp(a)**	**Florian Kronenberg** *University of Vienna* **AT**
13’	Presentation	**TC Remnants and low -grade Inflammation: between research and clinics**	**Benjamin Nilsson Wadstrom** *University of Copenhagen* **DK**
13’’	Presentation	**Being a Clinician: Real-World Challenges in Dyslipidemia Management**	**Antonio Mesquita-Lousada; João Rocha Neves** *University of Porto,* **PT**
25’		**Discussion**	

11:30-11:45 **Break**	**Break** *Notes: Stay connected*

SESSION 9 | 11:30-12:30 | 60’ | Session

No.
9
Time
11:45-12:45

Type
Session
Duration
60’

Early vascular aging (EVA)

Chairs: **Jonas Spaak SE** *Karolinska Institute- Stockholm* - **Thomas Weber AT** *Wels-Grieskirchen Clinic Wels*

Brief session description:

What is early vascular aging, how can we measure it, and how much does it matter? This session explores its clinical relevance, available assessment tools, and whether-and how-its progression can be prevented or slowed.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
8 mins	Presentation	**Vascular Aging process**	**Alessandro Giudici** *CARIM-Maastricht University-Maastricht* **NL**
8 mins	Presentation	**How to measure EVA in Youth**	**Rachel Climie** *University of Tasmania* **AU**
8 mins	Presentation	**Early vascular aging: outcomes**	**Agata Stanek** *Medical University of Silesia-Katowice* **PL**
8 mins	Presentation	**Consequences of vascular aging in late life**	**Francesco Mattace- Raso** *Erasmus MC-Rotterdam* **NL**
8 mins	Presentation	**Frailty involving vascular ageing and patients**	**Roman Romero-Ortuno** *Trinity College -Dublin* **IRL**
20 mins		**Discussion**	

SESSION 10 | 12:30-13:45 | 75' | Joint Session | ESL-ISL-VAS

No.
10
Time
12:45-14:00
Type
Joint Session
Duration
75'

My difficult Lympho cases

ESL-ISL-VAS Joint Session

Chairs: **Evangelos Dimakakos GR** *University of Athens*- **Francesco Boccardo IT** *University of Genoa*- **Zsolt Pecsvarady HU** *Flor Ferenc Hospital. Kistarcsa*

Brief session description:

A recurring Joint ESL-ISL-VAS session built around challenging lymphedema cases. Complex clinical scenarios will open an interactive discussion with a broad international panel, highlighting different approaches, uncertainties, and practical decision-making.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
	Case / Presentation	**Case 1**	**Alberto Maccio** *Lymphology, Humanitas & Gavazzeni Clinic, Bergamo* **IT**
		Case 2	**Alejandro Silva Burga.-Isabel Forner-Cordero** *Valencia University* **ES**
	Case / Presentation	**Case 3**	**Amer Hamade** *Mulhouse Hospital Center* **FR**
	Case / Presentation	**Case 4**	**Gurusamy Manokaran** *Apollo Hospitals* **IND**
	Case / Presentation	**Case 5**	**Emily Iker** *Lymphedema Center Santa Monica CA* **USA**
	Case / Presentation	**Case 6**	**Joseph Harfouche** *Delta Hospital, Brussels* **BE**

	Discussion	**Discussants**	**Miguel Amore** *Universidad de Buenos Aires* **AG** **Etelka Foeldi** *Földi Clinic for Lymphology Fribourg* **DE** **Alexandru Grigorean** *University Hospital Zurich* **CH** **Sandro Michellini** *San G Battista Hospital Rome and San Giuseppe Hospital Marino Rome* **IT** **Pinar Borman** *Hacettepe University Ankara* **TK** **Pinar Tanja Rucigaj** *University Medical Centre Ljubljana* **SL** **Andrzej Szuba** *Wroclaw Medical University* **PL**

14:00-14:30 **Break**	**Break** *Notes: Stay connected*

SESSION 11 | 14:30-16:00 | 90’ | Joint Session | SVM-VAS

Session No.
11
Time
14:30-16:00 CET

Type
Joint Session
Duration
90’

Asymptomatic PAD: An Unmet Challenge in Improving Outcomes

SVM-VAS Joint Session

Chairs: Randy Ramcharitar USA *University of Virginia Health System-Charlottesville* – **Peter Marschang EU-IT** *Central Hospital Bozen*

Brief session description:

A signature joint session within the long-standing SVM–VAS transatlantic collaboration, focused on the challenge of identifying PAD before clear symptoms appear and acting early enough to influence outcomes and patients’ lives. European and US perspectives will explore current evidence, early diagnosis, preventive strategies, and the questions that still shape the future of care.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
10ì	Presentation	**Available epidemiological data**	**Sneha Thomas** *Massachusetts General Hospital: Boston* **USA**
6’+6’	Presentation	**Progression and outcomes in asymptomatic PAD and the role of gender** **Impact of Diabetes on progression and outcomes**	**Endre Kolossvary** *St Imre Hospital, Budapest* **HU** **Aaron Liew** *University of Galway* **IRL**
10’	Presentation	**Why asymptomatic, and are they always truly asymptomatic?**	**Sabine Steiner** *University of Vienna* **AT**

10’	Presentation	**Physical exercise in asymptomatic patient**	**Sergio de Marchi** *University of Verona* **IT**
10’	Presentation	**Collateral flow: from genetics to lifestyle**	**Amanda Morrison** *Vanderbilt University Medical Center-Nashville* **USA**
10’	Presentation	**Targeted therapy: does it differ from claudication management?**	**Alexander Sullivan** *Vanderbilt University Medical Center-Nashville* **USA**
25’		**Discussion**	

No. 12 Time 16:00-17:15
Type Workshop
Duration 75’

VAS Major Education and Awareness updated Programs

Chairs: Ales Blinc SL *University Ljubljana* - **Gabor R Késmárky HU** *University of Pecs*

Brief session description:

An overview of VAS major European and International collaborative programs in education and awareness, presented in a concise format to encourage discussion, contributions, and active participation during EADays and beyond.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
5’	Topic	**VAS International Academy of Vascular Medicine - VAS Referee Centres of Excellence**	**Mariella Catalano** *University of Milan* **IT**
5’	Topic	**European Master and other Courses: what’s new**	**Urska Bregar Boltin** *Ljubljana University Medical Centre* **SL**
5’	Topic	**VAS European Book 2nd Edition success and future**	**Mariella Catalano** *University of Milan* **IT**
5’	Topic	**International Atlas of Clinical Cases**	**Endre Kolossvary** *Szent Imre Teaching Hospital Budapest* **HU**
5’	Topic	**JCM-2026-VAS Collection -Volume 2**	**Andrzej Szuba** *Wroclaw Medical University* **PL**
5’	Topic	**European Vascular Month: 2nd Edition: Centres, Countries and EU projects**	**Katalin Farkaas HU** *Szent Imre Teaching Hospital Budapest* **-HU**
5’	Topic	**International Consortium -International Networks short report**	**PAD Intern Netw- PCS WG-Buerger WG**
5’	Topic	**International Consortium -Report from Philippine**	**Jasmin Melissa Bernardo** *Makati Medical Center* **PHY**
5’	Topic	**VAS Laboratory of Vascular Medicine- Yearly Upgrading on European and International Projects**	**Marzia Lugli** *Hesperia Hospital Modena* **IT**
5’	Topic	**VAS Membership Campaign: being an active Member and promoter**	**VAS Executive**
20’		**Discussion**	

17:15-17:30 **Break**	**Break** *Notes: Stay connected*

SESSION 13 | 17:15-18:15 | 60' | Two-Voices Lecture

No.
13
Time
17:30-18:30
Type
Two-Voices Lecture
Duration
60'

Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia (CLTI): Evolving Perspectives

Chairs: **Sabine Steine AT** *University of Vienna* **- Michael Edmonds UK** *King's College Hospital London*

Brief session description:
CLTI remains one of the most challenging vascular conditions—one that can, and should, be prevented. This session focuses on established CLTI, highlighting recent developments, evolving approaches, and issues that continue to shape treatment and outcomes.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
15 mins	Lecture	**Enhanced revascularization and outcomes in CTLI**	**Jos Van den Berg CH** *Moncucco Hospital-Lugano-University of Berna*
15 mins	Lecture	**Challenges and innovations in BTK revascularization**	**Michael Lichtenberg DE** *Vascular Centre Clinic Arnsberg-Arnsberg*
10' mins		**Discussant: The Diabetic Patients**	**Chris Manu UK** *King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust-London*
20 mins		**Discussion**	

SESSION 14 | 18:30-19:30 | 60' | Session

No.
14
Time
18:30-19:30
Type

Session with Lecture
Duration
90'

Patient Focus: Reflecting on Our Practice, Building a European Vascular Patient Voice

Chairs: Marco Greco IT EPA – Sergio de Marchi IT VAS *University of Verona*

Brief session description:
Does the patient truly remain at the centre of our decisions, priorities, professional relationships and healthcare systems? After this first part of reflection, the session moves towards a concrete European initiative: building a stronger, connected vascular patient voice, able to contribute to awareness, advocacy and better care across Europe.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
20'	**Part 1** -Lecture	**The Forgotten Patient**	**Giovanni Boniolo** *University of Ferrara:* **IT**
20'	**Part 2**- European Vascular Patients Network	**Vascular Patients have less rights and care.- The PAD experience**	**Angela Simeoni-Maurizio Agnolini** *AmaVas- Ass Contro Malattie Vascolari* **IT**
		Vascular Patients have less rights and care.- The Aorta experience	**Tony Webb** *Think Aorta Charity-* **UK&IRL**

		The European Vascular Patient Network: aims and steps	**Anna-Maria Rigoni** *Policlinico University Hospital Verona*-**IT**
		Coordination with the European Patients Alliance	**Marco Greco** European Patients Alliance **(EPF)**
20’		**Discussion**	

SESSION 15 | 19:30-20:00 | 30’ | Awards

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Time
19:30-20:00
Type
Int. Joint Awards
Duration
45’

Joint International Young Investigators/Clinicians Awards with presentations

Joint Session: VAS-APSAVM-ESH-ESL-ESM-EVF-ISL-IUA-LWA-SVM-VASCERN-VASCA

Brief session description:

These Honorary International Joint Awards represent a unique international initiative, built on a strong partnership among 11 European and international organizations and dedicated to celebrating young excellence in vascular medicine. They recognize outstanding achievements in basic, translational and clinical research, awareness, clinical innovation, while fostering motivation, recognition and new opportunities for young researchers and clinicians. Beyond individual merit, the Awards strengthen the shared commitment to vascular diseases and promote closer links across the different specialized areas of Vascular Medicine.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
10’	On behalf of the Committee	**Award presentation and Award Winner/s declaration**	**Representative of the Committees**
20’	Awardee	**Awardee/s Presentation/s**	
		Scientific Committee *Mariella Catalano IT-Gregoris Gerofziafas FR-Jonathan Golledge AU-Guido Grassi IT-Fosca Quarti IT-Francesco Boccardo IT-Boy Huben NL-Niels Bækgaard DK -Heim Dominik CH-Evagelos Dimakakos GR-Jorge Hernando Ulloa CO-Sandro Michelini IT-Marina Cestari IT-Paul Wennberg USA-Mikka Vikkula BE* **Restricted Committee** *Naomi Hamburg USA- Gerit Schernthaner AT-Jean Claude Wautrecht BE*	

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3rd Day

Sunday, 29 November 2026 | Overall time range: 8:00-12:30 CET + 14:00-17:00 CET |

At-a-glance program

No.	Time	Block type	Title / content
16	08:00-09:00	Session	**Abstracts**
17	09:00-10:15	Session	**VAS Youngs Session**
18	10:15-11:00	Lecture	**Ethics and Integrity in Healthcare and Science**
	11:00-11:15	Break	
19	11:15-11:45	Session	**Vascular Education for Nurses** **A pillar of prevention, early diagnosis and better vascular care**
20	11:45—12:05	VAS International Academy Education Awards	**Announcements for European Master Course, Centres of Excellence, EU Fellowships of Excellence, EU in Training Fellowships**
	12:05-14:00	Break	
21	14:00-17:00	Joint Workshop ISTH-VAS	**Pregnancy-Associated Thrombosis (PAT): From Evidence to Implementation - Advancing Guideline Adoption**
	17:00-17:15	Closing Remarks and next appointments	**NEXT: 4-7 March 2027 in Person 3rd VAS Laboratory of VM; and 26-28 November 2027 24th EADays web live event**

Detailed program

SESSION 16 | 08:00-09:00 | 60' | Session

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Abstracts Session

Chairs: Zsolt Pecsvarady HU *Flor Ferenc Hospital. Kistarcsa* **- Peter Marschang IT** *Central Hospital Bozen*

Brief session description:

Selected abstracts will be presented as Oral Communications, while additional accepted contributions will also be featured, with presentation format to be confirmed.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
	Presentation	**Selected Abstracts for oral presentation**	
	General Discussion		

SESSION 17 | 9:00-10:15 | 75' | Session

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75'

VAS Youngs Session on Subclavian occlusion and thoracic outlet syndrome

Chairs: Chris Manu UK *King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust London,* **Dora Pecsvarady HU** *Pest Megyei Flór Ferenc Kórház*, **Magdalena Cattaneo** CH *Regional Hospital Lugano* , **Urska Bregar SL** *University Medical Centre Ljubljana*

Brief session description:

VAS Young brings together the new generation of vascular specialists, fostering exchange, collaboration, and fresh perspectives within VAS and across the wider vascular community. Through the discussion of subclavian occlusion and thoracic outlet syndrome, this session offers an open forum on current evidence, clinical challenges, and evolving approaches.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
15'	Presentation	**Thoracic Outlet Syndrome**	**Kevin Pelicon** *University Medical Centre Ljubljana* **SL**
15'	Presentation	**Endovascular Management of Subclavian Vein Steno-Occlusive Disease**	**Ákos Bérczi** *Semmelweis University Budapest* **HU**
15'	Presentation	**Decision making in TOS in professional athlete patient**	**Gianmarco Maleti** *Hesperia Hospital Modena* **IT**
15'	Presentation	**Bilateral thoracic outlet syndrome in a weightlifter with subclavian artery dissection: a case report**	**Barbara Erzen** *University Medical Centre Ljubljana* **SL**
15'		**Discussion**	

SESSION 18 | 10:15-11:00 | 45' | Lecture

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Duration
45'

Ethics and Integrity in Healthcare and Science

Chair: Dusan Suput SL *University of Ljubljana*

Brief session description:

Ethics and integrity in healthcare and science are at risk. We are experiencing similar challenges to those before the so-called Humboldt reform, as a kind of paradoxical transformation: quality and humanism have been replaced by quantity, revenue, and marketing. Due to the complexity, in-depth contemplation is needed for creating awareness, which may represent a first step toward a renewed focus on accountability resonating well beyond this Lecture.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution

20’	Lecture	**Ethics and Integrity in Healthcare and Science**	**Björn Brücher** DE *University of Lausitz - Carl Thiem*
20’		**Discussion**	

11:00-11:15 **Break**	**Break** *Notes: Stay connected*

SESSION 19 11:15-11:45 | 30’ | Session

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Type
Launching/Consultation Session

Duration
30’

Vascular Education for Nurses

A pillar of prevention, early diagnosis and better vascular care

Joint Launching/Consultation Session

Chairs: . Adriano Friganovic HT- ESNO -- Sergio Pillon IT VAS

Speakers for the WG: **Arja Halkoaho FL -Cristine Moffet UK- Susan Noerregaard DK- Emma Hope UK**

Brief session description:

Nurses play a central role in vascular health, from prevention and identification of risk factors to early recognition of disease, treatment management, follow-up and continuity of care. However, access to vascular knowledge and education varies considerably across countries, healthcare settings and clinical areas, and essential vascular knowledge is still not sufficiently widespread among nurses.

This short session is intended as a first step towards a possible joint European initiative in disseminating quality essential vascular education for nurses. It will focus on current unmet needs and critical issues, the potential contribution of basic vascular education to prevention, early recognition and better care, and the priorities that should guide the development of a shared project.

The discussion will help identify practical next steps towards the creation of a Working Group and the development, during 2027, of a shared educational framework and protocol, starting from Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) as a proposed first area.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution

	Presentations Discussion	**Introduction and Aim of the Session 5'** Why we are here and what we want to start together. **Nurses in Europe: Critical Issues and Unmet Needs 5'** A brief overview of the current situation **Why Launch a Joint Vascular Education Project 5'** The rationale, the main challenges in vascular disease recognition and prevention.The role of Nurses, and the opportunity for a shared European initiative. **Discussion: From Real-World Needs to Priorities 10'** **Experiences, critical issues and priorities from different settings and countries.** **Next Steps Towards 2027 5'**	**Nurse WG** **Adriano Friganovic HT- ESNO** **Nurse WG** **All- open discussion** **Nurse WG**

SESSION 20 | 11:45-12:05 | 20' | Awards

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VAS Awards
Duration
20'

VAS International Academy of Vascular Medicine Education Awards

Announcements for European Master Course - Centres of Excellence - EU Fellowships of Excellence - EU in Training Fellowships

Brief session description:

A session dedicated to the VAS International Academy initiatives promoting excellence in European education and training in vascular medicine, from the European Master Course and other advanced educational programmes to recognized Centres of Excellence and fellowship opportunities for specialists and physicians in training.

Time / duration	Format	Presentation title and brief description	Speaker and institution
	Announcement	**European Master Course**	*VAS Board*
	Announcement	**Centres of Excellence**	*VAS Board*
	Announcement	**EU Fellowships of Excellence**	*VAS Board*
	Announcement	**EU in Training Fellowships**	*VAS Board*

12:05-14:00 **Break**	**Break** *Notes: Stay connected*

SESSION 21 | 14:00-17:00 | 180' | Joint Session / International Online Workshop | VAS - ISTH

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Type

Joint International Workshop
ISTH-VAS

Duration
180'

Pregnancy-Associated Thrombosis (PAT): From Evidence to Implementation

Advancing Guideline Adoption — An International Online Workshop

Joint VAS-ISTH Session

Chairs: Anna Falanga IT *University Milano Bicocca* - **Grigoris Gerotziafas FR** *Sorbonne University Paris* -

Brief session description:

Pregnancy-associated thrombosis (PAT) is a leading cause of maternal morbidity and mortality.

Several international scientific societies, including ASH, ACOG, RCOG, ESC and ISTH, have issued guidelines for its prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Despite these advances, significant gaps persist between recommendations and routine clinical practice, driven by the level of evidence of some guidelines, the variability in healthcare systems, the limited awareness and fragmented multidisciplinary care pathways.

This joint VAS-ISTH workshop will bring together international experts and key stakeholders aiming to explore methods for bridging the gap between recommendations and clinical practice, identify barriers, and define coordinated strategies to improve guideline implementation and maternal outcomes.

Opening Session | 14:00–14:10 (10 min)

Time (CET)	Type	Title / Content	Speaker
14:00	*Welcome*	Institutional welcome — VAS perspective on the EADays Joint VAS-ISTH program	**VAS Board**
14:05	*e*	Workshop introduction and objectives — From guideline evidence to implementation	**Grigoris Gerotziafas** *Sorbonne University Paris* **FR**

Part I — State of the Art | 14:10–15:40 (90 min)

Time (CET)	Type	Title / Content	Speaker
14:10	*Keynote*	Risk Assessment and Thromboprophylaxis in Pregnancy and Postpartum: Comparing Guidelines, Harmonizing Practice	**Shannon Bates** *Mc Master University Ontario* **CA**
14:25	*Keynote*	Anticoagulant Treatment in Pregnancy: LMWH Dosing, Peripartum Planning and Neuraxial Anaesthesia	**Jim Douketis** *Mc Master University Ontario* **CA**
14:40	*Keynote*	Electronic Decision Support Tools and eHealth for the Management of Pregnancy-Associated Thrombosis	**Elmina Lefkou** *University of Thessaly-Volos* **GR**

Time (CET)	Type	Title / Content	Speaker
14:55	*Keynote*	Psychological Impact of VTE in Pregnancy: Dual Burden and Implications for Quality of Life and Integrated Patient-Centered Care	**Elvira Gardone** *IRCCS Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza - San Giovanni Rotondo- Foggia* **IT**
15:10	*Keynote*	Thromboinflammation, and Genetic Predisposition in Pregnancy Associated Vascular Complications	**Alfonso Tafur** *NorthShore University HealthSystem-Chicago Illinois* **USA**
15:25	*Discussion*	Faculty Q&A and synthesis — from evidence to actionable practice	**All faculty & Chairs**

Part II — International Round Table | 15:40–17:00 (75 min)

Time (CET)	Type	Title / Content	Speaker
15:40	*Survey Results*	Results of the International Survey on Guideline Implementation for Pregnancy-Associated Thrombosis	**Marina Marchetti (Chair)** *University Milano Bicocca Bergamo* **IT**
15:55	*Intervention*	The Role of the Angiologist and Vascular Medicine Specialist in the Prevention and Treatment of VTE in Pregnancy	**Matija Kozac** *University Medical Centre Ljubljana* **SL**
16:10	*Round Table*	Closing the Implementation Gap: national experts' perspectives, barriers, and digital/AI-enabled decentralized care	**All interveners & Chairs**
17:00	*Synthesis*	Closing remarks and next steps — towards an ISTH–VAS position statement	**Gerotziafas, Marchetti, Lefkou, Kozac,**

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