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23RD ANNUAL MEETING

Swiss Working Group for Pacing and Electrophysiology of the Swiss Society of Cardiology

- «State-of-the-Art» Lectures
- Interactive Case Discussions
- Interactive Workshops

Interest Group of Allied Health Professionals in Rhythmology (IG-FR)

- Workshops for Allied Health Professionals
- General Assembly



KULTUR- UND KONGRESSZENTRUM LUZERN 20.–21.11.2025



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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Swiss Working Group for Pacing and Electrophysiology, we are pleased to welcome you to SwissRhythm, our 23rd annual meeting.

The program is varied and combines state-of-the art lectures, pro-contra debates, case-based presentations and interactive workshops in small groups. News from the industry are integrated in the main program. We again have invited renowned experts to give an international view.

In the setting of our annual meeting, the SwissRhythm Research Prize will be awarded to a young researcher with the best recent research work in the field of arrhythmias, published or in press, that has been performed in Switzerland.

For those involved in device follow-up, a CME Refresher Course on pacemaker, ICD and CRT troubleshooting is held on 19 November 2025 at Hotel Radisson Blu Lucerne.

SwissRhythm is a great opportunity to develop professional skills and to meet up with colleagues and friends.

We wish you a most enjoyable and stimulating meeting.



Prof. Dr. Tobias Reichlin
President



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The organisers would like to thank the following speakers and chairs for their commitment:

Badertscher Patrick, Basel
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Linz Dominik, Maastricht, NL
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Thursday, 20 November 2025

09:00–10:30	Main Session	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Chairs: Tobias Reichlin, Bern, Ardan Saguner, Zurich</i>		
09:00 – 09:30	Feel the beat – Antiarrhythmic Drugs in 2025 Merino José L., Madrid, ES	
09:30–10:00	Management of comorbidities in AF patients Michael Kühne, Basel	
10:00 – 10:30	Ablation strategies beyond PVI in persistent AF Marco Bergonti, Lugano	
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	Clubraum (Level 2)
11:00–12:40	New and Evolving Technologies	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Chairs: Laurent Roten, Bern, Laurent Haegeli, Aarau</i>		
11:00–11:25	First experience with a 3D enabled PFA balloon in Switzerland Boldizsar Kovacs, Bern	
11:25–11:50	Exciting innovations in electroanatomic mapping Dominik Linz, Maastricht, NL	
11:50–12:15	CIEDs and tricuspid valve interventions – things to consider Alexander Breitenstein, Zurich	
12:15–12:40	Life Vest real-world clinical case discussions Jan Berg, Aarau	
12:40–14:00	Lunch	Clubraum (Level 2)
14:00–14:45	Pro / Con Session Management of persistent AF in Heart Failure: Ablation or Pace and Ablate?	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Chairs: Marianne Zimmerli Voegtli, Thun, Sven Reek, Aarau</i>		
	Ablation Cheryl Teres, Lausanne	
	Pace & Ablate Nikola A. Kozhuharov, Bern	

Thursday, 20 November 2025

14:50–16:10	Interactive Case Discussions	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Chairs: Giulia Domenichini, Lausanne, Giulio Conte, Lugano</i>		
14:50–15:10	My patient with HFrEF and LBBB: CSP or CRT? Haran Burri, Geneva	
15:10–15:30	My patient after successful AF Ablation: How to manage anticoagulation? Maria Luce Caputo, Lugano	
15:30–15:50	My patient after stroke: How to look for AF? Patrick Badertscher, Basel	
15:50–16:10	My patient with frequent asymptomatic PVCs Mustapha El Hamriti, Wetzikon	
16:10–16:40	Coffee Break	Clubraum (Level 2)
16:40–17:30	ECG Workshop	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Julia Hermes-Laufer, Lucerne, Sebastian Seidl, St. Gallen</i>		

Allied Health Professionals

14:00 – 17:30	Workshop IG-FR	Room Deuxième (Level 2)
14:00–14:45	Myocarditis: What's new in 2025, which pitfalls to look out for? Matthias P. Nägele, Glarus	
14:45 – 15:30	From waves to diagnosis: Test your skills in ECG theory and interpretation Anna Lam, Thun	
15:30–15:50	Coffee break	Clubraum (Level 2)
15:50–16:35	Beyond the Holter: Modern ECG Devices you should know Florian Franzeck, St. Gallen	
16:35–17:30	General Assembly	

Friday, 21 November 2025

08:30–10:30	Main Session	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Chairs: Etienne Delacrétaç, Lausanne, Valérian Valiton, Geneva</i>		
08:30–09:00	Management of arrhythmias in athletes: Evaluation, Treatment and return to play Aaron L. Baggish, Lausanne	
09:00–09:30	Gene therapy for patients with arrhythmias Katja Odening, Bern	
09:30–10:00	Risk stratification in Cardiomyopathies Ardan Saguner, Zurich	
10:00–10:30	Will AI replace the Art of Medicine Gaetano M. de Ferrari, Torino, IT	
10:30–10:50	Prize award SWISSRHYTHM RESEARCH PRIZE 2025 and presentation	
10:50–11:30	Coffee break	Clubraum (Level 2)
11:30–13:10	New and Evolving Technologies	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Chairs: Andreas Müller, Zurich, Philipp Krisai, Basel</i>		
11:30–11:55	Device-Management around MRI procedures Beat Schär, Basel	
11:55–12:20	Think S-ICD first. Are we ready? Gianluca Botto, Como, IT	
12:20–12:45	AI-Enhanced Cardiac Diagnostics: Implications of Diagnostic Accuracy in Clinical Decision-Making Klaus Witte, Leeds, UK	
12:45–13:10	New frontiers in conduction system pacing Alastair Gray, Dublin, IE	



Friday, 21 November 2025

13:10–13:40	Hot topics in 2025	Auditorium (Level 1)
<i>Chair: Tobias Reichlin, Bern</i>		
13:10–13:25	PFA versus thermal ablation Christian Sticherling, Basel	
13:25–13:40	A New Gene-Based Approach to Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathies Firat Duru, Zurich	
13:40–14:40	Farewell and Lunch	Clubraum (Level 2)

Date and Opening Hours

20 November 2025 08:00–17:30
21 November 2025 08:00–14:30

Venue

Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Luzern (KKL)
Europaplatz 1, 6005 Lucerne
www.kkl-luzern.ch

Who is it for?

Physicians with interest in rhythmology
Nurses and technicians specialised in pacing and EP
Industry members supporting device and ablation therapy in the field

Conference Language

English

Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will take place at the Hotel Schweizerhof Lucerne on Thursday, 20 November 2025, starting at 18:30. The dinner costs CHF 80 for physicians and CHF 50 for technical personnel and AHP.

As places are limited, on-site registrants cannot be guaranteed to receive a ticket for the dinner.

Lucerne Map



- ① KKL
Europaplatz 1
- ② Hotel Radisson Blu
Inseliquai 12
- ③ Hotel Waldstätterhof
Zentralstrasse 4
- ④ Hotel Schweizerhof
Schweizerhofquai 3



Registration / CME Accreditation

Registration

What is included?

The registration fee includes the following services:

- Unlimited access to all scientific sessions, coffee breaks and lunches on the booked day
- Certificate of attendance for continuing education CME credits
- Printed main program onsite
- Speaker presentations (electronically available to download after the event)

Fees

Cardiologists and physicians (2 days)	CHF 250
Cardiologists and physicians (day card Thursday or Friday)	CHF 150
Physicians in training below age 35	CHF 100
Technical personnel and AHP	CHF 100

Cancellations / Liability and Insurance

Please refer to the website and booking portal.

Accreditation Swiss Society of Cardiology

The following accreditation was confirmed by the Swiss Society of Cardiology:

CME Refresher Course, Wednesday, 19 November 2025

6 credits

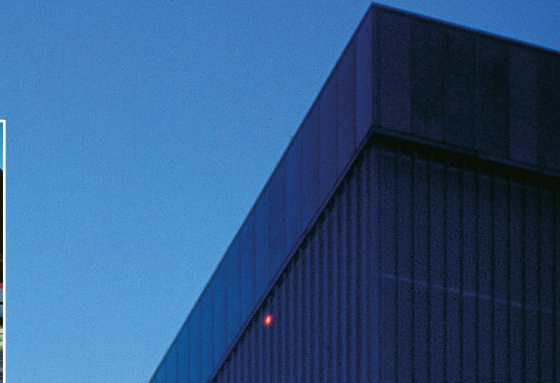
SwissRhythm, Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 November 2025

11 credits (full conference)

6 credits (Thursday)

5 credits (Friday)

CME certificates will be sent to all participants by email after the conference.



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Mark the date – future CME Device Refresher Course and SwissRhythm:

2026, Lucerne

18 November 2026

CME Refresher Course on Device Troubleshooting

19–20 November 2026

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All event dates are published on
www.pacemaker.ch/de/termine/fortbildungen.asp

Thank you for attending SwissRhythm 2025.
We look forward to welcoming you back for our 2026 annual meeting!