

2026 SWISS RHYTHM 2026

organised by the Swiss working group for pacing & electrophysiology

## 24TH 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

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# Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Swiss Working Group for Pacing and Electrophysiology, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to SwissRhythm, our 24th annual meeting.

We have put together a diverse and engaging program featuring state-of-the art lectures, pro-con debates, case-based presentations and interactive workshops. News from the industry are integrated in the main program and we have once again invited renowned experts to provide an international perspective.

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

For colleagues involved in device follow-up, a CME Refresher Course on pacemaker, ICD and CRT troubleshooting is held on 18 November 2026 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



Prof. Dr. Ardan Saguner
President elect

# Speakers / Chairs

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

Ammann Peter, St. Gallen
Badertscher Patrick, Basel
Baroni Matteo, Milan, IT
Breitenstein Alexander, Zurich
Burri Haran, Geneva
Caputo Maria Luce, Lugano
Conte Giulio, Lugano
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Jouven Xavier, Paris, FR
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Küffer Thomas, Bern
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Müller Andreas, Zurich
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Reek Sven, Aarau
Reichlin Tobias, Bern
Roten Laurent, Bern
Saguner Ardan, Zurich
Scherr Daniel, Graz, AT
Sepulcri Daniel, Zurich
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Sticherling Christian, Basel
Storz Theresa, Bern
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Valiton Valérian, Geneva
Vivekanantham Hari, Fribourg

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# Scientific Program

## Thursday, 19 November 2026

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| **09:00–10:30** | **Main Session** | **Auditorium (Level 1)** |
| | ***Chairs: Tobias Reichlin, Bern, Ardan Saguner, Zurich*** | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Update on lead management & extraction**<br>Alexander Breitenstein, Zurich | |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Risk stratification of SCD and managment of arrhythmias in HCM patients in the era of novel treatment options**<br>Christiane Gruner, Zurich | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | **Anticoagulation after AF Ablation**<br>Jan Steffel, Zurich | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break | Clubraum (Level 2) |
| **11:00–12:40** | **New and Evolving Technologies** | **Auditorium (Level 1)** |
| | ***Chairs: Claudia Herrera Siklódy, Bern, Firat Duru, Zurich*** | |
| 11:00 – 11:25 | **When to Combine Ablation and LAAC:**<br>**Swiss Experience with Concomitant AF Ablation and LAAC**<br>Laurent Roten, Bern | |
| 11:25 – 11:50 | **Managing CSP in different patient populations: from AV block to CRT-D-LBBAP**<br>Matteo Baroni, Milan, IT | |
| 11:50 – 12:15 | **Advancing Conduction System Pacing:**<br>**The role of real-time guidance in optimizing lead placement outcomes**<br>Aurélien Daux, Lausanne | |
| 12:15 – 12:40 | **From PVI to Complex VT:**<br>**The Full Potential of a large focal dual energy catheter**<br>Tobias Reichlin, Bern | |
| 12:40 – 14:00 | Lunch | Clubraum (Level 2) |
| **14:00–14:40** | **Pro / Con Session**<br>**AV-Block after TAVR: Transvenous or Leadless Pacing?** | **Auditorium (Level 1)** |
| | ***Chairs: Etienne Delacrétaz, Lausanne, Peter Ammann, St. Gallen*** | |
| | **Transvenous**<br>Haran Burri, Geneva | |
| | **Leadless**<br>Michael Kühne, Basel | |

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## Thursday, 19 November 2026

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| **14:40–16:00** | **Interactive Case Discussions** | **Auditorium (Level 1)** |
| | ***Chairs: Andreas Müller, Zurich, Richard Kobza, Lucerne*** | |
| 14:40–15:00 | **Management of arrhythmias in Patients with Cardiac Amyloid**<br>Valérian Valiton, Geneva | |
| 15:00–15:20 | **Management of arrhythmias in Patients with Cardiac Sarcoid**<br>Ardan Saguner, Zurich | |
| 15:20–15:40 | **Management of young patients with asymptomatic persistent AF**<br>Hari Vivekanantham, Fribourg | |
| 15:40–16:00 | **Management of CIED patients in the remote telemonitoring clinic**<br>Giulia Domenichini, Lausanne | |
| 16:00–16:40 | Coffee Break | Clubraum (Level 2) |
| **16:40–17:30** | **ECG Workshop** | **Auditorium (Level 1** |
| | Maria Luce Caputo, Lugano<br>Daniel Sepulcri, Zurich | |

## Allied Health Professionals

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| **14:00–17:30** | **Workshop IG-FR** | **Room Deuxième (Level 2)** |
| 14:00–14:45 | **Emergencies in the EP lab – what is my role?**<br>Alexander Breitenstein, Zurich | |
| 14:45–15:30 | **Cardiac medications in everyday practice**<br>Theresa Storz, Bern | |
| 15:30–15:50 | Coffee break | Clubraum (Level 2) |
| 15:50–16:35 | **What's new in Arrhythmia Care – and why it matters for nurses**<br>Thomas Küffer, Bern | |
| 16:35–17:30 | **Update, Discussion, Outlook IG-FR** | |

# Scientific Program

## Friday, 20 November 2026

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| **08:30–10:50** | **Main Session** | **Auditorium (Level 1)** |
| | ***Chairs: Hildegard Tanner, Bern, Laurent Haegeli, Aarau*** | |
| 08:30–09:00 | **Key takeaways from the 2026 EHRA PFA Document**<br>Patrick Badertscher, Basel | |
| 09:00–09:30 | **Can AI improve SCD Prediction?**<br>Xavier Jouven, Paris, FR | |
| 09:30–10:00 | **Loop recorders, Patches, Holter & Watches – an update on rhythm monitoring**<br>Giulio Conte, Lugano | |
| 10:00–10:30 | **Withdrawal of HF medications after recovered Arrhythmia-induced Cardiomyopathy**<br>Philipp Krisai, Basel | |
| 10:30–10:50 | **Prize award SWISSRHYTHM RESEARCH PRIZE 2026 and presentation**<br>Tobias Reichlin, Bern, Ardan Saguner, Zurich | |
| 10:50–11:30 | Coffee break | Clubraum (Level 2) |
| **11:30–13:10** | **New and Evolving Technologies** | **Auditorium (Level 1)** |
| | ***Chairs: Amir Jadidi, Lucerne, Sven Reek, Aarau*** | |
| 11:30–11:55 | **Integrated PFA Workflows: Optimizing Outcomes**<br>Daniel Scherr, Graz, AT | |
| 11:55–12:20 | **SCD-PROTECT and beyond:**<br>**SCD risk stratification for NICM and ICM**<br>Christian Grebmer, Lucerne | |
| 12:20–12:45 | **TV-Interventions & CIED-Management**<br>Fabian Noti, Bern | |
| 12:45–13:10 | **Leadless AAI pacing for the treatment of Sinus Node Disease**<br>Mathieu Le Bloa, Lausanne | |

# Scientific Program

## Friday, 20 November 2026

| 13:10–13:40 | **Hot topics in 2026** | Auditorium (Level 1) |
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| | ***Chair: Tobias Reichlin, Bern*** | |
| 13:10–13:25 | **CSP vs. CRT (HeartSync-LBBP & PhysioSync-HF)**<br>Andreas Häberlin, Bern | |
| 13:25–13:40 | **LAAC vs. Anticoagulation (CLOSURE AF & CHAMPION AF)**<br>Christian Sticherling, Basel | |
| 13:40–14:40 | Farewell and Lunch | Clubraum (Level 2) |

# General Information

**Date and Opening Hours**
19 November 2026 08:00–17:30
20 November 2026 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, 19 November 2026, 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

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| 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, 18 November 2026
6 credits

SwissRhythm, Thursday and Friday, 19 and 20 November 2026
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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## Save the Dates – Future CME Device Refresher Course and SwissRhythm

### 2027, Lucerne

17 November 2027
CME Refresher Course on Device Troubleshooting

18 – 19 November 2027
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### 2028, Lucerne

29 November 2028
CME Refresher Course on Device Troubleshooting

30 November & 1 December 2028 – Date change!
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Thank you for attending SwissRhythm 2026
We look forward to welcoming you back for our 2027annual meeting!