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Dear colleagues,

Welcome once again to the Lucerne Course in Clinical Echocardiography! In January 2026, we are proud to celebrate the 33rd edition of our course and to continue the tradition of echocardiographic and clinical excellence at the Verkehrshaus Lucerne.

This year's program builds on our strong foundation with an exceptional lineup of internationally renowned faculty, including leading experts and key opinion leaders from around the globe. Together, we will address the most relevant and challenging topics in echocardiography, illustrated by a diverse range of clinical cases and enriched with interactive discussions that create valuable exchanges between speakers, faculty, and participants.

Following last year's positive feedback, we will again invite the audience to engage through interactive voting, not only in the EchoQuiz, but throughout the entire course.

We look forward to offering you a rewarding, educational, and inspiring experience as we explore new developments and insights in echocardiography.

Be sure to register early. We look forward to welcoming you to Lucerne!

Best regards,



Dr. Béatrice Veragut Davies



PD Dr. Pierre Monney



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Agenda

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2026

08:45 **Welcome** Prof. Dr. F. C. Tanner, Zurich
Dr. B. Veragut Davies, Geneva

BLOCK 1: PROSTHESIS AND DEVICES - FOCUS ON ECHO DURING FOLLOW-UP

Chair: Prof. Dr. A. Fraser, Cardiff | Prof. Dr. M. Sarano, Minneapolis

08:55 **Pathoanatomy** Prof. Dr. C. Basso, Padua | Dr. M. De Gaspari, Padua

09:10 **Discussion (lead: Gaetano Thiene)** Prof. Dr. G. Thiene, Padua

09:20 **Aortic prosthesis** PD Dr. P. Monney, Lausanne

09:32 **Discussion**

09:40 **Mitral TEER** Prof. Dr. M. Zuber, Aarau

09:52 **Discussion**

10:00 **Mitral prosthesis** PD Dr. N. Brugger, Bern

10:12 **Discussion**

10:20 **Tricuspid prosthesis** PD Dr. S. Stämpfli, Lucerne

10:32 **Discussion**

10:40 **Break**

BLOCK 2: MY MOST IMPORTANT PATIENT LAST YEAR

Chair: Prof. Dr. B. Pfannmüller, Zurich | Prof. Dr. B. Kaufmann, Basel

11:10 **Case presentations with discussion** PD Dr. H. Müller, Geneva

11:25 **Case presentations with discussion** Dr. B. Veragut Davies, Geneva

11:40 **Case presentations with discussion** Dr. G. Balestra, Basel

11:55 **Case presentations with discussion** Dr. S. Hasslacher, St. Gallen

12:10 **Case presentations with discussion** PD Dr. S. de Marchi, Bern

12:25 **Lunch**

BLOCK 3: HOW TO ...

Chair: Prof. Dr. B. Bijnens, Barcelona | Prof. Dr. F. C. Tanner, Zurich

13:45 **... assess RV function in light of the 2025 ASE recommendations** Prof. Dr. P. Nihoyannopoulos, London

13:57 **Discussion**

14:05 **... assess low flow low gradient aortic stenosis: how do I prove a severe AS?** Prof. Dr. F. A. Flachskampf, Uppsala

14:17 **Discussion**

14:25 **... interpret increased diastolic mitral gradients: how do I prove a relevant MS?** PD Dr. S. de Marchi, Bern

14:37 **Discussion**

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14:45 Break

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BLOCK 4: ECHOPEARLS

Chair: Dr. L. Leo, Lugano | PD Dr. P. Monney, Lausanne

15:20	Case presentation with discussion	Prof. Dr. S. Kruck, Ludwigsburg
15:40	Case presentation with discussion	Prof. Dr. P. Nihoyannopoulos, London
16:00	Case presentation with discussion	Prof. Dr. M. Sarano, Minneapolis

BLOCK 5: CARDIOMYOPATHY LONG-TERM FOLLOW-UP

Chair: Prof. Dr. G. Sutherland, London | PD Dr. S. Stämpfli, Lucerne

16:20	M. Fabry long-term follow-up	PD Dr. P. Monney, Lausanne
16:40	Apical HCM long-term follow-up	PD Dr. C. Gruner, Zurich

BLOCK 6: TRANSLATIONAL SESSION: CLINICAL-ECHO-PATHOLOGY

Chair: Dr. B. Veragut Davies, Geneva | Prof. Dr. G. Thiene, Padua

17:00	Interactive case presentation	Dr. A. Chiodini, Zurich Dr. U. Maccio, Zurich
17:30	End of the first day	

INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPERT PANEL FOR WEDNESDAY:

Prof. Dr. C. Gräni, Bern | Prof. Dr. R. Manka, Zurich |
Prof. Dr. B. Pfannmüller, Zurich | Prof. Dr. S. Toggweiler, Lucerne

THURSDAY, 22ND JANUARY 2026

08:15	Welcome	PD Dr. S. Stämpfli, Lucerne PD Dr. P. Monney, Lausanne
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BLOCK 7: PERICARDIAL DISEASE

Chair: Prof. Dr. F. A. Flachskampf, Uppsala | Prof. Dr. R. Manka, Zurich

08:20	Pathoanatomy	Prof. Dr. C. Basso, Padua Dr. M. De Gaspari, Padua
08:35	Discussion (lead: Gaetano Thiene)	Prof. Dr. G. Thiene, Padua
08:45	Pericardial effusion / tamponade	Prof. Dr. F. C. Tanner, Zurich
09:00	Discussion	
09:10	Constrictive pericarditis	Prof. Dr. B. Bijnens, Barcelona
09:25	Discussion	
09:35	Multimodality imaging of the pericardium	Prof. Dr. C. Gräni, Bern
09:50	Discussion	

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10:00 Break

BLOCK 8: MY MOST IMPORTANT PATIENT LAST YEAR

Chair: Prof. Dr. G. Sutherland, London | Dr. B. Veragut Davies, Geneva

10:30 Case presentations with discussion Dr. B. de Boeck, Lucerne

10:45 Case presentations with discussion Dr. A. Agbariah, Zurich

11:00 Case presentations with discussion Dr. S. Schlossbauer, Lugano

11:15 Case presentations with discussion PD Dr. T. Fuchs, Aarau

BLOCK 9: GUIDELINES FROM THE ECHO PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Prof. Dr. C. Gräni, Bern | PD Dr. P. Monney, Lausanne

11:30 2025 ESC guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease Prof. Dr. V. Delgado, Barcelona

11:42 Discussion

11:50 2025 ESC guidelines for the management of myocarditis and pericarditis PD Dr. D. Benz, Zurich

12:02 Discussion

12:10 2025 ESC guidelines for the management of cardiovascular disease and pregnancy Prof. Dr. K. Haugaa Hermann, Oslo

12:22 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

BLOCK 10: SHOULDN'T ECHO AND CLINIC BE CONSISTENT?

Chair: Prof. Dr. P. Nihoyannopoulos, London | Prof. Dr. M. Sarano, Minneapolis

13:45 Asymptomatic severe aortic regurgitation Prof. Dr. M. Sarano, Minneapolis

14:05 Floating structure Dr. G. Tzimas, Lausanne

14:25 Parameters for diastolic function in HFpEF Prof. Dr. A. Fraser, Cardiff

14:45 Break

BLOCK 11: MY MOST IMPORTANT PATIENT LAST YEAR

Chair: Dr. S. Kruck, Ludwigsburg | PD Dr. S. Stämpfli, Lucerne

15:15 Case presentations with discussion Dr. H. Abbühl, Zofingen

15:30 Case presentations with discussion KD Dr. M. Meyer, Lucerne

15:45 Case presentations with discussion Dr. S. Hugelshofer, Lausanne

16:00 Case presentations with discussion Prof. Dr. A. Bernheim, Zurich

BLOCK 12: ECHO QUIZ

Chair: PD Dr. S. Stämpfli, Lucerne

16:15 What is the diagnosis? Prof. Dr. F. C. Tanner, Zurich

16:45 End of course

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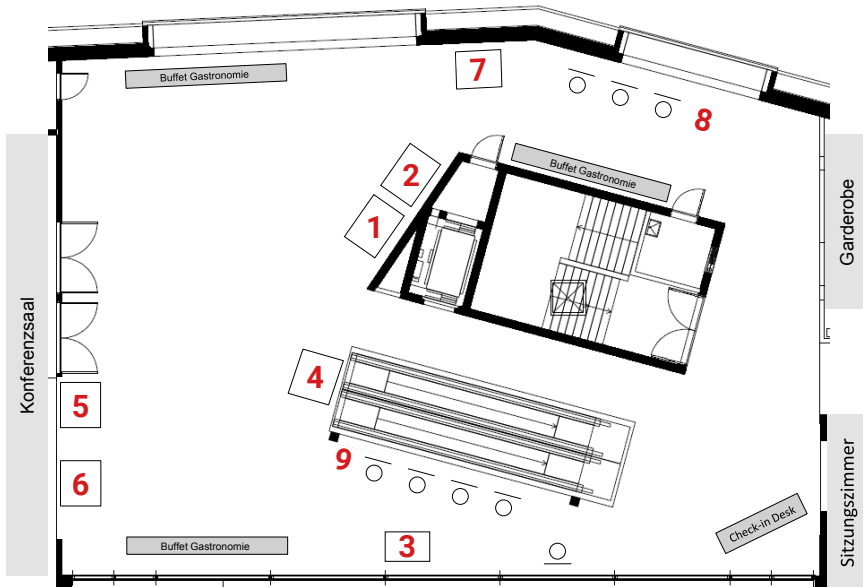
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from 5.30 p.m. | Dismantling time of the sponsor stands