

# FOCUS: VALVE 2025

16<sup>th</sup> Course for Minimally Invasive Heart Valve Surgery

SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2025

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3D LIVE SURGERIES - WORKSHOPS - WETLABS



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- DATE:** September 21 – 24, 2025
- VENUE:** LKI / Universitätskliniken  
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DAY 1 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

13:00-14:30	Science Session: Data affecting daily practice		
	CAMPAIGN registry		Marin-Cuartas M
	Matterhorn		Doenst T
	RHEIA		Tchetche D
	Benchmark for mitral repair - long term results		Ascione G
	Sneak preview: NAVIGATE		Siepe M
14:30-16:00	Workshop 1: Case-based learning in mitral disease		NEW!
	One case presenter and one surgeon from the same team present and comment on cases on a dialogue format. The case presenter shows the echo findings, the surgeon comments on the technique of repair. A Commentator provides theoretical knowledge on basic definitions		
BLOCK 1	<b>Case presenter</b> <i>Leiden</i> Not every P2 is easy	<b>Surgeon</b> <i>Palmen M</i> Surgical technique	<b>Commentator</b> <i>Garbi M</i> Definitions and comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Case 1</li><li>Case 2</li></ul>		
BLOCK 2	<b>Case presenter</b> <i>Innsbruck</i> Beyond P2	<b>Surgeon</b> <i>Bonaros N</i> Surgical technique	<b>Commentator</b> <i>Garbi M</i> Definitions and comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MAC + MAD</li><li>Commissural prolapse</li></ul>		
BLOCK 3	<b>Case presenter</b> <i>Berlin</i> Both leaflets involved	<b>Surgeon</b> <i>Kempfert J</i> Surgical technique	<b>Commentator</b> <i>Garbi M</i> Definitions and comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bileaflet flail</li><li>Mitral surgery after failed TEER</li></ul>		
16:00 –16:30	Coffee Break		

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### DAY 1 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

14:30-16:00	Workshop 2: Case-based learning in tricuspid disease		
BLOCK 1	<b>Case presenter</b> <i>Köln</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Concomitant mitral/tricuspid</li></ul>	<b>Surgeon</b> <i>Conradi L</i> Surgical technique	<b>Commentator</b> <i>Delgado V</i> Definitions and comments
BLOCK 2	<b>Case presenter</b> <i>Blackpool</i>	<b>Surgeon</b> <i>Pereda D</i> Surgical technique	<b>Commentator</b> <i>Delgado V</i> Definitions and comments
BLOCK 3	<b>Case presenter</b> <i>Würzburg</i> Mitral surgery after failed TEER	<b>Surgeon</b> <i>Färber G</i> Surgical technique	<b>Commentator</b> <i>Delgado V</i> Definitions and comments
18:00	End of Day 1		

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### DAY 2 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

08:30-09:00	<b>Welcome</b>	
	<b>Honorary guest lecture:</b> <b>Valve meets support: The role of ECLS in heart valve interventions</b>	<i>Lorusso R</i>
09:00-12:00	<b>Live surgeries</b> <b>Moderation: Pomar J L</b> Case presentations live from the OR <b>Live surgery 1:</b> Bio-Bentall with a dedicated device <b>Surgeon:</b> <i>Grimm M</i>  <b>Live surgery 2:</b> Endoscopic aortic valve replacement triangulated technique <b>Surgeon:</b> <i>Bonaros N</i>  <b>Discussion of strategies: Panel</b>	
10:00- 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
	<b>Presentations Block 1: Aortic valve/ concomitant disease</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AV Exposure in RAT <i>Babliak O</i></li><li>• When to use rapid deployment and sutureless valves <i>Fischlein J</i></li><li>• Mini-Bentall <i>Dzemali O</i></li><li>• Endoscopic treatment of HOCM <i>Balkhy H</i></li><li>• <a href="#">Live-in-a-box</a>: TAVI valve explanation <i>Walther T</i></li></ul>	
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
13:00-14:00	<b>The technology corner</b> <b>Chair: Walther T</b> Dedicated robotic instruments for cardiac surgery <i>Palmen M</i> TMVI <i>Zierer A</i> TTVI <i>Dahle G</i> Transapical treatment of HOCM <i>Quintana E</i> Epygon: the mono-cusop transcatheter mitral valve <i>Salizzoni S</i>	
14:00-14:30	<b>Keynote lecture:</b> <b>From scope to clip: A modern journey in secondary mitral regurgitation treatment</b> <i>Reichensperner H</i>	

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14:30-18:00	<p><b>Live surgeries</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Perier P</i></p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <i>Borger M, Benussi S</i></p> <p>Case presentations live from the OR</p> <p><b>Live surgery 3:</b> Endoscopic mitral/ tricuspid</p> <p><b>Surgeon:</b> <i>Doenst T</i></p> <p><b>Live surgery 4:</b> Endoscopic mitral repair – P2</p> <p><b>Surgeon:</b> <i>Gollmann-Tepeköylü C</i></p> <p><b>Discussion of strategies:</b> Panel</p>
16:00-16:30	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p> <p><b>Presentations Block 2: Robotic   endoscopic   direct vision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Live-in-a-box:</a> Concomitant AV/ MV <i>Pitsis A</i></li><li>• Direct vision axillary <i>Wilbring M</i></li><li>• Endoscopic <i>Pitsis A</i></li><li>• Robotic <i>Balkhy H</i></li><li>• From 3D mini to ports-only robotic <i>Kempfert J</i></li></ul>
18:00	<p><b>End of Day 2</b></p>

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### DAY 3 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

08:25	ICU report	Surgeon on duty
08:30-08:45	The heart of the matter: How new valve guidelines are redefining cardiac surgery <i>Borger M</i>	
08:45-09:00	Academic vs. industry sponsored studies in cardiovascular medicine <i>Milojevic M</i>	
09:00-12:30	<b>Live surgeries</b> <b>Moderator: Alfieri O</b> <b>Panel: Di Eusanio M, Girdauskas E</b>	
	Case presentations live from the OR	
	<b>Live case 5:</b> Endoscopic MVR and atrial fibrillation surgery <b>Surgeon: Benussi S</b>	
	<b>Live case 6:</b> Endoscopic mitral valve repair (Barlow) <b>Surgeon: Höfer D</b>	
	<b>Facilitator: Ajmone N</b>	
	<b>Discussion of strategies: Panel</b>	
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
	<b>Presentations Bock 3: Atrial fibrillation</b>	
	<a href="#">Live-in-a-box:</a> Mitral valve repair after TEER	<i>Treede H</i>
	• Benefit from ablation in mitral surgery	<i>Benussi S</i>
	• Afib surgery in AVR/ CABG procedures – Why and how	<i>Krane M</i>
	• Reasons for LAA occlusion in cardiac surgery	<i>Doll N</i>
	• Between success and failure – The best of my post-surgery imaging	<i>Delgado V</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunchbreak	
13:30-14:30	<b>Mastering the new guidelines for valvular heart disease: A practical playbook</b>	
	• Pushing Boundaries, backed by proof in guidelines	<i>Myers P</i>
	• Aortic	<i>De Paulis R</i>
	• Mitral	<i>Praz F</i>
	• Tricuspid	<i>Ajmone N</i>



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14:30-18:00	<p><b>Live surgeries</b> <b>Moderator: Doll N</b></p> <p>Case presentations live from the OR</p> <p><b>Live case 7:</b> Endoscopic MVR, free-hand chordae <b>Surgeon:</b> <i>Lakew F</i></p> <p><b>Live case 8:</b> Endoscopic MVR, loops and go <b>Surgeon:</b> <i>Treede H</i></p> <p><b>Discussion of strategies: Panel</b></p>		
16:00-16:30	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p><b>Presentations Block 4: ERAS</b></p> <table><tr><td><p><u>Live-in-a-box:</u> Robotic Roman arch</p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MICS + ERAS: 7 pillars</li><li>Prehabilitation for MICS valve surgery</li><li>CPB/ cardioplegia modifications for ERAS</li><li>Towards a no ICU approach for MICS valve surgery</li></ul></td><td><p><i>Kofidis T</i> <i>Di Eusanio M</i> <i>Kindo M</i> <i>Girdauskas E</i> <i>Kempfert J</i></p></td></tr></table>	<p><u>Live-in-a-box:</u> Robotic Roman arch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MICS + ERAS: 7 pillars</li><li>Prehabilitation for MICS valve surgery</li><li>CPB/ cardioplegia modifications for ERAS</li><li>Towards a no ICU approach for MICS valve surgery</li></ul>	<p><i>Kofidis T</i> <i>Di Eusanio M</i> <i>Kindo M</i> <i>Girdauskas E</i> <i>Kempfert J</i></p>
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18:00	<p><b>End of Day 3</b></p>		

HANDS ON WORKSHOPS

DAY 4 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

08:00-12:00	<b>Perioperative echocardiography for surgeons</b> <i>Tutors: Velik-Salchner C, Martini J</i>	<i>conference room</i>
09:00-13:00	<b>Endoscopic mitral valve repair wetlab on porcine hearts (Group 1)</b> <i>Tutors: Höfer D, Müller L, Vötsch A</i>	<i>seminar room 2</i>
14:00-18:00	<b>Endoscopic mitral valve repair wetlab on porcine hearts (Group 2)</b> <i>Tutors: Höfer D, Müller L, Vötsch A</i>	<i>seminar room 2</i>
08:30-16:30	<b>Simulation Training on atrial fibrillation surgery</b> <i>Tutors: Conradi L, Ehrlich M</i>  90 minutes & 4-5 participants per group – available timeslots: <u>Group 1:</u> 08:30 – 10:00 <u>Group 2:</u> 13:00 – 14:30 <u>Group 3:</u> 10:30 -12:00 <u>Group 4:</u> 15:00 – 16:30	<i>seminar room 1</i>
08:30-16:30	<b>Endoscopic aortic and mitral valve simulator</b> <i>Tutors: Dzemali O, Ben Gal Y</i>  90 minutes & 4-5 participants per group – available timeslots: <u>Group 1:</u> 08:30 – 10:00 <u>Group 2:</u> 13:00 – 14:30 <u>Group 3:</u> 10:30 -12:00 <u>Group 4:</u> 15:00 – 16:30	<i>seminar room 3</i>

REGISTRATION FEES 2025	before August 12	after August 12
DAY 1: Focus Valve Training Course	EUR 800	EUR 1.000
DAY 4: Perioperative echocardiography for surgeons	EUR 400	EUR 500
DAY 4: Simulation Training on atrial fibrillation surgery	EUR 100	EUR 100
DAY 4: Endoscopic aortic and mitral valve simulator	EUR 100	EUR 100
DAY 4: Endoscopic mitral valve repair wetlab on porcine hearts	EUR 400	EUR 500
DAY 2: Meet and Greet – Social Evening September 22, 2025, Restaurant 1809, Time: 19:30 Shuttle bus transfer included	EUR 75	EUR 75

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## REGISTRATION



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### SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

#### **For Residents and Nursing Staff**

Enjoy a 50% discount on the Focus Valve Training Course and all workshops.

#### **For Medical Students**

Register for just EUR 50 for the Focus Valve Training Course and/or the Wednesday Workshops.

#### **Combo Discount – Simulation Trainings**

Participate in both the

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[Endoscopic Aortic & Mitral Valve Simulator session](#)

and receive a EUR 50 discount (combined price: EUR 150).

#### **Team / Group Registration**

Bring your team to Focus Valve and save up to 50% on registration and workshop fees!

Here's how it works:

1. **The first team member registers online via:** <https://registration.maw.co.at/valve25>
2. **After registering, they will receive a team code by email.**
3. **Share the code to register up to 5 team members.**

Team Discount Breakdown:

- 2nd team member – 30% discount
- 3rd to 5th team members – 50% discount each

*Note: The team discount applies to a maximum of 5 members per team.*

## TRAVEL & HOTEL INFORMATION

### Travel via Vienna

You can reach Innsbruck either via Vienna or Munich.

There are direct flights available between Vienna and Innsbruck (flight duration approx. 45 minutes). Additionally, high-speed trains from Vienna Airport to Innsbruck Central Station are available (travel time approx. 4 hours and 15 minutes). From Innsbruck Central Station, the hotels we recommend are generally within a few minutes' walking distance.

### Travel via Munich

If you're planning to travel between Munich and Innsbruck, here are the best options:

#### **1. Lufthansa Express Bus (Direct and Non-stop)**

You can travel directly between Munich Airport and Innsbruck Airport on the Lufthansa Express Bus. The bus service operates daily and offers the following schedules:

From Munich Airport (Bus Stop 17) to Innsbruck Airport:

10:25 AM – 12:55 PM  
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM  
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
9:30 PM – 11:55 PM

From Innsbruck Airport to Munich Airport (Bus Stop 17):

6:30 AM – 9:15 AM  
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
6:15 PM – 8:45 PM

You may use the Lufthansa Express Bus even if you're not flying with Lufthansa, as long as you have a valid ticket purchased online. However, please note that if your flight (not part of the Lufthansa group) is delayed, your bus ticket may become invalid.

For more details and ticket bookings, visit the [Lufthansa Express Bus website](#).

#### **2. FlixBus (Direct, but with 4 Stops)**

FlixBus offers several daily connections between Munich and Innsbruck, though it is not a non-stop service. The route includes 4 stops along the way.

Buses depart from Munich Airport Terminal 2 (Stops 21 and 22) and arrive at Innsbruck Hauptbahnhof (Main Railway Station).

When booking your FlixBus ticket, be sure to select Innsbruck Hauptbahnhof as your destination. The recommended hotels are a short walk from the main railway station, which is also close to the city center and the University Hospital.

For schedules and ticket booking, visit the [FlixBus website](#).

#### **3. ÖBB (Austrian Federal Railways)**

Another option is to travel by train with ÖBB (Austrian Federal Railways). This route requires at least one transfer, typically at Munich Ost station.

For detailed schedules and ticket bookings, visit the [ÖBB website](#).

## RECOMMENDEND HOTELS:

Hotels within walking distance to the venue (and the main train station) can be found online on our [hotel list](#).

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