

FOCUS: VALVE 2026

MICS TRAINING DAYS

FEBRUARY 26 - 27, 2026

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LIVE CASES IN THE OR - 3D ENDOSCOPY WET-LABS - MIMVS



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FOCUS Valve MICS Training Days is a skills-acquisition education program of the Focus Valve Platform and the Medical University of Innsbruck in cooperation with Aesculap Akademie based on the experience of more than 10 years Focus Valve minimally invasive valve surgery training courses.

The objective of this program is to provide individualized intensive training opportunities for MICS mitral valve procedures on explanted pig hearts under the guidance of by experienced tutors.

The **wetlab training will be complemented by intensive OR hospitations** to observe totally endoscopic or other minimally invasive valve procedures.

Up-to-date 3D imaging with the Aesculap Einstein Vision® videoendoscopic system is available on each wetlab working station as well as in the OR.

At **FOCUS Valve MICS Training Days** participants train extensively the most important techniques of mitral valve repair and replacement on explanted pig hearts.

2 surgeons will work on one station tutored by a senior minimally invasive surgeon. MICS Training Days comprise Modules II and III of the FOCUS Valve educational program.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Innsbruck!

Program directors

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Learning objectives

Wetlab training on explanted porcine hearts

Handling of long shafted instruments for endoscopic surgery

Direct vision minimally invasive mitral valve surgery (MIMVS)

Totally endoscopic MIMVS with use of the Einstein Vision® 3D system

Ring annuloplasty, leaflet resection and repair, artificial (PTFE) chordae implantation Mitral valve replacement

Case selection and preoperative imaging

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PROGRAM

DAY 1 – FEBRUARY 26, 2026

- 08:15 - 08:30** **Introduction and Training outline - Group formation**
- 08:30 - 12:30** **Group A: 2 Live cases in the OR**
Group B: Hands-on 3D Endoscopy Wet-lab
- 12:30 - 13:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30 - 16:30** **Hands-on 3D Endoscopy Wet-Lab**
- 16:30 - 18:00** **Lectures**
Introduction to minimally invasive mitral valve surgery
Technology and tools for MIMVS
 Imaging
 Instruments
 Perfusion
Techniques for minimally invasive mitral repair

DAY 2 – FEBRUARY 27, 2026

- 08:30 - 12:30** **Group B: 2 Live cases in the OR**
Group A: Hands-on 3D Endoscopy Wet-lab
- 12:30 - 13:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30 - 16:30** **Hands-on 3D Endoscopy Wet Lab**
- 16:30 - 17:30** **Q&A**

Irrespective of our intentions to provide live demonstrations of minimally invasive mitral valve procedures, the clinical program (live surgeries) may be subject to clinical needs. Surgical procedures may be changed according to urgent requirements.

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REGISTRATION AND INQUIRIES

Please register online via:

<https://registration.maw.co.at/valvemics26>

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Registration will be limited to 10 participants to ensure extensive training opportunities and individual support.

REGISTRATION FEE

Applications should be made by email no later than December 8, 2025. For the full 2 days training including lunches the registration fee is € 1.100,–

Participants of the Valve MICS Training Days will be granted a 50% discount on the registration for the next Focus Valve meeting in September 2026!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please be sure to reserve a hotel room in time!

We recommend the following hotels which are within walking distance to the venue:

Nala Individuellhotel

Address: Müllerstr. 15, 6020 Innsbruck
E-Mail: info@nala-hotel.at
Website: <https://www.nala-hotel.at/en/>

Rufis Hotel

Address: Fischnalerstr. 28, 6020 Innsbruck
E-Mail: hotel@rufi.at
Website: <https://www.rufis-hotel.at/en/>
Online Booking: <https://onepagebooking.com/rufishotel>

Meininger Hotel

Address: Blasius Hueber Str. 4, 6020 Innsbruck
Website: <https://www.meininger-hotels.com/en/hotels/innsbruck/hotel-innsbruck-center/>
Online Booking: <https://book.meininger-hotels.com/reservations/stay>
