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**Aim of the Congress**

This Congress is dedicated to Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiologists, Perfusionists and Industry Representatives who aim to further advance application of Minimal Invasive Extracorporeal Circulation Technologies into clinical practice. Lectures and hands-on training will focus on the following topics:

- Pathophysiology of Cardiopulmonary Bypass
- Open vs. Closed Systems
- MECC Equipment
- Commercially Available Circuits
- Perfusion Principles
- Surgical Considerations
- Anaesthetic Strategies
- Clinical Outcomes using MECC
- Application of MECC in Valve Surgery
- Application of MECC in non-coronary and non-valve procedures
- Modular MECC Systems

**Congress Venue:** Thessaloniki Concert Hall. One Main Auditorium (500 seats) and 2 additional Halls (Hall B and Hall C) with 200 seats.

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Provisional Scientific Programme

Friday 13th June 2014

Main Auditorium

16:00-17:00 Round Table: MECC: A Historical Perspective
Chairpersons: T. Carrel, J. Gummert
Speakers: Alois Philipp: The Early Days
          Frans Waanders: The Evolution of MECC
          Adrian Bauer: What’s next?

17:00-17:30 Chairperson: J. Murkin
Lecture: Neuroprotection after surgery with MECC (Polychronis Antonitsis)

17:30-18:30 Round Table: Special considerations in surgery with MECC
Chairpersons: Uwe Schönrock, H. Seller
Speakers: Farouk Oueida: Minimal Invasive CABG for Severely Impaired LV function Patients: "The Resting Heart"
          Mizja Faber: Cardioplegia administration during surgery with MECC
          Brian McCloskey: Safety and modern MECC circuits
          Olaf Stanger: Failure in MECC implementation

18:30-18:45 Break

18:45-19:15 Chairperson: M. Ranucci
Lecture: Cerebral protection strategies during cardiopulmonary bypass - unmasking the role of emboli and inflammation (John Murkin)

19:15-19:45 Chairperson: R. Hetzer
Lecture: CPB: A Historical Perspective (Stephen Westaby)

19:45-20:15 Chairperson: T. Carrel
Keynote Lecture: “MECC: The past, the present and the future” (Kyriakos Anastasiadis)

20:30-21:20 Opening Ceremony

21:30-23:00 Welcome Reception
Hall B

16:00-16:30 Chairperson: C. Schmid
Lecture: Organ preservation after surgery with MECC (Win Jan van Boven)

16:30-17:30 Round Table: The MECC concept
Chairpersons: A. Liebold, H. Hausmann
Speakers: Jan Schaarschmidt: The Coswig concept
Apostolos Deliopoulos: The AHEPA concept
Hansjörg Jenni: The Bern concept

17:30-18:00 Break

18:00-19:00 Round Table: Coagulation Management
Chairpersons: H. Argiriadou, H. Nygaard
Speakers: Urs Zenklusen: MECC and Coagulation
Christa Boer: POC during ECC
Florian Prüller: The influence of ECC on the coagulation system

19:00-19:30 Chairperson: A. Liebold
Lecture: Surgery with MECC in high-risk patients (C. Schmid)
Hall C

16:00-17:00 Session with oral presentations (4 abstracts included)
Chairpersons: S. Ohri, G. Goh

1. EMERGENCY CABG SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH OR WITHOUT ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION USING THE MINIMIZED EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION
Magdalena Rufa*, Jens Schubel*, Christian Ulrich **, Jan Schaarschmidt**, Adrian Bauer** & Harald Hausmann*
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2. IS THERE A LEARNING CURVE WHEN USING MINIMAL EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION IN CORONARY REvascularization PROCEDURES?
P. Antonitsis, C. Asteriou, H. Argiriadou, A. Deliopoulos, S. Gatzos, K. Anastasiadis
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3. MINIMAL ECCs ASSURE PERFORMANCE OUTCOME
B. Winkler*, U. Zenklusen, T. Döbele, B. Kohler, M. Grapow, F. Eckstein
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4. CORONARY ARTERY REvascularIZATION WITH A MINIMAL EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION TECHNIQUE: SHOTGUN ANALYSIS IN A PROSPECTIVE, RANDOMIZED TRAIL WITH THREE DIFFERENT PERFUSION TECHNIQUES
A.H. Kiessling, M. May, H. Keller, M. Diefenbach, C. Reyher, A. Moritz
Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Hospital, Main, Germany

17:00-17:30 Chairperson: M. Kurusz
Lecture: Adverse events in MECC (Erich Gygax)

17:30-18:00 Break
18:00-19:00 Session with oral presentations (4 abstracts included)
Chairpersons: B. Eberle, C. Serrick

1. EFFECTS OF CELL SALVAGED AND DIRECTLY RETRANSFUSED MEDIASTINAL SHED BLOOD ON THE POSTOPERATIVE COMPETENCY OF THE COAGULATION SYSTEM AFTER CABG SURGERY
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2. THE RELATIVE INFLUENCE OF MINIATURISED CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS AND OTHER PERIOPERATIVE FACTORS ON BLOOD TRANSFUSION REQUIREMENT AFTER HEART SURGERY
M. Bennett, M. Larsen, S. Asopa, G. Webb, A. Wright, C. Lloyd
“South West” Cardiothoracic Centre and Centre for Health and Environmental Statistics, Plymouth, UK

3. LOWER PLATELET AGGREGATION MIGHT REDUCE PERIOPERATIVE BLEEDING IN MINI-CIRCUIT CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS
Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Shinshu University School of Medicine

4. 5-YEAR EXPERIENCE OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION IN CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT SURGERY PATIENTS USING MINIATURISED EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION
S. Asopa, M. Bennett, G. Webb, C. Lloyd
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK

19:00-19:30 Chairperson: Y. Durandy
Lecture: Venous De-Airing - a “must have”? (Uwe Schönrock)
Hall D

Wet Lab Training Simulation on Minimal Cardiopulmonary Bypass

Involves hands-on training using a computerized perfusion model on various clinical scenarios, supervised by specialists on MECC technology

Free on-site registration for the event will be mandatory

Limited number of participants
Saturday 14th June 2014

Main Auditorium

8:00-08:30 Chairperson: Y. Fromes
Lecture: Heparin-coated circuits (Christophoros Foroulis)

08:30-09:00 Chairperson: J. Ferguson
Lecture: Air elimination strategies in different MECC procedures (Erich Gygax)

09:00-09:30 Chairperson: F. Waanders
Lecture: Mini-Circuits and Air Concerns- A straightforward path towards reduced air embolism and blood conservation (James Ferguson)

09:30-10:00 Chairperson: Ch. Papakonstantinou
Lecture: Origin of extracorporeal circulation (Marko Turina)

10:00-10:30 Chairperson: M. Turina
Lecture: Towards …”specialized” scientific societies (S. Prapas)

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Round Table: MECC: The anaesthesologist’s perspective
Chairpersons: D. Vasilakos, J. Murkin
Speakers: Balthasar Eberle: MECC Anesthetic Management
         Marco Ranucci: Heparin management in MECC
         Matthias Heringlake: NIRS and organ protective perfusion: the Anesthetist's point of view

11:45-12:15 Chairperson: M. Ranucci
Lecture: Impact of blood-conservation strategies in cardiac surgery (Helena Argiriadou)

12:15-13:15 Round Table: MECC: The Perfusionist’s Perspective
Chairpersons: F. Merkle, M. Kurusz
Speakers: Yves Durandy: Is there an optimal pump?
          Patrick Weerwind: Can minimized circuits be safer?
          Filip de Somer: Which is the optimal flow and pressure?
13:15-13:45 Chairperson: A. Bauer
Keynote Lecture: Implementation of MECC: from “experimental” setting to routine strategy (Thierry Carrel)

13:45-15:00 Lunch Break-Exhibition- Satellite Symposium

15:00-16:15 Ask The Expert Session: Contributors (Kyriakos Anastasiadis, Adrian Bauer, Erich Gygax, Andreas Liebold, Marco Ranucci, Helena Argiriadou, Marc Kurusz, Filip De Somer, Alois Philipp, Hans Jenni, Yves Fromes, Uwe Schönrock)

16:15-17:15 Round Table: Safety, Simulation & Education in Extracorporeal Technology
Chairpersons: S. Ohri, J. Schaarschmidt
Speakers: Mark Kurusz: A Life in Perfusion, How to avoid incidences in Perfusion
Hans Nygaard: The role of science in preventing perfusion incidences and aberrations
Frank Merkle: Simulation - train the pilot

17:15-17:30 Break

17:30-18:30 MiECTiS Constitution and General Assembly of the Founding Members

18:30-19:00 Chairperson: K. Anastasiadis
Keynote Lecture: 10 open questions about "MECC" - What we need to answer. (Adrian Bauer)

19:00-20:00 Round Table: Indications for MECC
Chairpersons: K. Anastasiadis, A. Bauer, T. Carrel
Speakers: Jan Gummert: OPCAB - the philosopher’s stone?
Andreas Liebold: Let's try something else- MECC as a standard for coronary surgery?
Harald Hausmann: Decision making: CECC, MECC or OPCAB?
21:00 Gala Dinner
Hall B

08:00-08:30 Chairperson: B. Winkler
Lecture: Reduced LV function and MECC - just equivalent to CECC? (Thomas Pühler)

08:30-09:00 Chairperson: A. Philipp
Lecture: MECC in the cath-lab (Stavros Hadjimiltiades)

09:00-09:30 Chairperson: B. Eberle
Lecture: Impact of cell-saving strategies in cardiac procedures (Paschalis Tossios)

09:30-10:30 Round Table: MECC in Aortic Valve Surgery
Chairpersons: A. Yilmaz, E. Gygax
Speakers: Ioannis Dimarakis: The Evolution of MECC in Aortic Surgery
         Hansjörg Jenni: MECC Perfusion in Aortic Surgery
         Aschraf El-Essawi: MiECC (RoCsafe) for all procedures with heart lung machine?

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-11:30 Chairperson: S. Prapas
Lecture: More Minimal than Minimal; quo vadis Heart Surgeon? (Theodoros Kofidis)

11:30-12:30 Round Table: MECC in operations other than coronary and valves
Chairpersons: B. Winkler, E. Gygax
Speakers: S. Westaby: LVAD implantation under minimal-CPB
         T. Carrel: Non coronary surgery performed with MECC support
         A. Yilmaz: Mitral valve surgery with MECC
         C. Serrick: Use of MECC in lung transplantation procedures

12:30-13:00 Chairperson: T. Pühler
Lecture: Building a training program in surgery with MECC (Sunil Ohri)

13:00-13:30 Chairperson: C. Schmid
Lecture: Multicenter trials with minimized bypass: Results of the RocSafe Trial (A. El-Essawi)

14:00-15:00 Satellite Symposium (sponsored by Sorin)
16:00-17:00 Round Table: MECC in pediatric cardiac surgery
Chairperson: G. Sarris
Speakers: Thierry Carrel: Pediatric MECC- Just a dream?
Hansjörg Jenni: Pediatric MECC-Quo vadis
S. Gunaydin: Safe Minimization of CPB by Optimizing Circuit Design for Pediatric Patients

17:00-17:30 Break
Hall C

08:00-09:00 Session with oral presentations (4 abstracts included)
Chairpersons: Y. Abu-Omar, I. Keremidis

1. EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATION BY MEANS OF SUITABLE SUPPORT AFTER EMERGENCY SURGERIES FOR PULMONARY EMBOLISM
F. Sobirov, A. Mansurov, A. Haydarov, Sh. Islambekova
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2. PEDIATRIC “CARDIAC” ECMO SUPPORT: IMPROVED OUTCOME WITH EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICE REFINEMENTS OVER 16 YEARS
Ch. Alexopoulos, N. Hakim, P. Zografas, E. Protopapas, P. Zavaropoulos, G. Kirvassilis, G.E. Sarris
Athens Heart Surgery Institute and “Iaso” Children's Hospital, Greece

3. THE USE OF ARTERIOVENOUS PCO2 DIFFERENCE (Delta PCO2) AS AN INDEX OF THE DENSITY OF CAPILLARY PERFUSION DURING PEDIATRIC CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS AND ECMO
P. Zavaropoulos, Ch. Alexopoulos, N. Hakim, P. Zografas, E. Protopapas, G. Kirvassilis, G.E. Sarris
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4. “ETERNAL ECMO”: THE CHALLENGE OF PROLONGED POST-CARDIOTOMY EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATION
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09:00-10:00 Round Table: Pathophysiological changes during surgery with MECC
Chairpersons: W. van Boven, U. Zenklusen
Speakers: Marco Ranucci: The impact of reduced hemodilution on outcome
Yves Fromes: Optimization of extracorporeal perfusion: contribution of the minimal ECC systems
Christa Boer: Insights in the pathophysiology of microcirculation

10:00-10:30 Chairperson: D. Dougenis
Lecture: Fault management in the hospital vs. aviation: the pilot’s point of view.
(Andreas Gebhardt)

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If you agree – I will ask him to come
10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 Session with oral presentations (5 abstracts included)
Chairpersons: U. Schöörock, F. Prüller

1. A VERSATILE MINIMIZED SYSTEM: THE STEP TOWARDS SAFE PERFUSION
Y.M. Ganushchak, E.P.J. Körver, Y. Yamamoto, P.W. Weerwind
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2. HOW WE DEVELOPED A SAFER MINI BYPASS SYSTEM WITH THE USE OF A STOCKERT HEART LUNG BYPASS MACHINE AND MEDTRONIC FUSION OXYGENATOR
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3. MINIMALISING THE CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS CIRCUIT AND THE CONSOLE
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4. IS THREE-STAGE VENOUS CANNULA SUPERIOR TO DUAL-STAGE DURING SURGERY WITH MINIMAL EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION?
P. Antonitsis, A. Deliopoulos, S. Gatzos, S. Mimikos, P. Tossios, K. Anastasiadis
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5. MICROPLEGIA DURING CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING WAS ASSOCIATED WITH LESS LOW CARDIAC OUTPUT SYNDROME: A PROPENSITY-MATCHED COMPARISON
K. Algarni, R. Weisel, C. Caldarone, M. Manjula, T. Yau
University of Toronto
12:15-13:45 Session with oral presentations (6 abstracts included)
Chairpersons: P. Punjabi, Ch. Bezevegi

1. BENEFITS OF CLOSED MINIATURIZED CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS
D. Gifford, S. Colah, S. Farid, J. Irons, M. Gilhouly, N. Moorjani
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2. COGNITIVE BRAIN FUNCTION AFTER CORONARY BYPASS GRAFTING WITH MINIMIZED EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION (MECC)
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3. MINIMAL EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION REDUCES GASEOUS MICROEMBOLI AND PRESERVES NEUROCOGNITIVE FUNCTION: A SINGLE-CENTRE PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED STUDY
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M. Bennett, S. Asopa, G. Webb, M. Gomez-Cane, C. Lloyd
“South West” Cardiothoracic Centre and Centre for Health and Environmental Statistics, Plymouth, UK

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K. Algarni, M. Al Jughiman, T. Yau
University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

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Lecture: MECC: The surgical point of view (Bernhard Winkler)

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Wet Lab Training Simulation on Minimal Cardiopulmonary Bypass

Involves hands-on training using a computerized perfusion model on various clinical scenarios, supervised by specialists on MECC technology

Free on-site registration for the event will be mandatory

Limited number of participants