



Vienna Interdisciplinary Symposium on Aortic Repair

May 8-9, 2025

**House of the Federation of Austrian Industries
Schwarzenbergplatz 4, 1030 Wien**



Welcome to VISAR 2025

Dear Friends and colleagues,

Following the great success of VISAR 2024, which brought together 320 participants from 20 different countries, we are delighted to invite you to VISAR 2025, taking place from May 8–9, 2025, at the prestigious House of the Austrian Federation of Industries in central Vienna.

Thanks to your support, our meeting attracts a substantial number of delegates from across Europe and beyond, facilitated in part by VISAR grants that helped participants from low-income countries with travel and accommodation costs. In addition to its international reach, VISAR has significantly strengthened Austria's national aortic community, with attendees representing the fields of cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, and interventional radiology.

For VISAR 2025, we will continue our commitment to training and education in open and endovascular aortic repair, including transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). Based on overwhelming demand, the program will feature live-streamed state-of-the-art surgeries alongside recorded case presentations for case-based learning. Additionally, hands-on courses in our technical forum will cover essential catheter techniques, measurement protocols, device presentations, and deployment tips and tricks with major device platforms. These simulator sessions will be available for pre-booking in small teams.

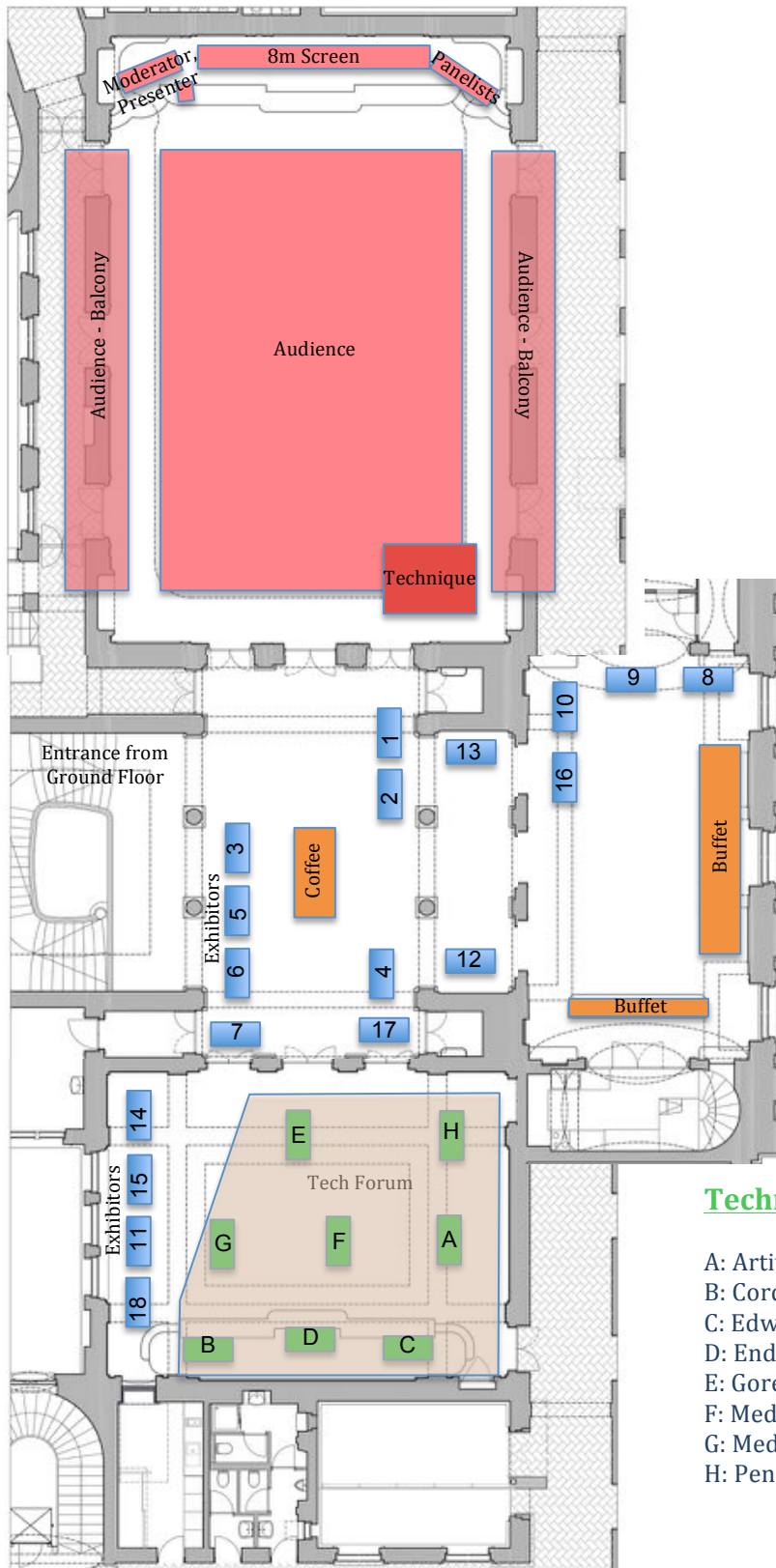
We take pride in the fact that VISAR is a congress organized by doctors, for doctors. Unlike many other congresses, VISAR is not designed for corporate profit. Instead, all revenue is reinvested into research and education, ensuring that participation remains financially accessible.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vienna for an exciting and enriching exchange of knowledge.

Sincerely,

Daniel Zimpfer
Marek Ehrlich
Paul Werner
Marie-Elisabeth Stelzmüller
Martin Funovics

VISAR Executive Committee



Exhibitors:

- 1: iVascular/PMT
- 2: Terumo
- 3: Cook
- 4: Artivion
- 5: Gore
- 6: Medtronic
- 7: AMP
- 8: Edwards
- 9: Penumbra/Kawasumi
- 10: Abbott
- 11: Novomed/Shape Memory
- 12: Medical Innovation Network
- 13: Baxter
- 14: Zodi/Medira
- 15: H.M.T.
- 16: Cordis
- 17: Siemens
- 18: Endologix/Biomedica

Technical Forum:

- A: Artivion
- B: Cordis
- C: Edwards Wetlab & Drylab
- D: Endologix
- E: Gore
- F: Medtronic EVAR
- G: Medtronic TAVR
- H: Penumbra

09:00-09:05 Welcome Address and Orientation

D Zimpfer, M Ehrlich, C Neumayer, M Funovics

09:05-13:00 Session 1 – TAAA & FET – Live is Life

Moderation: S Wipper, A Apaydin, M Czerny

Panel: M Grabenwöger, M Ehrlich, Y Okita

09:05-10:45 Live Cases

Live from OR1:	TAAA open Repair	J Coselli S Mahr	Houston/US Vienna /AT
Live from OR2:	FET Arch Repair	M Shrestha P Werner	Rochester/US Vienna/AT
Live from Hybrid-OR:	TAAA endovascular Repair	E Verhoeven W Eilenberg, F Waneck	Nuremberg/DE Vienna/AT

09:05-10:45 Presentations

Open TAAA Repair: exclusive hobby or still indicated?(15')	C Reeps	Dresden DE
FET with hybrid LSA Stent: Case-in-Box (20')	M Grabenwöger	Vienna/AT

Audience Participation and Discussion

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break
11:15-13:00 Live Cases

Live from OR1:	TAAA open Repair (continued)
Live from OR2:	FET Arch Repair (continued)
Live from Hybrid-OR:	TAAA endovascular Repair (continued)

11:15-13:00 Presentations

Hybrid stenting of TAA (AMDS): Case-in-Box and Lessons Learned (20')	J Kempfert	Berlin/DE
FET: Technique, Pitfalls, Results (15')	R Dias	Sao Paolo/BR

Audience Participation and Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break
14:00-15:45 Session 2 – Case-based learning (CBL) in AAA

Moderation: V Makaloski, H Deutschmann

Panel: R Scherthaner, E Verhoeven, R Müller-Wille

14:00-14:10	Introduction of the Aortic Association	M Czerny	Freiburg/DE
14:10-14:25	Aortic Association: Coronary artery Disease in AAA:	CBL M Czerny	
14:25-14:40	Aortic Association: Physician-Modified Endografts:	CBL M Lescan	Freiburg/DE
14:40-14:55	Aortic Association: Type 1A EL after EVAR:	CBL L Bertoglio	Brescia/IT
14:55-15:10	Jeopardy in AAA repair	CBL D Branzan	Munich/DE
15:10-15:25	Embolization of Endoleaks after complex EVAR	S Guggenbichler	Salzburg/AT
15:25-15:35	Advancements in inner branches for bTEVAR & bEVAR	V Makaloski	Bern/CH
15:35-15:55	Audience Participation and Discussion		

15:55-16:25 Coffee Break
16:25-18:00 Session 3 – Shaping the Future

Moderation: K Donas, M Stelzmüller

Panel:

S Hauck, S Guggenbichler

16:25-16:35	<i>Erich K Lang Honorary Lecture</i>	Introduction: M Funovics	Vienna/AT
16:35-17:05	Interventional Radiology and Teaching Endovascular Skills	M Hamady	London/UK
17:05-17:15	AI for Interventionalists: Smart Training for a Changing Workforce	D Wippel	Innsbruck/AT
17:15-17:25	Needs and Challenges for the Next Generation of Surgeons	ME Leinweber	Vienna/AT
17:25-17:35	How to master on-call readiness in IR	I Kanbur	Vienna/AT
17:35-18:00	Audience Participation and Discussion		

18:00 Adjourn

09:00-13:00 Session 4 – TAVR and Aortic Root
Moderation: M Grimm, G Murana, J Dumfarth
Panel: A Zierer, T Golesworthy
09:00-10:50 Live Cases

Live from OR1:	ROSS Procedure with PEARS	A Kocher, D Zimpfer	Vienna /AT
Live from OR2:	ROSS Procedure	I El Hamamsy	New York/US
		E Osorio	Vienna/AT
Live from Hybrid-OR:	Transfemoral TAVR for Aortic Stenosis	I Coti	Vienna/AT
	Transaxillary TAVR	M Andreas	Graz/AT

09:00-10:50 Presentations

<i>Annuloplasty for aortic valve repair in 2025: Case-in-Box (15')</i>	<i>E Lansac (Video)</i>	Paris/FR
Treatment of Infection after Aortic Replacement (15')	Y Okita	Kobe/JN

Audience Participation and Discussion
10:50-11:10 Coffee Break
11:10-13:00 Live Cases

Live from OR1:	ROSS Procedure with PEARS (continued)
Live from OR2:	ROSS Procedure (continued)
Live from Hybrid-OR:	Transfemoral & Transaxillary TAVR (continued)

Audience Participation and Discussion
13:00-14:00 Lunch Break
14:00-15:50 Session 5 – Emerging Technologies
Moderation: R Dias, M Sargin
Panel:
H Trnka, S Hauck

14:00-14:15	bTEVAR without the hassle	S Abisi	London/UK
14:15-14:25	Aortic Valve Repair – Case in a Box	H Schäfers	Kaiserslautern/DE
14:25-14:35	Aortic Septotomy – What's new in 2025?	A Zierer	Linz/AT
14:35-14:45	Bridging Stentgrafts – done right!	E Verhoeven	Nuremberg/DE
14:45-14:55	Complex TEVAR: Limitations and evidence	G Isernia	Perugia/IT
14:55-15:05	The new generation of unibody single bTEVAR devices	E Vervoeven	Nuremberg/DE
15:05-15:20	Off-the-shelf branched TEVAR: Case-in-Box (15')	ME Stelzmüller	Vienna/AT
15:20-15:30	Results of a novel BSG in a Nationwide registry	S Hauck	Vienna/AT

15:30- 15:50 **Audience Participation and Discussion**
15:50-16:20 Coffee Break
16:20-18:00 Session 6 – Abdominal Aortic Repair
Moderation: J Falkensamer, A Apaydin
Panel:
ME Stelzmüller, D Wippel

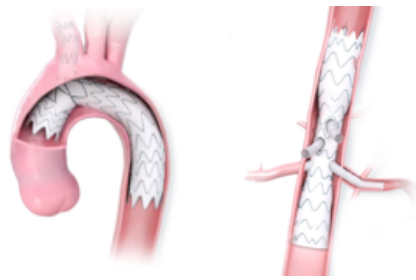
16:20-16:30	Benchmark results of f/bEVAR	G Isernia	Perugia/IT
16:30-16:40	Benchmark Results in open AAA Repair	C Domenig	Vienna/AT
16:40-16:50	EVAR in hostile necks, tight bifurcation & access	H Trnka	Vienna/AT
16:50-17:00	Patency after endovascular IIA repair	F Taher	Vienna/AT
17:00-17:10	Chimneys in 2025	K Donas	Langen/DE
17:10-17:20	Forces in BSG deployment from femoral	M Kern	Vienna/AT
17:20-18:00	COVID Lessons in Aortic Epidemiology: Do we matter?	A Hoffmann	Vienna/AT

17:30-18:00 Audience Participation and Discussion
18:00 Closing Remarks

VISAR Technical Forum

Artivion

VR Training for E-inside, Dry Lab for NEXUS



Cordis

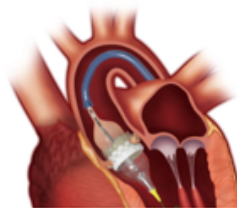
Mentice G5 - EVAR Case Simulation with InCraft



Edwards – Wetlab & Drylab

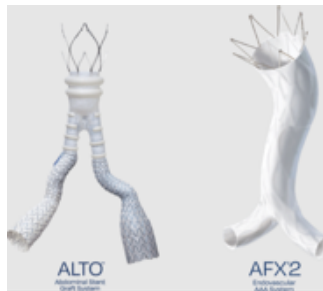
Wet Lab: TAVR Implantation Workshop

Dry Lab: open SAPIEN Implantation Workshop



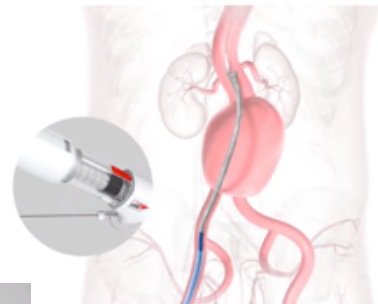
Endologix

TAVR Implantation Workshop



Gore

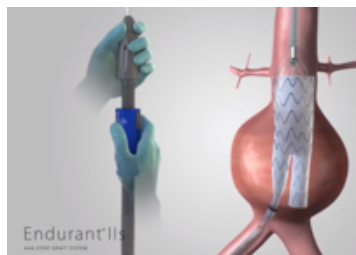
EVAR Simulator Training



Medtronic

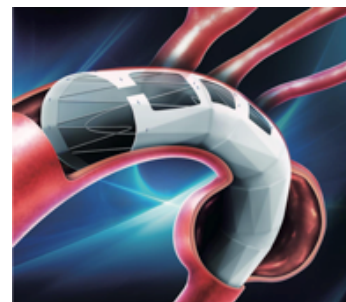
EVAR Simulation Endurant I/II

TAVR Simulation



Penumbra

Simulation of f-TEVAR with the Najuta Device



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Friday, May 09th, 2025 08:00 - 17:30

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