



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on **Genetics** and **Precision Medicine**  
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Acropolis Museum **Athens**

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 05.06.2026	
09.00-09.30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09.30-11.00	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>  Welcome address <b>Dimitrios Terzis (tbc)</b>  Chairs <b>Panos E. Vardas, Aris Anastasakis, Perry Elliott, John Boletis</b>  Speakers ■ Setting the scene: The Greek Network for inherited disease <b>Aris Anastasakis</b> ■ ICON: Ensuring our future health systems leave no family behind <b>Perry Elliott</b> ■ World Heart Federation: 2026, the year of forgotten cardiovascular diseases <b>Jagat Narula</b> ■ The view from Europe: The EU Cardiovascular Plan and Opportunities for Precision Cardiology <b>Thomas Lüscher</b>
11.00-12.00	<b>SESSION</b> <b>Genetic Testing is Changing the Rules</b>  Chairs <b>Charalampos Vlachopoulos, George Efthimiadis</b>  Speakers ■ From Family History to Whole-Genome Sequencing: when, who, how? <b>Eloisa Arbustini</b> ■ Variants of Uncertain Significance: Clinical Clue or Diagnostic Trap? <b>Juan Pablo Ochoa</b> ■ Can Genetic Testing Save Lives? <b>Athanasios Bakalakos</b>  <b>Discussion</b>
12.00-12.30	<b>BREAK</b>
12.30-13.00	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>Improving Genetic Literacy in Cardiology</b> <b>Giuseppe Limongelli</b>  Chairs <b>Katerina Naka, Petros Agathangelou (tbc)</b>



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13.00-14.30	<p><b>SESSION</b> <b>Hidden in Heart Failure</b></p> <p>Chairs Jolanda Van Der Velden, Athanasios Trikas</p> <p><b>Goal</b> To describe current approaches to diagnosis of cardiomyopathies in heart failure practice and to explore enhanced diagnostic pathways and opportunities for aetiology-based therapies.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Unmasking the Genetic Causes of heart failure (From one too many diseases) <b>Juan R. Gimeno</b></li><li>■ HFpEF or cardiomyopathy: two sides of the same coin? <b>Perry Elliott</b></li><li>■ Precision treatments for cardiomyopathy: here at last? <b>Giacomo Bonacchi</b></li></ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> Xenia Gourzi, Hera Heracleous, Stamatia Laidou</p>
14.30-15.00	<p><b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>Microtubules: a novel target for heart failure therapy</b> Jolanda Van Der Velden</p> <p>Chairs Dimitris Thanos, Petros Tsiouras</p>
15.00-16.00	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK</b></p>
16.00-17.30	<p><b>SESSION</b> <b>Highlights from the Network and registries</b></p> <p>Chairs Juan R. Gimeno, Angelos G. Rigopoulos, Dimitra Antonakaki, Emmanouela Linardaki</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Amyloidosis: A new era - <b>Maria Koutelou</b></li><li>■ Fabry disease, a curable entity - <b>Efstathios Pagourelas</b></li><li>■ Genetic cardiac diseases: Family matters - <b>Evangelia Karvouni</b></li><li>■ Familial amyloidosis - <b>Alexios Antonopoulos</b></li></ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> Malena Pantou, Emmanouil Tsakonas, Antigoni Miliou</p>



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17.30-18.30	<p><b>SESSION</b> <b>ICDs and Channelopathies: Yes or No?</b></p> <p>Chairs <b>Despoina Parcharidou, Dimitra Antonakaki</b></p> <p><b>Goal</b> To describe current approaches to risk evaluation and treatment, emphasizing gaps in evidence and controversies.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Long QT Syndrome: One Interval, Multiple Genetic Stories - <b>Lia Crotti</b></li><li>■ Brugada Syndrome: Genotype, Phenotype, or Fever? - <b>William Young</b></li><li>■ CPVT: A Structurally Normal Heart with Lethal Potential - <b>Polychronis Dilaveris</b></li></ul>
18.30-19.00	<b>BREAK</b>
19.00-20.15	<p><b>SESSION</b> <b>Highlights from the network</b></p> <p>Chairs <b>Giuseppe Limongelli, Skevos Sideris</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ HCM, myosin inhibitors and prognosis - <b>Angeliki Papageorgiou</b></li><li>■ DCM /NDLVLC, Genetics and prognosis - <b>Stefania Sventzouri</b></li><li>■ Myocarditis and noise in the family - <b>Efstathios Papatheodorou</b></li><li>■ ATTR amyloidosis and risk stratification - <b>Styliani Vakrou</b></li></ul>
20.15-20.45	<p><b>WHF LECTURE</b> <b>Introduction</b> <b>George Efthimiadis, Perry Elliott</b></p> <p>From Declarations to Implementation: Bold Measures to Reduce the Cardiovascular Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases <b>Jagat Narula</b></p>



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09.00-09.30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09.30-11.00	<p><b>SESSION</b> <b>Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy: A Name Out of Context?</b></p> <p>Chairs Aris Anastasakis, Evangelia Nyktari, Michael Bonios</p> <p><b>Goal</b> To progress from a historical debate on terminology to an etiology-focused approach to disease management.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ What Is Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy? A Guideline perspective <b>Juan Pablo Kaski</b></li> <li>■ 'Non-ischaemic' Myocardial Fibrosis: does genetic testing help? <b>Luis Lopes</b></li> <li>■ Immunology of ARVC - <b>Federica Marelli-Berg</b></li> </ul>
11.00-11.30	<p><b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>Will Genetics and Imaging Replace Cardiac Pathology?</b> Cristina Basso</p> <p>Chairs Hara Spiliopoulou, Loukas Kaklamanis</p>
11.30-12.15	<p><b>SHORT LECTURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Athletes with ACM: The changing paradigm in Italy - <b>Monica De Gaspari</b></li> <li>■ Risk stratification in children with HCM - <b>Olga Boleti</b></li> <li>■ Genetics panels or WES - <b>Konstantinos Varvagiannis</b></li> </ul> <p>Chairs Hera Heracleous, Spyros Papaioannou, Thomas Gossios</p>
12.15-12.30	<b>BREAK</b>
12.30-13.30	<p><b>SESSION</b> <b>Syndromic forms of cardiomyopathy</b></p> <p>Chairs Juan Pablo Kaski, Ioannis Papagiannis</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Rasopathies - <b>Cordula M. Wolf</b></li> <li>■ Mitochondrial - <b>Giuseppe Limongelli</b></li> <li>■ Fabry Disease - <b>Athanasios Bakalakos</b></li> </ul>



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SATURDAY 06.06.2026	
13.30-14.30	<p><b>DEBATE</b> <b>Use of the term 'rare' to describe cardiovascular disease is helpful in promoting better diagnosis and management</b></p> <p>Chairs Cordula M. Wolf, Stamatis Adamopoulos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ PRO - Giuseppe Limongelli</li><li>■ CONTRA - Perry Elliott</li></ul>
14.30-15.30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
15.30-16.00	<p><b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>State of Art in Familial Aortopathies</b> Eloisa Arbustini</p> <p>Chairs Jagat Narula, Gerasimos Filippatos</p>
16.00-17.00	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>How do we ensure equal access?</b> Chairs Eloisa Arbustini, Mary Adamopoulou</p> <p><b>INTRODUCTORY SPEECH</b> <b>Building Health Systems that Leave No One Behind</b> - Christina-Maria Kravvari (tbc)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> Lia Crotti, Alexandra A. Frogoudaki, Dimitra Antonakaki, Dimitrios Lytras (tbc)</p>
17.00-17.30	<b>BREAK</b>



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17.30-19.00	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Rare Diseases Ecosystem</b></p> <p>Chairs Dimitrios Athanasiou, Konstantinos Toutouzas, John Boletis</p> <p><b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b> Adonis Georgiadis</p> <p><b>INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS</b> Costas Fotakis, Athanasios Kyriazis</p> <p><b>INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ When humans and AI think together the story begins – <b>Irini Fundulaki</b></li><li>■ Health data must remain under democratic control – <b>George E. Dafoulas</b></li></ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> Eloisa Arbustini, Perry Elliott, Hara Ntatsi, Aris Anastasakis, Charalampos Vlachopoulos (tbc), Katerina Naka, Maria Psalla</p>
19.00-19.30	<p><b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>Medicine and Democracy</b> Panos E. Vardas</p> <p>Chairs Perry Elliott, Konstantinos Tsioufis</p>
19.30-20.00	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> Perry Elliott, Aris Anastasakis, Panos E. Vardas</p>

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<b>Mary Adamopoulou</b>	Patient Advocate, chairperson at "95, Rare Alliance Greece"
<b>Petros Agathangelou</b>	Professor of Cardiology, University of Nicosia; President of the Pancyprian Medical Association, Cyprus
<b>Aris Anastasakis</b>	Consultant Cardiologist, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece; Coordinator, National Network of Precision Medicine in Cardiology
<b>Dimitra Antonakaki</b>	Cardiologist, Inherited Cardiac Conditions Cardiac MRI & Sports, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece
<b>Alexios Antonopoulos</b>	Assistant Professor of Cardiology, Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 1st University Cardiology Clinic, Hippokraton General Hospital, Athens, Greece
<b>Eloisa Arbustini</b>	Professor, Research Dept. IRCCS Policlinico San Matteo, Pavia, Italy
<b>Dimitrios Athanasiou</b>	European Medicines Agency PCWP Member; World Duchenne Organization Board Member; Greek Patients Association Rare Diseases Greece Vice Chair
<b>Athanasios Bakalakos</b>	Clinical Research Fellow, University College London, Institute of Cardiovascular Science, UK
<b>Cristina Basso</b>	Professor of Cardiovascular Pathology, University of Padova, Italy
<b>John Boletis</b>	Professor of Nephrology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
<b>Olga Boleti</b>	Clinical research training fellow, PhD candidate, Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, University College London, UK
<b>Giacomo Bonacchi</b>	Cardiologist, Careggi University Hospital, Florence, Italy
<b>Michael Bonios</b>	Cardiologist, Head of the Heart Transplant Unit and Heart Failure Unit, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece
<b>Lia Crotti</b>	Director of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit – Auxologico San Luca, Milan, Italy
<b>George E. Dafoulas</b>	MD, MBA in HSM, Digital Health Policy Analyst, Ministry of Digital Governance and AI, Greece
<b>Monica De Gaspari</b>	Researcher, University of Padova, Italy



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George Efthimiadis	Professor, Department of Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Perry Elliott	Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, University College London (UCL), UK
Gerasimos Filippatos	Professor of Cardiology, Medical School, National University of Athens; Director of the Second University Cardiology Clinic, Attikon General Hospital, Athens, Greece
Costas Fotakis	Emeritus Professor of Physics at the University of Crete, Distinguished Member of the Foundation Organization for Research and Technology (FORTH)
Alexandra A. Frogoudaki	Elected Assistant Professor in Cardiology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Irini Fundulaki	Senior Researcher, Institute of Computer Science – FORTH and Collaborating Researcher GRnet, Greece
Adonis Georgiadis	Minister of Health, Hellenic Republic
Juan R. Gimeno	Professor of Cardiology, Hospital Universitario Virgen de la Arrixaca, Murcia, Spain
Thomas Gossios	Assistant Professor in Cardiology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Xenia Gourzi	Scientific co-director, Onassis Hospital
Hera Heracleous	Clinical Assistant Professor, Cardiology, Medical School, European University Cyprus
Loukas Kaklamanis	Pathologist, Associate, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece
Evangelia Karvouni	Cardiologist Inherited Cardiovascular Diseases and Cardiogenetics, Hygeia Hospital, Athens, Greece
Juan Pablo Kaski	Professor, MD(Res) FRCP FESC, Centre for Paediatric Inherited and Rare Cardiovascular Disease, University College London and Great Ormond Street Hospital, UK
Maria Koutelou	Nuclear Medicine Physician, Scientific Director of Nuclear Medicine, Bioiatriki Healthcare Group, Greece
Christina – Maria Kravvari	Secretary General of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Hellenic Republic



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Athanasios Kyriazis	Emeritus Professor, Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece; former Secretary General of Research and Innovation, Ministry of Development
Stamatia Laidou	Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Applied Biosciences, National Center for Research and Technological Development (CERTH), Thessaloniki, Greece
Giuseppe Limongelli	Professor of Cardiology, University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli", Italy
Emmanouela Linardaki	Postdoctoral Researcher, Laboratory Head, Diagnostic Genetics and Precision Medicine Unit (DIGENIA), Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (IMBB-FORTH), Heraklion, Greece
Luis Lopes	Consultant Cardiologist in the Inherited Cardiovascular Diseases Unit, Barts Heart Centre, London; Associate Professor, University College London, UK
Thomas Lüscher	Professor, Director of Research, Education and Development; Consultant Cardiologist, Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals GSTT, King's College and Imperial College London, UK; President European Society of Cardiology
Dimitrios Lytras	Doctor of Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Federica Marelli-Berg	Professor of Cardiovascular Immunology, Queen Mary University London, UK
Antigoni Miliou	Geneticist – Molecular Biologist
Katerina Naka	Professor of Cardiology, 2nd Department of Cardiology, Faculty of Medicine, School of Health, Ioannina, Greece
Jagat Narula	Professor of Cardiology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, USA; President, World Heart Federation
Hara Ntatsi	Clinical Psychologist
Evangelia Nyktari	Cardiology Consultant, CMR Unit Scientific Director, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece
Juan Pablo Ochoa	MD, PhD, Senior Research Scientist in CNIC (Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research), Spain
Efstathios Pagourelis	Assistant Professor in Cardiology/Echocardiography, Third Cardiology Department, Hippokraton University Hospital, Medical School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Malena Pantou	Scientific co-director, Onassis Hospital



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Angeliki Papageorgiou	Cardiologist, Unit of Inherited Cardiac Diseases, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece
Ioannis Papagiannis	Director of Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Disease, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece
Spyros Papaioannou	Interventional Cardiologist, Director of Cardiology Clinic B, Naval Hospital of Athens, Greece
Efstathios Papatheodorou	MD, PhD (London, UK), Cardiologist, Unit of Rare & Inherited CV Disease, Onassis Hospital, Athens, Greece; GR Network for Precision Medicine in Cardiology, Athens, Greece
Despoina Parcharidou	Cardiologist, First University Cardiology Clinic, AHEPA University Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece
Maria Psalla	Lawyer, Legal advisor, Hellenic Accreditation System
Angelos G. Rigopoulos	MD, PhD, FESC / Hygeia Hospital, Athens, Greece
Skevos Sideris	Cardiologist, Director of the Cardiology Department, Hippokration General Hospital, Athens, Greece
Hara Spiliopoulou	Professor of Forensic Pathology, University of Athens; Director at the Laboratory of Medicine and Toxicology of the University of Athens, Greece
Stefania Sventzouri	Cardiologist, Unit of Rare and Inherited CV disease, Onassis CSC/GR, Athens, Greece; Network of Precision Medicine for Genetic Cardiovascular Diseases and Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death in The Young
Dimitrios Terzis	Secretary General of Research and Innovation, Ministry of Development, Hellenic Republic
Dimitris Thanos	Researcher A', President of Scientific Board, Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens, Greece
Konstantinos Toutouzas	Professor of Cardiology; First Cardiology Department, Hippokration General Hospital, Athens; National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Athanasios Trikas	Associate Professor of Cardiology, University of Athens, Greece
Emmanouil Tsakonas	Data analyst, Member, GR Network for Precision Medicine in Cardiology, Athens, Greece
Konstantinos Tsioufis	Professor of Cardiology, University of Athens, Greece



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<b>Styliani Vakrou</b>	Cardiologist, Doctor of Medicine, University of Athens; Scientific Associate, Second University Cardiology Clinic, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, "Attikon" General Hospital, Athens, Greece
<b>Jolanda van der Velden</b>	Professor of Physiology; Chair, Departments of Physiology and Experimental Cardiology, Amsterdam University Medical Center, The Netherlands
<b>Panos E. Vardas</b>	Emeritus Professor in Cardiology; Supervisory Committee Chair of the Hellenic Network of Precision Medicine in Cardiology, Athens, Greece; President of the European Society of Cardiology (2012–2014)
<b>Konstantinos Varvagiannis</b>	Scientific Associate, Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens, Greece
<b>Charalampos Vlachopoulos</b>	Professor of Cardiology, 1st Cardiology Clinic, University of Athens, Hippokraton General Hospital, Athens, Greece
<b>Cordula M. Wolf</b>	Professor of Cardiology, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, German Heart Center Munich (TUM), Germany, Head of Cardiogenetics and Director for Rare Congenital Heart Diseases
<b>William Young</b>	Consultant Cardiologist / Electrophysiologist with a specialist interest in Inherited Arrhythmia Syndrome, St Bartholomew's Hospital; Clinical Lecturer, Queen Mary University of London, UK