

# Congress of the Southeast European Society for Cardiac Surgery

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The inaugural **Congress of the Southeast European Society for Cardiac Surgery** was organized under the auspices of the Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The Society, stemming from the national associations of regional countries, united doctors, nurses, and perfusionists from the region with the goal of exchanging experiences and improving patient care. The Meeting took place from November 7-8, 2025 in Zagreb.

Over the course of two days, the Meeting provided a unique opportunity to exchange knowledge, discuss the latest advancements, and collaborate on the challenges and future directions of cardiac surgery in our region. Our shared goal was to advance the science and practice of heart surgery, ultimately improving patient outcomes across Southeast Europe.

This Meeting brought together professionals from a diverse range of specialties, including surgeons, cardiologists, anesthesiologists, and allied healthcare providers. It was a platform for fostering multidisciplinary collaboration and strengthening the network of professionals dedicated to the care of patients with complex cardiac conditions.

We were proud to present a dynamic program that includes keynote lectures from world-renowned experts, as well as interactive workshops and clinical updates. Scientific sessions were designed to address the latest techniques, innovations, and evidence-based practices, inspiring meaningful dialogues and partnerships.

The Meeting was attended by 237 registered participants and another 40 participants for whom registration was waived. This made the 1<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Southeast European Society for Cardiac Surgery one of the most successful scientific events in the field of cardiac surgery ever organized in Croatia.

