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Djerba, October 16-18, 2025

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Live Transmission Sites:

- Kings College Hospital, London, United Kingdom
- International Medical Central, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Cedars Sinai Medical Center – Los Angeles, USA
- Military Hospital, Tunis, Tunisia
- La Rabta University Hospital, Tunis, Tunisia
- Sunninghill Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa

Thursday October 16th, 2025

Hall Djerba

09:00 – 10:15

Challenging cases of pediatric interventions

Chairs: Shakeel Qureshi – Faouzi Maatouk — Maiy El Sayed – Fekria Abid – Ikram Chamtouri – Syrine Abid

Facilitators: Ilyes Neffati – Abdeljelil Farhati

Case 1	<i>Rihab Bem Othmane, Tunisia</i>
Case 2	<i>Abdeljelil Farhati, Tunisia</i>
Case 3	<i>Maiy El Sayed, Egypt</i>
Case 4	<i>Houda Ghardallou, Tunisia</i>

Hall Monastir

Master Class on CTO PCI

Chairs: Faouzi Drissi - Morched Marouane – Ahmed Suliman - Samir Ahnia - Rania Hammami – Selma Charfeddine -Marouane Boukhris

Facilitators: Ayman Ben Abdessalam – Slim Boudiche

Angiogram interpretation and the importance of dual injection

Fourat Zouari, Tunisia

How to select your CTO guidewire?

Aymen Ben Abdessalem, Tunisia

How to select your CTO microcatheter

Elyes Kharrat, Tunisia

The application of the hybrid algorithm

Marouane Boukhris, France

Decoding CTO PCI: understanding the modern lexicon and crossing strategies

Giuseppe Coletti, Belgium

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break - Exhibitions visit -Clinical cases and science presentations

Session 1 Moderators:

Clinical Case Corner (CCC): *Amine Bahloul – Marouane Mahjoub*

Scientific Research Corner (SRC) 1 : *Firas Ennouri – Mehdi Boussaada*

Scientific Research Corner (SRC) 2 : *Taha Lassoued – Khaled Ben Jomaa*

10:45 – 11:45

Hall Djerba

AfricaPCR @ PAFCIC

Live from Sunninghill Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa

Pulmonary valve in valve - Tetralogy of Fallot

Chairs: Mohamed Ben Farhat - Mohamed Sobhy – Shakeel Qureshi – Maiy El Sayed – Elyes Naffati – Fatma Ouarda – Abdeljelil Farhati

Operator: Farrel Hellig,

Facilitators: David Kettles – Kais Battikh

Percutaneous Pulmonary Valve Implantation: State of the art *Shakeel Qureshi, UK*

11:00 – 11:30

Sponsored session

Chairs: Rachid Boujenah, Abdoul Kane, Fehmi Remadi, Abdallah Mahdhaoui, Dhaker Lahidheb, Kais Battikh,

12:30 – 13:00

Official Opening Ceremony

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch - symposium

14:00 – 15:00

Live from International Medical Center
Jeddah – Saudi Arabia

Chronic Total Occlusion PCI Step by step

Operator: *Khaled Tammam*

Chairs: Fethi Betbout – Mohamed Sobhy - Eric Eeckhout - Yahia Kiwan - Jamel Langar -
Leila Hached — Khaldoun Ben Hamda --- Marouane Boukhris –

Facilitators: Mehdi Slim - Aymen Ben Abdessalem

15:00 – 16:30

STEMI Management in Africa

Chairs: Youssef Ben Ameer - Jan Piek - Mohamed Sobhy – Hadley Wilson – Faiez Zannad – Wael Al Mahmeed - Habib Gamra

Facilitators: Jonathan Byrne - Kais Battikh

Stent Save A life, objectives, achievements

Jan Piek, The Netherlands

Stent Save a Life in Africa: achievements so far

Mohamed Sobhy, Egypt

Update on SSL initiative in Tanzania

Khuzaima Khanbhai, Tanzania

GHATI: an ACC initiative for STEMI care in Low and Middle income countries

Hadley Wilson, USA

Najda Initiative for the management of STEMI in Tunisia

Salem Abdessalem, Tunisia

Insights from STEMI India program

Thomas Alexander, India

Africa STEMI Live

Mohamed Jeilan, Kenya

Discussion and future actions

All

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break - Exhibitions visit -Clinical cases and science presentations

Session 2 Moderators:

CCC: Hamza Ellini – Abdeljelil Farhati

SRC1 : Helmi Kammoun – Leila Hached

SRC 2 : Syrine Saidane – Iheb Chahbani

17:00 – 17:45

Debate on artificial intelligence *Pros and Cons*

Chairs: Hadley Wilson - Habib Boussadia - Salem Abdessalem - Leila Abid – Asma Zidi - Faouzi Drissi – Morched Marouane –

Facilitators: Amine Bahloul – Mehdi Boussaada

Embedding AI into cardiovascular care

Hadley Wilson, USA

Pros:

Amine Bahloul, Tunisia

Cons: Risks and pitfalls particularly in Africa,

Mohamed Jeilan, Kenya

Discussion

17:45 – 18:15

Sponsored Session

Chairs: Ibrahim Ali Toure - Habiba Drissa - Samia Ernez – Kais Battikh

Sami Milouchi – Faten Triki -

Friday October 17th, 2025

08:30 – 10:00

Hall Djerba

Learning Intra Coronary Imaging

Chairs: Mohamed Sobhy –Jonathan Byrne – Mohamed Jeilan – Abdallah Mahdhaoui - Hassen Ibn Hadj Amor - Mohamed Hmem

Facilitators: Nazim Megherbi - Khuzaima Khanbhai

Intracoronary imaging: When and Why?

Tom Johnson, United Kingdom

Case presentation: How did IVUS help with this case?

Mohamed Jeilan, Kenya

Case presentation: How did OCT help with this case?

Jonathan Byrne, United Kingdom

How if I do not have access to imaging?

Dave Kettles, South Africa

Hall Monastir

Master Class on Interventional Echocardiography

Chairs: Soraya Ben Youssef – Leila Bazdah – Maiy El Sayed - Meriem Drissa – Samia Ernez – Syrine Abid – Anissa Joulak

Facilitators: Leila Abid – Ilyes Neffati

- in Paravalvular leak closure

Fethia Mghaieth, Tunisia

- Left atrial appendage closure

Fethia Mghaieth, Tunisia

- ASD closure

Ilyes Neffati, Tunisia

- Mitra clip

Sara Chenik, Tunisia

- Role of cardiac MRI in interventional cardiology

Asma Zidi, Tunisia

Hall Hammamet

Master Class on ICD and Pace Maker
How to optimize programming

Chairs: Youssef Ben Ameer – Abdelhamid Moustaghfir – Abdeddayem Haggui – Sonia Chabrak – Hedi Baccar – Zahreddine Smiri

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break - Exhibitions visit -Clinical cases and science presentations

Session 3 Moderators:

CCC: Fethia Meghaieth – Khuzaima Khanbhai

SRC 1 : Mohamed Hmem – Khaled Zaouia

SRC 2 : Aymen Najjar – Houda Ghardallou

10:30 – 11:00

Hall Djerba

Live from Osaka - Japan

Chairs: Samir Ahnia - Habib Gamra – Riadh Kasri – Abdoul kane – Helmi Kammoun – Roland Nguetta – Ibrahim Ali Toure - Hedi Ben Slima

New generation DES in complex PCI

Shozo Ishihara, Japan

11:00 – 12:00

Live from Military Hospital – Tunis
TAVI

Meril

Operators: Nadhem Hajlaoui – Wafa Fehri - Ayman Noomane

Chairs: Rachid Mechmeche - Soraya Ben Youssef – Imed Frikha - Amine Jemel –Jamel Langar — Morshed Marouane – Selma Charfeddine -

Facilitators: Jonathan Byrne – Dhaker Lahidheb

When you can't risk except the right size

Hesham Bahaa, Egypt

12:00 – 13:00

Hall Djerba

CSI Africa @ PAFCIC
Live from La Rabta University Hospital, Tunis
Percutaneous PDA closure

Chairs: Shakeel Qureshi - Eric Eeckhout - Abdelfattah Abid – Fekria Abid - Essia Boughzela - Maiy El Sayed -Fatma Ouarda –

Operator: Abdeljelil Farhati

Facilitator: Ilyes Neffati – Horst Sievert

PDA Closure: Step by step

Ilyes Neffati, Tunisia

Old and new devices for ASD closure

Horst Sievert, Germany

Transcatheter VSD closure: when and how in 2025

Maiy El Sayed, Egypt

Sinus Venosus ASD closure

Shakeel Qureshi, UK

13:00 – 13:30

Interview With The Legends

Interview with Professor Sir Shakeel Qurechi *By Maiy El Sayed & Habib Gamra*

Interview with Doctor Augusto Pichard *By Jonathan Byrne & Mohamed Jeilan*

13:30 – 14:00

*A revisited debate Ten years later
on Renal denervation*

Chairs: Mohamed Sobhy – Fethi Betbout – Habib Boussadia - Samir Ahnia - Jonathan Byrne – David Kettles – Ahmed Suliman – Hedi Baccar

Renal denervation is strongly back

Horst Sievert, Germany

We do not need it

Faiez Zannad, France

14:00 – 15:00

Live from Kings College Hospital – London

Imaging guided Complex PCI



Medtronic

Operators: Ian Webb - Nilesh Pareek

Chairs: Augusto Pichard - Fehmi Remadi - Leila Hached – Abdelhamid Moustaghfir - Morshed Marouane – Faouzi Drissi – Khuzaima khanbhai – Sami Milouchi – Hichem Denguir

Facilitators: Jonathan Byrne - Kais Battikh

15:00 – 15:30

Sponsored session

Chairs: Faouzi Maatouk - Riadh Kasri – Anissa Joulak - Abdoul Kane – Abdallah Mahdhaoui - Iheb Chahbani

15:30 – 16:30

Current Management of Chronic Coronary Syndromes

Chairs: Mohamed Sobhy – Abdelhadi Kadidi – Salem Abdessalem - Roland Nguetta – Dhaker Lahidheb

Facilitators: Selim Boudiche – Mohamed Jeilan

Current evidence on the role of regenerative medicine for the management of CCS
Yahia Kiwan, UAE

Pharmacological therapy in CCS
Peter Collins, UK

Transcatheter therapy of diffuse coronary artery lesions
Abdullah Shehab, UAE

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break - Exhibitions visit -Clinical cases and science presentations

Session 4 *Moderators:*

CCC: Anissa Joulak – Mourad Jarrar

SRC 1 : Ahmed Suliman – Fourat Zouari

SRC 2 : Mohamed Boussadia – Aymen Ben Abdessalem

17:00 – 18:30

**Live From Cedar Sinai Medical Center
Los Angeles, USA**
Tricuspid Valve Replacement

Operator: Raj Makkar

Chairs: Augusto Pichard - Imed Frikha - Eric Eeckhout -Mohamed Sobhy - Dhaker Lahidheb – Morched Marouane – Jamel Langar - Mehdi Slim

Facilitators: Habib Gamra, Mohamed Jeilan

Keynote Lecture: TAVI for aortic regurgitation: Current status and future prospects

Raj Makkar, USA

Saturday October 18th, 2025

08:30 – 10:00

Hall Djerba

Mastering calcified lesions PCI

Chairs: Eric Eeckhout – Roland Nguetta – David Kettles - Rania Hammami - Fourat Zouari – Aymen Ben Abdessalem – Abdelhedi Kadidi – Jamel Langar

Facilitators: Jonathan Byrne – Kais Battikh

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| - Using high pressure balloon | Rania Hammami, TN |
| - Using scoring balloon | Nazim Meghrebi, KSA |
| - Using rotablator | Fourat Zouari, TN |
| - Using shockwave | Jonathan Byrne, UK |
| - Managing complications | David Kettles, SA |

Hall Monastir

Learning Transseptal Catheterization

Chairs: Mohamed Ben Farhat - Horst Sievert – Rachid Mechmeche - Essia Boughzela – Maiy El Sayed – Meriem Drissa

Facilitators: Abdeljelil Farhati – Ahmed Suliman

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| - Anatomy of IAS and indications of TSP | Ahmed Suliman, Sudan |
| - Transseptal kit: components and preparation | Maiy El Sayed, Egypt |
| - Fluoroscopy guided TS: When and How? | Abdeljelil Farhati, Tunisia |

- Echo guided TS: When and How?

Fethia Mghaieth, Tunisia

- Complications of TSP: How to manage? How to prevent? *Habib Gamra, Tunisia*

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break - Exhibitions visit -Clinical cases and science presentations

Session 5 Moderators:

CCC: Syrine Abid – Taha Lassoued

SRC 1 : Anissa Joulak – Firas Ennouri

SRC 2 : Khaled Ezzaouia – Aymen Najjar

10:30 – 12:00

Hall Djerba

Atrial fibrillation ablation with PFA

Live from La Rabta Hospital, Tunis

**Boston
Scientific**

Chairs: Abdelhamid Moustaghfir –Youssef Ben Ameer- Imane El Hajjaji - Slim Kacem – Aymen Hraiech

Facilitators: Abdeddayem Haggui -

Operator: Sana Ouali

AF Ablation with Pulsed Field Ablation Technology

*Leadless Pace maker
Live-In-Abox*

Abbott

Operator: Abdelhamid Moustaghfir

CRT: How to avoid non-responders:

Abdeddayem Haggui, Tunisia

Left bundle branch area Pacing: a major but slow advance in practice

Imane El Hajjaji, Morocco

Lead extraction: state of art.

Goran Milasinovich, Serbia

12:00 – 13:00

Heart Failure in Africa

Chairs: Faiez Zannad – Youssef Ben Ameer - Leila Abid – Habiba Drissa - Sami Mourali – Abdallah Mahdhaoui – Salem Abdessalem - Faten Triki

How Heart Failure is managed in Africa?

Leila Abid, Tunisia

Optimal management of heart failure in 2025

Faiez Zannad, France

Non pharmacological therapy in heart failure

Horst Sievert, Germany

13:00– 13:30

Keynote Lecture

Mental and physical health of interventional cardiologists

Eric Eeckhout, Switzerland

13:30 – 14:30

Complications by The Masters

Chairs: Augusto Pichard – Hadley Wilson - Fehmi Remadi – Fethi Betbout – Habib Gamra

Facilitators: Eric Eeckhout - Jonathan Byrne

- Case 1

Horst Sievert, Germany

- Case 2

Jamel Langer, Tunisia

- Case 3

Shakeel Qureshi, UK

- Case 4

Eric Eeckhout, Switzerland

- Case 5

Augusto Pichard, USA

- Case 6

Dave Kettles, SA

14:30 – 15:00

Closing Keynote Lecture

Chairs: Mohamed Ben Farhat – Horst Sievert – Habib Gamra

**Lessons learned from my career on interventional cardiology and
my prediction for the future**

Augusto Pichard, USA

Closing Remarks / Meeting Highlights