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In keeping with the tradition, the meeting has moved again and we are again proud to see it showcased in Malmö, Sweden. The atmosphere will as always be open and friendly and we look forward to intense discussions and debates.

We welcome you all and look forward to your discussions and challenging questions so we can push the field forward, together!

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SYNOPTIC

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09:15	SESSION 2: IMAGING AND AI	10:30	Coffee break
10:15	Coffee break	11:00	SESSION 10: ENDOLEAKS AND REINTERVENTIONS
10:45	SESSION 3: THE TECHNICAL SESSION	12:00	Lunch
11:45	KEY-NOTE LECTURE	13:00	SESSION 11: ASCENDING AND HEMI-ARCH REPAIR
12:00	Lunch	14:30	SESSION 12: TOTAL ARCH REPAIR
13:00	SESSION 4: PARARENAL AAA: THE SKY IS THE LIMIT...	15:20	EBAC EVALUATION
14:00	SESSION 5: ALL ABOUT BRIDGING STENTGRAFTS	15:30	VISIT SIEMENS FACTORY <small>Limited seats, upon registration</small>
15:00	Coffee break		
15:30	SESSION 6: TOP-GUN SESSION ON TAAA		
16:30	SESSION 7: FENESTRATIONS, BRANCHES, AND FRIENDS...		
17:30	Closing remarks		
19:00	Official dinner		

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

08:00 **Welcome address**

08:15 SESSION 1: WARMING UP

08:15 Current overview of changing epidemiology of aneurysmal disease. [Ian Loftus](#)
08:21 Early sac regression as a predictor of long-term outcomes. [Joost Van Herwaarden](#)
08:27 Centralization of aortic surgery in Europe: are we all following the ESVES guidelines?
[Markus Steinbauer](#)
08:33 Do we need to measure indifference and resistance to anticoagulation medication?
[Petroula Nana](#)
08:39 Spinal cord protection in TAAA: what does really work? [Daniela Branzan](#)
08:45 A review of the major centers' protocols for spinal protection in branched EVAR.
[Martin Funovics](#)
08:51 Discussion

09:15 SESSION 2: IMAGING AND AI

09:15 Top ten tips in radiation protection. [Bijan Modarai](#)
09:21 Minimizing radiation in F/BEVAR without adjuncts: how low can we go? [Nathan Liang](#)
09:27 Advancing personalized endovascular repair with AI-supported planning.
[Vladimir Makaloski](#)
09:33 Does a combination of modern C-arm and IVUS reduce radiation? [Maani Hakimi](#)
09:39 New features of a modern dedicated C-arm in a Hybrid room. [Stephan Haulon](#)
09:45 The role of CBCT with CO₂ in (c)-EVAR: can we replace post-op angio-CT? [Michele Antonello](#)
09:51 Discussion

10:15 Coffee break in the exhibition hall

10:45 SESSION 3: THE TECHNICAL SESSION

10:45 Anatomic feasibility of a standard custom design to serve as an OTS for urgent complex AAA. [Michele Piazza](#)
10:51 Modified snare ride technique. [Mark Farber](#)
10:57 How to deal with highly calcified iliac access: advantages and limitations of IVL.
[Maria Antonella Ruffino](#)
11:03 Total transfemoral access versus upper extremity access in F/BEVAR: impact on outcomes.
[Grace Mulatti](#)
11:09 Value of off-the-shelf branched graft in elective and urgent complex Aneurysms.
[Mauro Gargiulo](#)
11:15 Defining the optimal clinical and anatomical scenarios for EndoAnchors. [Piotr Kasprzak](#)
11:21 Discussion

11:45 KEY-NOTE LECTURE

11:45 FEVAR after EVAR works well but long-term results are somewhat disappointing. Why this may be and technical tips to achieve success. [Marc Schermerhorn](#)

12:00 Lunch break in the exhibition hall

13:00	SESSION 4: PARARENAL AAA: THE SKY IS THE LIMIT...
13:00	AI assisted standardized approach for 4-fen PMEG. Michele Piazza
13:06	Long-term results with second generation fenestrated graft. Kakkhee Yeung
13:12	Multicenter data using 4xFEVAR without stenting of the celiac fenestration. Pablo Marques
13:18	GLOBALSTAR long-term results of FEVAR and lessons learned. Ian Loftus
13:24	In good anatomy 2-vessel FEVAR can be durable. Barend Mees
13:30	Towards on-label PMEG? Valdimir Makaloski
13:36	Discussion
14:00	SESSION 5: ALL ABOUT BRIDGING STENTGRAFTS
14:00	Update on the EXPAND trial in TAAA. Martin Austermann
14:06	Geometrical comparison of a dedicated flaring bridging stent compared to an all-rounder product in FEVAR. Natasha Hasemaki
14:12	Multicenter study on a new dedicated bridging stentgraft. Stephan Haulon
14:18	Systematic review and meta-analysis on long-term results of a bridging stent in F/BEVAR and IBD. Petroula Nana
14:24	Use of self-expandable covered stents in BEVAR. Tilo Kölbel
14:30	Two-year data of the on-label multicentre bridging stentgraft study. Pablo Marques
14:36	Discussion
15:00	Coffee break in the exhibition hall
15:30	SESSION 6: TOP-GUN SESSION ON TAAA
15:30	Novel device for the treatment of TAAA. Alex Zimmermann
15:36	One-year results of an FDA approved off-the-shelf TAAAB graft and renal duplex data to predict occlusions / First European experience with an off-the-shelf TAAAB graft. Mark Farber
15:42	Two-year results of the Inbreed trial. Michele Antonello
15:48	Evolution of F/BEVAR outcomes over time. Hence Verhagen
15:54	The ORTIC concept (endo-skeleton + PTFE) for fast treatment of complex aortic aneurysms. Alvaro Razuk
16:00	Update on the EADC Registry. Eric Verhoeven
16:06	Discussion
16:30	SESSION 7: FENESTRATIONS, BRANCHES, AND FRIENDS....
16:30	Custom made grafts: how to choose between inner branches and/or fenestrations? Said Abisi
16:36	Long-term patency data on inner branches. Is graft configuration important? Athanasios Katsaryris
16:42	Differences in local hemodynamic forces between inner branched-enside and outer branched T-Branch. William Yoon
16:48	Role of semi-branches. Alexander Oberhuber
16:54	When to use bi-directional or twin branches in BEVAR? Phillip Geisbüsch
17:00	Target Vessel patency after endovascular repair of TAAA. Sukgu Han
17:06	Discussion
17:30	Closing remarks

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

08:30 SESSION 8: ACUTE AORTIC DISSECTION

08:30 Evolution of PETTICOAT/Stabilise technique with a novel device. [Ian Loftus](#)
08:36 Update on the sunday and other trials on u-TBD. [Jakob Budtz-Lilly](#)
08:42 STABILISE update. [Germano Melissano](#)
08:48 Fate of distal aorta after type A dissection. [Luis Mendes Pedro](#)
08:54 Reinterventions and remodelling after type A dissection treated with FET. [Blandine Maurel](#)
09:00 High-risk features to treat ATBD: how strong is the evidence. [Hence Verhagen](#)
09:06 Discussion

09:30 SESSION 9: CHRONIC DISSECTION

09:30 Target vessel outcomes in dissections: impact of vessel lumen origin. [Mark Farber](#)
09:36 Update on indications and limitations of false lumen occlude device technique. [Fiona Rohlfss](#)
09:42 Electrosurgical septotomy to facilitate BEVAR for post-dissection thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysms. [Giovanni Pratesi](#)
09:48 False lumen management in PDTAAA. [Mauro Gargiulo](#)
09:54 MISACE for cTBD: effected in reducing SCI, EL II and sac growth. [Luca Bertoglio](#)
10:00 Full-metal jacket for acute and chronic dissection cases: when is it indicated? [Tomasz Jakimowicz](#)
10:06 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break in the exhibition hall

11:00 SESSION 10: ENDOLEAKS AND REINTERVENTIONS

11:00 Evidence and value of pre-emptive coil embolisation before EVAR. [Dittmar Böckler](#)
11:06 Sac embolization with plugs: which is the correct indication? [Marc Schermerhorn](#)
11:12 Strategies for treatment of EVAR limb occlusion. [Giovanni Pratesi](#)
11:18 AAA rupture after EVAR: tips to perform endo and open reinterventions. [Piotr Szopinski](#)
11:24 Endovascular rescue of type 1A endoleak after zone 2 repair. [George Pontikis](#)
11:30 (Semi)-conversion in FEVAR after EVAR: what was the final diagnosis? [Athanasios Katsaryris](#)
11:36 Discussion

12:00 Lunch on the exhibition hall

13:00 SESSION 11: ASCENDING AND HEMI-ARCH REPAIR

13:00 Experience with a thoracic single side branch device. [Alexander Oberhuber](#)
13:06 Fenestrated arch grafts: relevance in a branched environment. [Carla Van Rijswijk](#)
13:12 Second-generation single arch branched device: almost off-the-shelf? [Gioele Simonte](#)
13:18 Off-the-shelf FEVAR for acute type-A dissection. [Stephan Haulon](#)
13:24 ESVES consensus in ascending TEVAR. [Santi Trimarchi](#)
13:30 Long-term patency of supra-aortic vessels after arch branched repair. [Tilo Kölbel](#)
13:36 Discussion

14:30 SESSION 12: TOTAL ARCH REPAIR

14:30 From single branch to triple branch arch repair. [Tim Resch](#)

14:36 The Japanese aortic arch graft way: follow-up experience with potential advantages.
[Fabio Verzini](#)

14:42 Pros and cons with retrograde arch branched end-grafts. [Nuno Dias](#)

14:48 New graft design for an arch repair with only 02 diamonds for 03 branches.
[Marcelo Ferreira](#)

14:54 Double home-made fenestrated total arch repair: pros and cons in the light of currently available options. [Thomas Gandet](#)

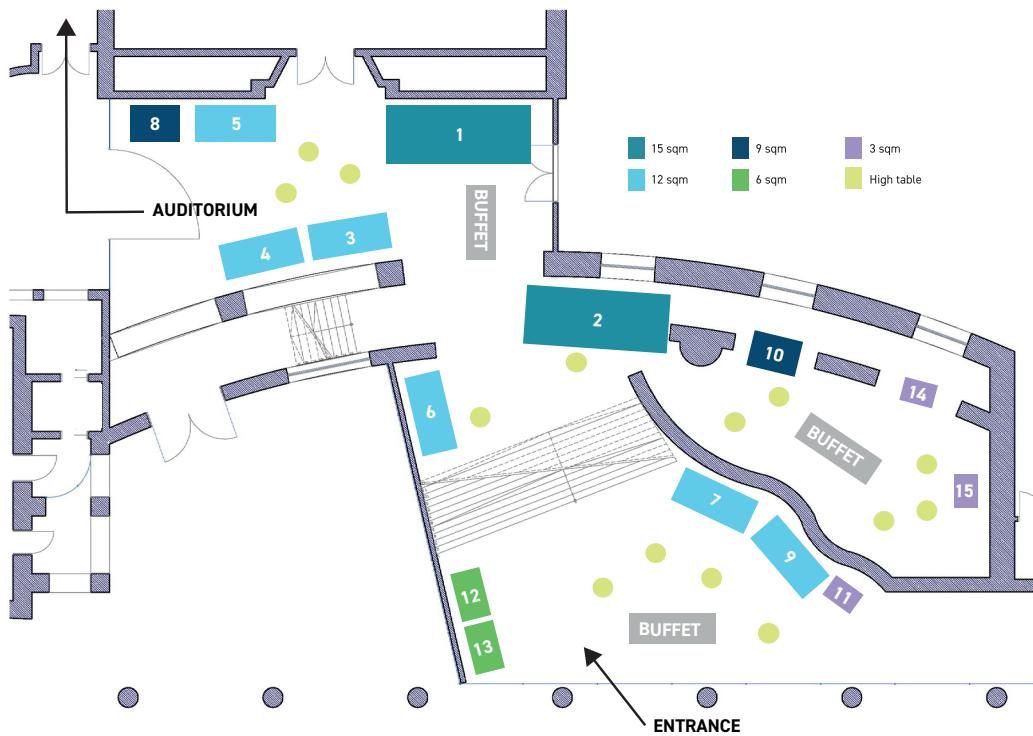
15:00 Arch repairs are not harmless: how to avoid complications. [Nikos Tsilimparis](#)

15:06 Discussion

15:20 EBAC evaluation (more information on page 11)

15:30 Visit Siemens Factory (no fee but limited to 65 persons, reservation needed)

EXHIBITION HALL



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Friday March 20: 08:00-15:00



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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION DESK

Thursday March 19: 08:00-18:00
Friday March 20: 08:00-15:00

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the congress is English.

OFFICIAL DINNER

Seated dinner

Date: Thursday March 19 at 07:30pm

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