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4th Yerevan International Cardiovascular Symposium and German - Armenian Joint Meeting on Heart Failure

Heart Failure: From Prevention to Transplantation

Better
Prevention
Smarter
Treatment
Healthier
Tomorrows



Cardiomyopathies



Interventions



GDMT



HFpEF



Prevention



**ICD
CRT-D**



HFrEF



Imaging



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**Valvular
Heart
disease**



**Heart
Transplantation**

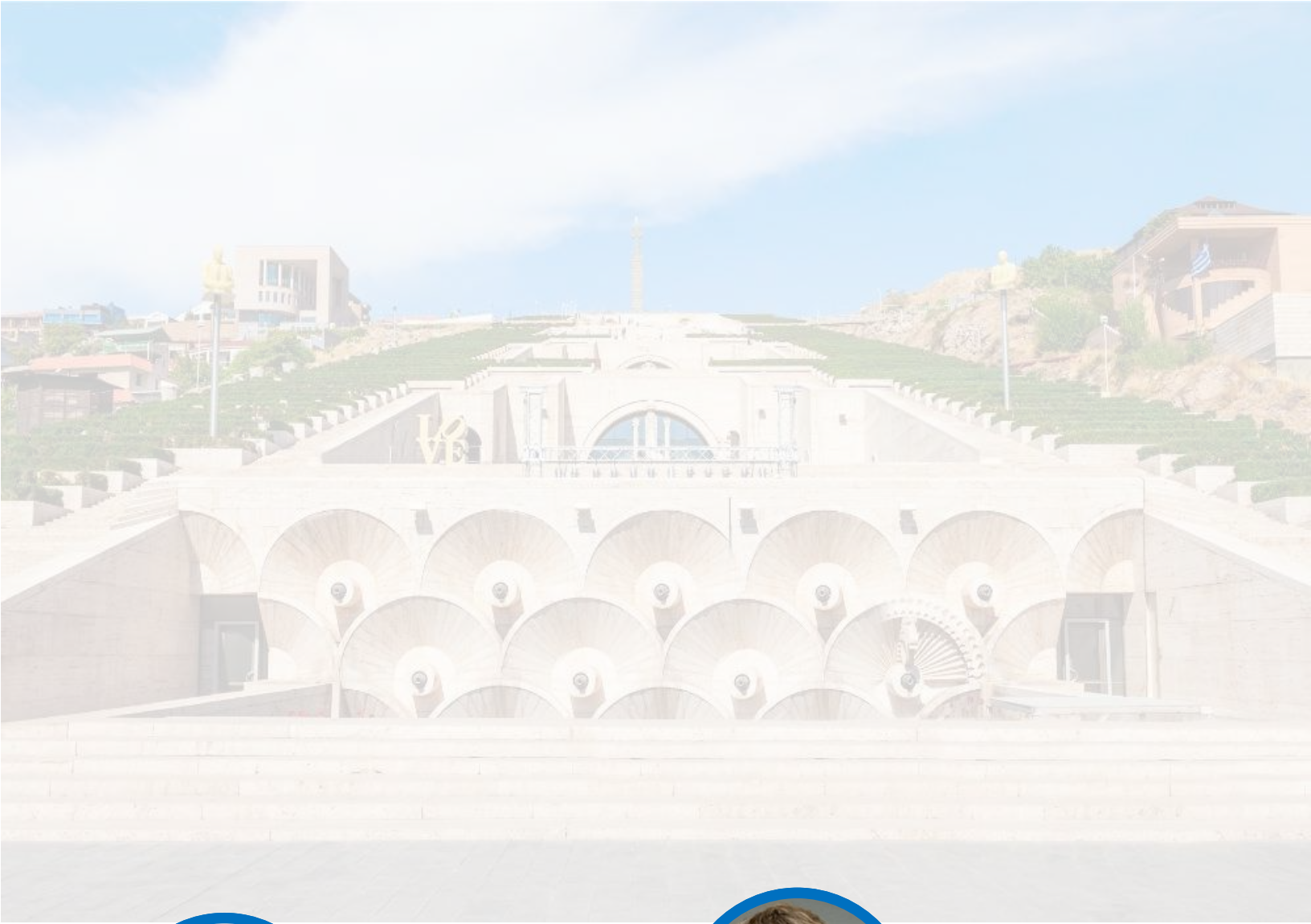


October 1-3, 2026



**Venue:
Central Hall, YSMU**

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WELCOME ADDRESS OF RECTOR YEREVAN STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY AFTER MKHITAR HERATSI



Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome cardiologists and healthcare professionals to the 4th Yerevan Cardiovascular Symposium and the German-Armenian Joint Meeting on Heart Failure. Under the central theme "Heart Failure: From Prevention to Transplantation," this year's forum brings together leading global expertise to address the evolving complexities of cardiovascular care, emerging clinical guidelines, and innovative technologies.

Today, clinical progress hinges on translating pathophysiological discoveries into practical, life-saving therapies—from advanced imaging, cardiac resynchronization, and percutaneous valvular interventions to mechanical circulatory support and heart transplantation. Our academic program reflects this comprehensive continuum, aiming to improve patient outcomes and quality of life across complex cardiovascular diseases. Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi keeps strong tradition in cardiovascular excellence and its global academic network. Special recognition is extended to our colleagues from Magdeburg University Hospital with gratitude for our long-term partnership.

We also reaffirm our dedication to future leaders in medicine through dedicated scientific sessions and honoring the legacy of Professor Aram Chobanian.

Beyond the scientific discussions, we trust you will enjoy your time in Armenia, immersing yourself in our rich cultural heritage and warm hospitality. We wish you a fruitful symposium and extend our particular warmest welcome to Yerevan.

Sincerely,

Professor Armen Muradyan

*Rector, Yerevan State Medical University
after Mkhitar Heratsi*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Armen Muradyan', written in a cursive style.

International speakers

- **K. Arkun** – Director, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Tufts Medical Center, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston
- **T. Bekfani** – Cardiology Clinic, Otto von Guericke University Hospital Magdeburg, Senior researcher at CTCPR, Magdeburg and Copenhagen
- **G. Filippatos** – Past-President of HFA of ESC, Chair of Cardiology Department, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Director of the HF Unit at the Attikon University Hospital, Athens
- **Z. Kipiani** – President of Georgian HF society, Head of Cardiology Department, Jerarsi Clinic, Tbilisi
- **M. Martinez-Selles** – Head of Acute Cardiac Care Unit of Department of Cardiology, Hospital General Universitario Gregorio Marañón, Full Professor of Medicine, Universidad Europea de Madrid, Associate Professor, Universidad Complutense, President of the College of Physicians of Madrid, Vice-President of the Interprofessional Association of the Community of Madrid, Madrid
- **H. Montanus** – Consultant at Cardiology Clinic, Otto von Guericke University Hospital Magdeburg, Magdeburg
- **L. Montanus** – Consultant at Cardiology Clinic, Otto von Guericke University Hospital Magdeburg, Magdeburg
- **H. Skouri** – Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City-Mayo Clinic-UAE, Board Member and National Coordinator of HFA, Abu Dhabi
- **A. Ter-Akopyan** – Head of Interventional Cardiology Department, Kremlin Hospital, Consultant, Department of General and Invasive Cardiology, Yerevan State Medical University, Moscow and Yerevan
- **K. Toutouzas** – President of Hellenic Society of Cardiology, Director of Structural Heart Diseases, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Hippokration Hospital, Athens
- **N. Yeritsyan** – Consultant at Cardiology Clinic, Otto von Guericke University Hospital Magdeburg, Magdeburg

Local speakers

- **M. Adamyan** – Director of the Nork Marash Medical Center, Yerevan

- **S. Aghayan** – Interventional Cardiology Unit, University Hospital 1, Yerevan State Medical University, Department of General and Invasive Cardiology
- **A. Apoyan** – Interventional Cardiology Department, Nork Marash Medical Center, Yerevan
- **T. Astvatsatryan** – Head of Department of Cardiology, Shengavit Medical Center, Chairman , Cardiology of NIH, Yerevan
- **A. Chilingaryan** – Chair of Cardiology, Yerevan State Medical University, Head of WG on Cardiac Imaging, Armenian Cardiologists Association, Yerevan
- **A. Danoyan** – Head of Interventional Arrhythmology Unit, Astgik Medical Center
- **H. Hayrapetyan** – President of Armenian Cardiologists Association, Chairman of the Cardiology Department of Yerevan State Medical University, Head of Clinic of Cardiology, Erebouni Medical Center, Yerevan
- **T. Hovakimyan** – Founder and Head of Cardio Lab Clinic, Yerevan
- **A. Hovhannisyan**- Medical Department ,Fund for Armenian Relief, Yerevan
- **I. Hovhannisyan** – Head of Department of Cardiology, “St Gregory the Illuminator” Hospital, Yerevan
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- **A. Khachatryan** – Young Ambassador EHRA from Armenia, Head of Cardiac Electrophysiology Service, Nork Marash Cardiac Medical Center, Yerevan
- **M. Kurginyan** – Cardiac Surgery Department ,Nork Marash Medical Center, Yerevan
- **H. Kzhdryan** – Cardiology Chair, Yerevan State Medical University, Head of Cardiology Service at Slav Med Hospital, Yerevan
- **M. Martirosyan** – Head of Division of Cardiac Rhythm Disorder , Cardiology Center, Erebouni Medical Center, Yerevan
- **A. Piruzyan** – Founder and Head of Piruzyan Cardiology Clinic, Yerevan
- **Ts. Sargsyan** - – Interventional Cardiology Unit, Coordinator of Structural Heart Disease Program, University Hospital 1, Department of General and Invasive Cardiology, Yerevan State Medical University, Yerevan
- **L. Sahakyan** – University Hospital 1, Yerevan State Medical University, Board Member Armenian Cardiologists Association
- **H. Sahiyan** – Head of Department of Cardio-Pulmonology, Erebouni Medical Center, Chairman, Internal Diseases, Department , NIH of Armenia, Yerevan
- **M. Stamboltsyan** – Department of General and Invasive Cardiology, Internal Diseases, University Hospital 1, Yerevan State Medical University, Yerevan
- **A. Terteryan** – Head of Cardiac Care Unit, – Department of General and Invasive Cardiology ,University Hospital 1, Yerevan State Medical University, Yerevan
- **A. Vardanyan** – Interventional Arrhythmology, Department of General and Invasive Cardiology, Internal Diseases, University Hospital 1, Yerevan State Medical University
- **K. Vardanyan** – HFA Young Ambassador from Armenia
Nork Marash Medical Center

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and
**German- Armenian Joint
Meeting on Heart Failure**
October 2-3 2026 | Yerevan, Armenia
Will be held in Yerevan State Medical University , Central
Hall

Thursday, October 1, 2026

09:00-10:00	Registration	
10.00-10.30	Opening Addresses	
Session	INVITED PLENARY LECTURES Heart Failure in 2026	
Chairpersons-	G. Filippatos, H. Hayrapetyan	
10.30-11.00	Controversies in Heart Failure	G. Filippatos, Attikon University Hospital , Athens
11.00-11.30	Global challenges and what should we learn from new ESC 2026 guidelines	H. Sisakian, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
11.30-12.00	Artificial Intelligence in Heart failure	L. Grigorian, San Rafael University Hospital, University of Franco de Victoria, Madrid
12.00-13.00	Aortic valve disease in 2026: Long term results of TAVI	K. Toutouzas, Hippokration Hospital, Athens

13.00-14.00	LUNCH
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INVITED PLENARY LECTURES Structural Interventions and support in Heart Failure		
Chairpersons	L. Grigorian, M. Adamyan	
14.00-14.30	Mitral clip – indications and results from recent clinical trials.	S. Kiramijyan , Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles
14.30-15.00	TAVR program evolvment in Armenia: advances and challenges	A. Apoyan, Nork Marash Medical Center, Yerevan
15.00-15.30	Updates on Advanced Heart failure management.	H. Skouri, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi
15.30-16.00	Tricuspid valve. The new target.	L. Grigorian, San Rafael University Hospital, University of Franco de Victoria, Madrid

16.00-16.15	Advanced HF: indications of LVAD	H. Skouri, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi
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16.15-16.30	Coffee break	
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SESSION	FREE COMUNICATIONS	
Chairpersons-	A. Chilingaryan, L. Hazarapetyan	
16.30-16.50	Invasive Assessment of Coronary microvascular disease	S. Aghayan, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
16.50-17.10	Implementation of heart failure guidelines in real practice	Z. Kipiani, New Hospitals , Tbilisi
17.10-17.30	HF prevention :improving arterial hypertension control in rural Armenia ; results of 18 month primary care pilot program	L. Sahakyan and A. Hovhannisyan University Hospital 1 and FFAR, Yerevan

17.30-18.30	Satellite symposium	
Chairpersons	M. Ordyan, T. Astvatsatryan	
17:30-18:00 Krka	New multicomponent effects of SGLT2 inhibitors in different phenotypes of HF	H. Sisakian, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
18:00-18:30 Stada	Management of cardiovascular disease with comorbid chronic venous insufficiency and flebothrombosis	A.Piruzyan, Piruzyan Medical Center, Yerevan
18:30-19:00 Krka	Cardiovascular risk managements: Its time for action	A.Terteryan, University Hospital 1, Yerevan

Friday, October 2, 2026

09.00-10: 30 Session for cardiologists of tomorrow Research projects and Difficult cases Award ceremony – in memory of Professor Aram Chobanian	
Chairpersons	S. Kiramijyan, L. Grigorian, H. Sisakian

Session	Heart Transplantation	
Chairpersons	M. Martinez-Selles, G . Heboyan	
10.30 – 11.00	Heart transplantation in Spain: a journey through innovation, excellence and challenges	M. Martinez-Selles, University Hospital Gregorio Maranon, Madrid
11.00 – 11.30	Pathoanatomical evaluation of transplant rejection: current concepts and diagnostic challenges	K. Arkun, Tufts Medical Center, Boston
11.30 - 12.00	Heart Transplant capacity in Armenia: clinical requirements, challenges and the road ahead	M. Kurginyan, Nork-Marash Cardiosurgery Center, Yerevan
12.00 -12.20	Building a National Transplantation program: from policy and infrastruture to sustainable patient care	Representative of the Ministry of Health
12.20 – 12.40	Panel Disscusiom	

12.40-13.00	Coffee break
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	German Armenian joint meeting Magdeburg University- YSMU partnership Plenary Session	
Chairpersons	R. Braun- Dullaeus, H. Sisakian	
13:00-13:15	Opening remarks	
13.15-13.45	Lecture in memory of E. Braunwald Coronary microvascular dysfunction and HF	R. Braun- Dullaeus, Magdeburg University Hospital , Magdeburg
13.45-14.05	Unmasking special types of Heart Failure: The power of Cardiac Imaging	H. Sisakian, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
14.05-14.25	Prevention of Heart Failure	A.Chilingaryan , Yerevan Medical Center, Yerevan
14:25- 14.45	Monitoring of heart failure: The future is here	T. Bekfani, Magdeburg University Hospital, Magdeburg
14:45-15:05	How to treat HF p EF	N . Yeritsyan, Magdeburg University Hospital,

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15.05-16.-00	Lunch break
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	Satellite symposium	
Chairpersons	T. Astvatsatryan, L. Hazarapetyan	
16.00-16: 20 Acino	Adherence as prevention: a simple step towards reduction of cardiovascular risk	L. Grigorian, San Rafael University Hospital, University of Franco de Victoria, Madrid
16: 20-16:40 Egis	Rosuvastatin in chronic HF : prevention or management target	T. Astvatsatryan. Shengavit Medical Center, Yerevan
16:40-17:00 Krka	ESC/EAS Guidelines for management of Dyslipidaemias	A.Piruzyan , Medical Center, Yerevan
17:00-17:20 Egis	Pitfalls and Uncertainties in anticoagulation. What to do when evidence stops Being Simple	A.Chilingaryan , Yerevan Medical Center, Yerevan
17:20-17:40 Gedeon Richter	Residual risk in post-infarction: How to interevent.	A.Chilingaryan , Yerevan Medical Center, Yerevan

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Session	Acute Heart failure	
Chairpersons	K. Vardanyan, A. Terteryan	
9.00-9.20	Valvular emergencies: Recognition and rapid management in critical care	K. Vardanyan, Nork-Marash Cardiosurgery Center, Yerevan

9.20-9.40	Cardiogenic Shock	L. Montanus, Magdeburg University Hospital Magdeburg
9.40-10.00	Acute heart failure: Unmasking Pheochromocytoma in patient with acute cardiogenic shock. Case report.	I. Hovhannisyan , St Gregory Illuminator Hospital , Yerevan

Session	Special phenotypes in HF	
Chairpersons	T. Hovakimyan, H. Kzdryan	
10.00-10.20	Cardiac amyloidosis, subtypes, clinical diagnosis and imaging	K. Arkun , Tufts Medical Center, Boston
10.20-10.40	Inherited cardiomyopathies : overlooked diseases	T. Hovakimyan, CardioLab Medical Center , Yerevan
10.40-11.00	HFpEF : Multiple phenotypes in one diagnosis	H. Kzdryan, Slav Med Hospital
11.00-11.15	The art of Echocardiographic Assessment of congestion	M. Stamboltsyan, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
11.15-11.30	Non – pharmacological therapy and training in heart failure	H. Montanus, Magdeburg University Hospital, Magdeburg
11.30-11.45	Heart failure and comorbidities	H. Sahiyan, Ereboundi Medical Center , Yerevan

11.45-12.00	Coffee
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PLENARY SESSION:	Device management and advanced electrophysiology in Heart Failure	
Chairpersons	A. Khachatryan, A. Kartoyan	
12.00-12.20	Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: Where Are We Today?	A.Danoyan, Astgik Medical Center, Yerevan
12.20-12.40	When should we use ICD in heart failure	A.Vardanyan, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
12.40-13.00	Transition from passive to active fixation in leadless pacing : our experience	M. Martirosyan, Ereboundi Medical Center , Yerevan
13.00-13.20	Conduction system pacing in Heart Failure	A. Khachatryan, Nork-Marash Cardiosurgery Center, Yerevan

13.20.-14.20	Lunch
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Session	Structural heart disease and Innovations in HF	
Chairpersons	S. Kiramijyan, Ts. Sargsyan	
14.20 – 14.40	Valvular diseases assessment through 4D echocardiography	L. Sahakyan , University Hospital 1 , Yerevan
14.40-15.00	The dark side of TAVI	S. Kiramijyan, Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles
15.00-15.20	Difficult cases in TAVI	Ts. Sargsyan, University

		Hospital 1, Yerevan
15.20-15.40	Current Interventional treatment strategies of heart failure patients: an overview	A. Ter-Akopyan, Kremlin Hospital and YSMU , Moscow -Yerevan
15.40-16.00	Mitral clipping case; Armenian-German collaboration.	M. Stamboltsyan, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
16.00-16.15	Panel Discussion	

16 :15-	Satellite Symposium	
Chairpersons	H. Sisakian, L. Tunyan,	
16:15-16:40 Gedeon Richter	Dual Antithrombotic Strategies in Invasive Cardiology: Combining Anticoagulants and Antiplatelet Agents	Ts. Sargsyan, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
16:40-17:10 Victoria Consulting	Atrial fibrillation and heart failure. Overcoming the vicious cycle and modern algorithms of treatment	M. Martirosyan, Erebouni Medical Center , Yerevan
17:10-17:30 Egis	Telmisartan based combination treatment for blood pressure control	H. Sisakian, University Hospital 1, Yerevan
17:30-17:40 Victoria Consulting	Redefining dual antiplatelet strategies after Acute Coronary Syndrome	A.Terteryan University Hospital 1, Yerevan

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