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Day 1 – December 4, 2026

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Surgical Concomitant AF

08:30	What's New in Atrial Fibrillation Care	**Jose Luis Merino, MD** – La Paz University Hospital, Madrid, Spain
09:00	Tachycardiomyopathy. Diagnosis and Treatment	**Carlo De Asmundis, MD** – UZ Brussels, Belgium
09:30	Case Recording: Cox-Maze IV and Box Lesion Through Sternotomy	**Filip Rega, MD** – University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium
09:50	Case Recording: Minimally Invasive cryoMAZE	**Stefano Benussi, MD** – University of Brescia Medical School, Brescia, Italy
10:10	Break	
10:40	Post-Op Atrial Fibrillation: Incidence, Consequences, Possible Prevention	**Manuel Carnero, MD** – Hospital Clínico San Carlos, Madrid, Spain
11:10	Atrial Functional Mitral Regurgitation	**Michael Borger, MD** – Leipzig Heart Center, Leizpig, Germany
11:40	Robotic AF Ablation	**Husam Balkhy, MD** – University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, USA
12:10	PFA Energy in Concomitant AF Surgery	**Gan Dunnington, MD** – Adventist Health St. Helena, California, USA
12:30	Case-Based Roundtable	**Manuel Castella, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
13:00	Lunch	

Hybrid AF™ Therapies

14:00	When a Full Cox-Maze and When a Personalized Maze	**James Cox, MD** – Northwestern University Medical Center, Chicago, USA
14:30	Boundaries of Catheter Ablation	**Jean-Baptiste Guichard, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
14:50	Types of Hybrid Ablation I: Thoracoscopic Bipolar RF Ablation	**Gan Dunnington, MD** – Adventist Health St. Helena, California USA
15:10	Types of Hybrid Ablation II: Thoracoscopic Monopolar RF Ablation	**Jorge Alcocer, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain **Andreu Porta- Sánchez, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
15:40	Robotic Monopolar RF Ablation	**Yasir Abu-Omar, MD** – Harrington Heart and Vascular Institute, University Hospitals Cleveland, USA
16:00	Break	
16:30	Atrial Mechanics After Hybrid Ablation	**Riyaz Kaba, MD** – St George's Hospital, London, UK
16:50	Expanding the Hybrid Ablation Frontier	**Mark La Meir, MD** – UZ Brussels, Belgium
17:10	Case-Based Roundtable	**Manuel Castella, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
17:40	Finish	
20:00	Dinner	

Buses depart at 19:30 from hotels

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Day 2 – December 5, 2026

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LAA Exclusion

09:00	AF, LAA and its Neurological Implications	**David Z. Rose, MD** – University of South Florida, Department of Neurology, Tampa, USA
09:30	Percutaneous LAA Exclusion	**David Holmes, MD** – Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA
10:00	LAA Exclusion in Cardiac Surgery	**Richard Whitlock, MD** – McMaster University Medical School, Hamilton, Canada
10:30	Case Recording: How to Exclude the LAA	**Bart van Putte, MD** – St Antonius Hospital, Nieuwegein, Netherlands
10:50	Break	
11:20	ESC/EACTS Guidelines in Stroke Prevention	**Thorsten Hanke, MD** – Albertinen-Krankenhaus, Hamburg, Germany
11:50	Real-World Adoption of Surgical LAA Exclusion Across the CASE-AF Centers	**Ivana Mitrovic, MD** – München Klinik Bogenhausen, Munich, Germany
12:10	Case-Based Roundtable	**Manuel Castella, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
12:40	Finish	

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