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# Dear Colleagues

After six successful editions of the **East Meets West Congress**, an event recognized both nationally and internationally, we are delighted to invite you to join us for the seventh edition of East Meets West 2024—a prestigious conference dedicated to Central and Eastern Europe. This year’s congress is proudly organized in partnership with ISEVS (International Society for Endovascular Specialists) from the USA and the Romanian Society of Endovascular Surgery.

**East Meets West 2024 will take place on November 8th and 9th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bucharest**, and we look forward to welcoming you to this unique gathering, which brings together cardiac and vascular specialists from around the world.

## Why Attend East Meets West 2024?

Our vision for this congress is to offer a distinguished platform for Romanian and international specialists in cardiovascular and endovascular care. By joining us, you will have the chance to connect with key opinion leaders who will share the latest innovations, insights, and expertise in the field. Leading-edge techniques and technologies will be showcased, thanks to our esteemed partners—many of whom are at the forefront of medical advancements in America and Europe. We are confident that the knowledge gained here will make a meaningful difference in your clinical practice and patient care.

This congress is not only an opportunity to learn but also a forum to exchange ideas and collaborate. Registered participants will benefit from direct interactions with the faculty, and industry exhibitors will present pioneering insights and discuss breakthroughs in medical technology. We are proud to welcome prominent speakers and faculty members from ISEVS and other distinguished institutions across the USA, Europe, and the Middle East, all united by a shared commitment to advancing cardiovascular medicine and care.

In addition, **EMW2024** is designed for those facing professional challenges and seeking knowledge and growth. Whether you are looking to expand your expertise or to connect with peers across borders, you will find a welcoming environment that values open exchange and mutual support.

In a historic moment for the event, this year’s congress will have a special session honoring Professor Alain Cribier, whose pioneering work has saved countless lives and transformed cardiovascular care.

**We eagerly anticipate seeing you at East Meets West 2024 for what promises to be an inspiring and transformative experience!**

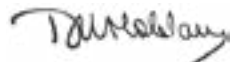
### **Prof. Dr. Victor Costache**

President, Romanian Society of Endovascular Surgery  
Vice President, East Meets West 2024



### **Prof. Dr. Horațiu Moldovan**

President, East Meets West 2024  
President Romanian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery



### **Assoc. Prof. Silviu Dumitrescu**

Vice President, East Meets West 2024



## Day 1 | Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

08:30	11:25	<b>Session A – New Developments in the Treatment of Peripheral Artery Disease</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Frank Criado</b> <b>Moderators: Claudia Gherman, Mihai Ionac, Radu Popa</b>		
08:30	08:45	<b>LIABILITY for medical mistakes</b>	<b>Jos Gisberts</b>	<b>Amsterdam, Holland</b>
08:45	09:00	<b>Update on vascular access for dialysis</b>	<b>Mihai Cucu</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
09:00	09:15	<b>Therapeutic strategies in PAD – one size fits all</b>	<b>Elisabeta Badila</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
09:15	09:30	<b>Risk factors associated with surgical site infections in vascular surgery Who decides</b>	<b>Claudia Gherman</b>	<b>Cluj Napoca, Romania</b>
09:30	09:45	<b>Surgery of abdominal visceral arteries</b>	<b>Radu Popa</b>	<b>Iasi, Romania</b>
09:45	10:00	<b>Einstein and Nissen: Anatomy of a New York Aneurysm Story wrapped in cellophane</b>	<b>Frank Criado</b>	<b>Baltimore, USA</b>
10:00	10:15	<b>Who decides and performs amputations in Romania today</b>	<b>Mihai Ionac</b>	<b>Timișoara, Romania</b>
10:15	10:30	<b>Disparities in Carotid Artery Disease – Treatment across Europe challenges the notion of equality</b>	<b>Horațiu Coman</b>	<b>Cluj Napoca, Romania</b>
10:30	10:45	<b>Aortobifemoral bypass -uncommon circumstances</b>	<b>Adrian Mureșan</b>	<b>Târgu Mureș, Romania</b>
10:45	11:00	<b>Iliac artery ostial occlusion. Revascularization issues regarding brachial vs inguinal approach</b>	<b>Dutu Bogdan</b>	<b>Cluj Napoca, Romania</b>
11:00	11:10	<b>Discussion</b>		
11:10	11:25	<b>Coffee Break</b>		

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11:25	14:30	<b>Session B – Progress in the Management of Aortic Valve Disease and of the ascending aorta</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Marvin D. Atkins</b> <b>Moderators: Horatiu Moldovan, Victor Costache, Konstantinos Spargias</b>		
11:25	11:35	<b>Welcome note from ISEVS Vicepresident</b>		
11:35	11:50	<b>CT imaging for TAVI planning: from State of the Art to Spatial Computing</b>	<b>Anatolie Cazacu</b>	<b>Chişinău, Moldavia</b>
11:50	12:05	<b>Urgent TAVI in patients with severe heart failure</b>	<b>Horațiu Moldovan</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
12:05	12:20	<b>Patient selection for aortic valve therapy</b>	<b>Victor Costache</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
12:20	12:35	<b>Endovascular management of the ascending aorta and root – The Final Frontier</b>	<b>Marvin D. Atkins</b>	<b>Houston, TX, USA</b>
12:35	12:50	<b>From pre-operative sizing to 3D image fusion in OR for endovascular procedures</b>	<b>Taiba Rostam</b>	<b>Iași, Romania</b>
12:50	13:05	<b>Long-term results of the David procedure in tricuspid and bicuspid aortic valve morphology</b>	<b>Markus Liebrich</b>	<b>Stuttgart, Germany</b>
13:05	13:20	<b>The hybrid therapy of the Aortic Arch : indications, techniques and results</b>	<b>Peter Haldenwang</b>	<b>Bochum, Germany</b>
13:20	13:35	<b>New devices for transcatheter aortic valve interventions</b>	<b>Konstantinos Spargias</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>
13:35	13:50	<b>Cases of conversion to open surgery post TAVI</b>	<b>Cristian Voinea</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
13:50	14:00	<b>Discussion</b>		
14:00	14:30	<b>Lunch/Symposium Endovascular Structural Heart</b>		

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14:30	17:10	<b>Session C - Minimally invasive mitral valve surgery and novel transcatheter mitral solutions</b>		
		<b>Chairman: JP Couetil</b> <b>Moderators: Eliza Mikus, Victor Costache, Markus Kofler</b>		
14:30	14:45	<b>Intraoperative Echocardiography for surgical degenerative mitral valve repair</b>	<b>Cristina Pitiș</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
14:45	15:00	<b>MITRA.FR – The MitraClip French Connection</b>	<b>Claude Vaislic</b>	<b>Paris, France</b>
15:00	15:15	<b>Mitral valve reconstruction: is the minimally invasive approach the right way in all cases?</b>	<b>Lucian Dorobanțu</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
15:15	15:30	<b>Minimally invasive mitral repair – 2024 update</b>	<b>Victor Costache</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
15:30	15:45	<b>Challenges in mitral valve repair</b>	<b>Jean Paul Couetil</b>	<b>Paris, France</b>
15:45	16:00	<b>Transcatheter solutions for mitral and tricuspid valve disease</b>	<b>Konstantinos Spargias</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>
16:00	16:15	<b>Mitral Valve Repair in 2024: State-of-the-Art and Future Directions</b>	<b>Eliza Mikus</b>	<b>Foggia, Italy</b>
16:15	16:30	<b>New trends in surgical mitral valve replacement</b>	<b>Markus Kofler</b>	<b>Berlin, Germany</b>
16:30	16:45	<b>Arrhythmogenic Mitral Valve Prolapse</b>	<b>Magdalena Gurzun</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
16:45	16:55	<b>Discussions</b>		
16:55	17:10	<b>Coffee Break</b>		

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17:10	22:00	<b>Session D –Late-breaking news on Heart Failure</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Silviu Dumitrescu Moderators: Andrada Guta, Stefan Busnatu, Diana Tint</b>		
17:10	17:25	When the cardiologist meets the cardiovascular surgeon	Irina Costache	Iași, Romania
17:25	17:40	Ambulatory Heart Failure Clinic	Cornelia Zara	Brașov, Romania
17:40	17:55	AF ablation and stroke - risk factors and prevention	Diana Tint	Brașov, Romania
17:55	18:10	Unattained targets in HFREF - what about the BAT?	Silviu Dumitrescu	Bucharest, Romania
18:10	18:25	RV dysfunction for cardiac surgeon – when to step back	Andrada Guta	Bucharest, Romania
18:25	18:40	Telerehabilitation in cardiovascular surgery, could it be a solution for postoperative care	Stefan Busnatu	Bucharest, Romania
18:40	18:50	Discussions		
18:50	19:30	Symposium Endosize Vascular		
19:30	22:00	Gala Dinner Crowne Plaza		

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<b>08:30</b>	<b>10:40</b>	<b>Session E – Update on Surgical and transcatheter procedures in congenital heart disease</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Jan Marek</b> <b>Moderators: Petru Liuba, Serban Stoica, Patricia Caldas</b>		
<b>08:30</b>	<b>08:45</b>	<b>Transcatheter approach for coarctation of aorta in children</b>	<b>Eliza Cinteza</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
<b>08:45</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Decision-making in CHD -agony and ecstasy-</b>	<b>Șerban Stoica</b>	<b>Bristol, UK</b>
<b>09:00</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Shunt lesions suitable for transcatheter closure</b>	<b>Petru Liuba</b>	<b>Lund, Sweden</b>
<b>09:15</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Fetal Cardiology Challenges</b>	<b>Patricia Caldas</b>	<b>Bristol, UK</b>
<b>09:30</b>	<b>09:45</b>	<b>The Heart Visible and Invisible</b>	<b>Jan Marek</b>	<b>Bristol, UK</b>
<b>09:45</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Borderline LV, when small is too small</b>	<b>Andreea Dragulescu</b>	<b>Toronto, Canada</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>10:15</b>	<b>Fetal Cardiology: State of the Art</b>	<b>Giulia Tuo</b>	<b>Genova, Italy</b>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>10:25</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
<b>10:25</b>	<b>10:40</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		



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<b>10:40</b>	<b>13:05</b>	<b>Session F – Advances and Progress in Aortic Valve Treatment</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Ivo Petrov</b> <b>Moderators: Peter Haldenwang, Rodica Niculescu, Anatolie Cazacu</b>		
<b>10:40</b>	<b>10:55</b>	<b>Infective endocarditis – an update</b>	<b>Adrian Molnar</b>	<b>Cluj, Romania</b>
<b>10:55</b>	<b>11:10</b>	<b>Transcatheter and Sutureless Aortic Valves: Competing Strategies or Complementary Solutions</b>	<b>Eliza Mikus</b>	<b>Foggia, Italy</b>
<b>11:10</b>	<b>11:25</b>	<b>TAVI in aortic regurgitation</b>	<b>Victor Costache</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
<b>11:25</b>	<b>11:40</b>	<b>PCI-like TAVI</b>	<b>Ivo Petrov</b>	<b>Sofia Bulgaria</b>
<b>11:40</b>	<b>11:55</b>	<b>Possible applications of artificial intelligence in cardiovascular surgery</b>	<b>Alexandru Scafa</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
<b>11:55</b>	<b>12:10</b>	<b>Benefits of hybrid procedures in difficult cardiovascular cases</b>	<b>Rodica Niculescu</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
<b>12:10</b>	<b>12:25</b>	<b>TAVI in degenerated biosurgical valves</b>	<b>Zoran Stankov</b>	<b>Sofia Bulgaria</b>
<b>12:25</b>	<b>12:35</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
<b>12:30</b>	<b>13:05</b>	<b>Lunch/Symposion EndoNaut Aorto-iliac&amp;PAD</b>		

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13:05	16:00	<b>Session G - NextCARDIO session - New developments in aortic dissections and aneurysms</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Rodney White Moderators: Arjan Hoksbergen, Palma Shaw, Victor Costache, Jacques Busquets</b>		
13:05	13:20	History of EVAR	Jaques Busquets	Paris, France
13:20	13:35	Progress in development of endografts for ascending aortic lesions	Rodney White	Los Angeles, USA
13:35	13:50	Feasibility Trial Of First-In-Human Aortic Aneurysm Sac Filling With Aneufix Polymer During Endovascular Aneurysm Repair	Arjan Hoksbergen	Amsterdam, Netherlands
13:50	14:05	Hybrid management of Aortic Arch Aneurysms	Marvin D. Atkins	Houston, TX, USA
14:05	14:20	Aortic remodeling following TEVAR for type B aortic dissections	Peter Haldenwang	Bochum, Germany
14:20	14:35	Long term results after endovascular treatment of aortic dissections with multilayer stents	Victor Costache	Bucharest, Romania
14:35	14:50	In situ fenestration for totally endovascular aortic arch procedures	Ivo Petrov	Sofia Bulgaria
14:50	15:05	The adaptive sealing technology for complex Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm endovascular repair	Gianmarco De Donato	Siena, Italy
15:05	15:20	On the nature of intramural hematomas (IMH) of the thoracic aorta: Why is it that many prove benign and do well with medical treatment alone but some turn deadly?	Frank Criado	Baltimore, USA
15:20	15:35	Prediction of cardiovascular disease progression in AAA and PAD patients: the VASCUL AID project	Kak Khee Yeung	Amsterdam, Netherlands
15:35	15:45	Discussion		
15:45	16:00	Coffee Break		

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<b>16:00</b>	<b>17:55</b>	<b>Session H – Update and Hot Topics in the diagnostic and management of coronary artery disease</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Teodora Benedek Moderators: Adrian Molnar, Lucian Stoica, Claude Vaislic</b>		
<b>16:00</b>	<b>16:15</b>	<b>Photo counting Angio CT in interventional cardiology</b>	<b>Theodora Benedek</b>	<b>Târgu Mureș, Romania</b>
<b>16:15</b>	<b>16:30</b>	<b>Chronic coronary syndrome guidelines</b>	<b>Cristina Spanu</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
<b>16:30</b>	<b>16:45</b>	<b>Using IVUS to simplify CTO treatment</b>	<b>Hussein Sliman</b>	<b>Tel Aviv, Israel</b>
<b>16:45</b>	<b>17:00</b>	<b>Management of cardiogenic shock in acute myocardial infarction</b>	<b>Teodora Benedek</b>	<b>Târgu Mureș, Romania</b>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>17:15</b>	<b>Multiarterial grafting, from simple to complex or how to do arterial CABG in over 80% cases in a cardiac surgery center</b>	<b>Lucian Stoica</b>	<b>Iași, Romania</b>
<b>17:15</b>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>In-ICU mortality of post-myocardial infarction-related ventricular septal defect complicated by cardiogenic shock</b>	<b>Claude Vaislic</b>	<b>Paris, France</b>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>17:45</b>	<b>Cardiac resynchronization therapy in highly ischemic patients – is there an extractable benefit prior to myocardial revascularization?</b>	<b>Andrei Radu</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
<b>17:45</b>	<b>17:55</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		

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17:55	19:20	<b>Session 1 – Hot Topics Related to the Management of HOCM and Heart Failure</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Horațiu Moldovan Moderators: Claudia Nica, Radu Vătășescu, Mirela Stoia</b>		
17:55	18:10	<b>Interdisciplinary management of the critical cardiac patient – between cardiology department and intensive care</b>	<b>Mirela Stoia</b>	<b>Cluj Napoca, Romania</b>
18:10	18:25	<b>Xenotransplant – a new hope for patients with advanced Heart Failure</b>	<b>Horațiu Moldovan</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
18:25	18:40	<b>Preparing patients for cardiac transplantation</b>	<b>Claudia Nica</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
18:40	18:55	<b>Cardioneuroablation-current status</b>	<b>Radu Vătășescu</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
18:55	19:10	<b>Barriers in implementing GROMT in HFrEF patients-imaginary or real</b>	<b>Oana Fronea</b>	<b>Bucharest, Romania</b>
19:10	19:20	<b>Discussions</b>		

