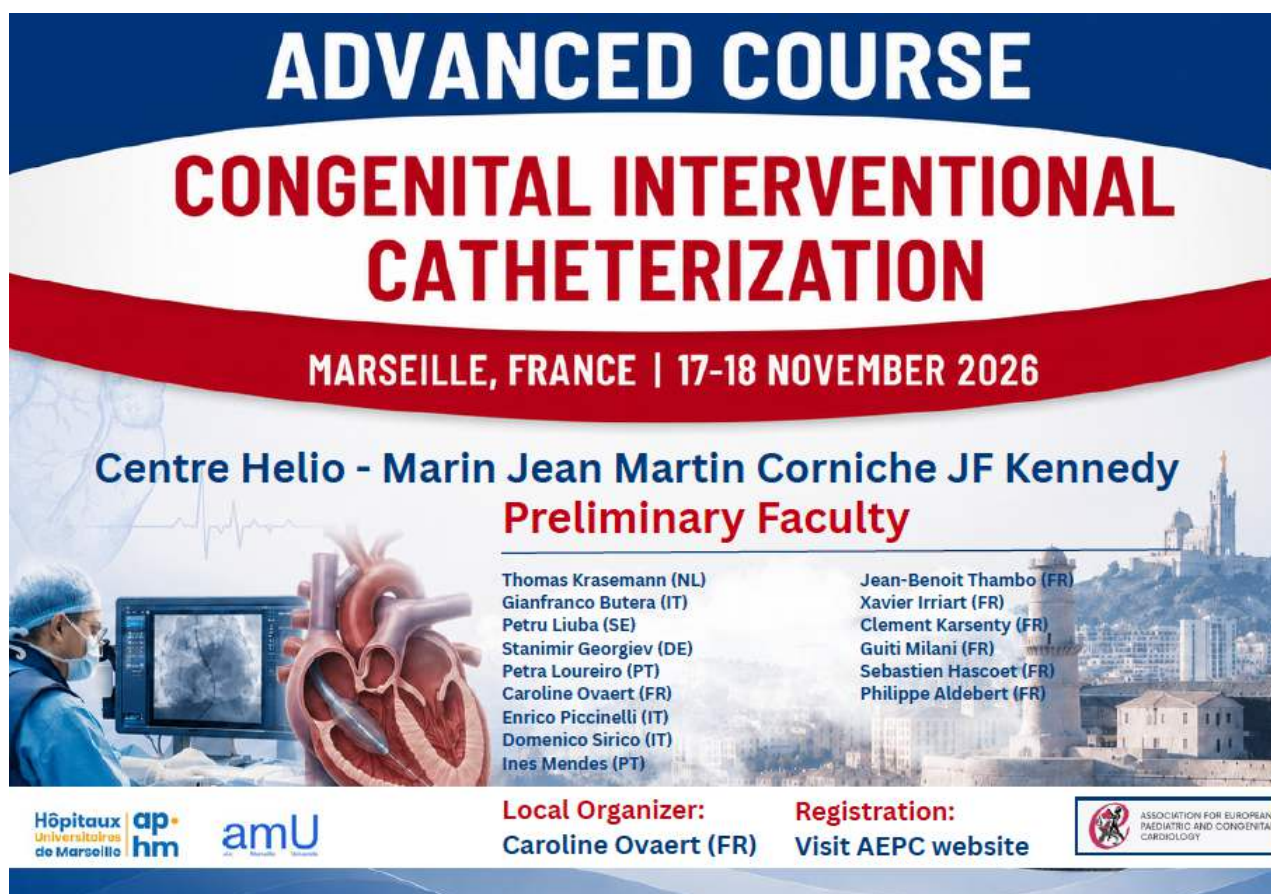




ADVANCED COURSE

CONGENITAL INTERVENTIONAL CATHETERIZATION

MARSEILLE, FRANCE | 17-18 NOVEMBER 2026

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Dear AEPC Junior Members,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the AEPC Advanced Training Course in Catheter Interventions, which will be held in the exciting city of Marseille, France, from 17-18th of November 2026.

This year again, the advanced course will deal with transcatheter treatment in complex congenital heart lesions with particular emphasis on how to best plan and guide transcatheter interventions. The course is designed to accommodate up to 25 fellows who have at least one year of interventional training. The course curriculum will offer insights into advanced techniques, strategies, and new devices/technologies to achieve the best interventional outcome. Challenging cases, complications, and successes will be presented by you, the fellows, and subsequently completed and discussed by the faculty in a very informal atmosphere, thus enabling effective interaction and networking with experts in the field.

Hands-on sessions will take place in three different rooms, giving you the opportunity to interact directly with faculty members and industry representatives. You will be able to discuss the devices, learn when and how to use them, and gain practical insights into their applications. Companies and faculty members will provide devices and simulation stations, allowing you to handle the equipment, experiment with it, and experience realistic clinical scenarios in a safe learning environment.

We hope you will join us and look forward to seeing you in Marseille in November!

Best wishes

Caroline Ovaert, Course Director, on behalf of the AEPC Interventional Working Group

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants need to be junior AEPC members in good standing with at least one year of interventional training.

HOW TO APPLY?

Please send your application enclosing a brief motivation letter and your CV to Dr Enrico Piccinelli (enrico.piccinelli@opbg.net), AEPC's Interventional WG Junior Councilor, and Prof. Caroline Ovaert (caroline.ovaert@gmail.com), Course Director.

Please note that the application deadline is 4th of September. All applicants will be notified via email at the end of September.

COST

There is a course fee of EUR 300, which will cover

- hotel accommodation from 16th to 18th of November
- lunches and coffee/tea during the course
- dinner on Tuesday, 17th

All attendees will need to arrange travel at their own expense.

WHAT YOU NEED TO PREPARE PRIOR TO THE COURSE?

Twenty volunteer fellows will have to present 1 complex case each to illustrate the different topics of the course. Following your presentation a faculty member will comment your case, complete the topic and provide some tips and tricks. Further details will be provided by email in the beginning of September.

FACULTY

Organising Committee:

G Butera (Rome, Italy), Chairman AEPC Interventional WG
P Liuba (Lund, Sweden), Secretary AEPC Interventional WG
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D Sirico (Bergamo, Italy), Councillor AEPC Interventional WG
C Ovaert (Marseille, France), Councillor AEPC Interventional WG
E Piccinelli (Rome, Italy), Junior Councillor AEPC Interventional WG
T Kraseman (Rotterdam, Netherlands), Past Chairman AEPC Interventional WG

Invited Faculty:

S Georgiev (Munich, Germany)
X Iriart (Bordeaux, France)
C Batteux (Paris, France)
C Karsenty (Toulouse, France)
G Milani (Paris, France)
JB Thambo (Bordeaux, France)
P Aldebert (Marseille, France)

COURSE PROGRAM :

Monday

Arrival of faculty and fellows, faculty dinner

Tuesday

8h15

Welcome

8h30-10h00

The importance of imaging

20 min

Echo : the importance of anatomical landmarks

X Iriart

20 min

Scan/MRI: How to analyse the landing zone for devices

C Batteux

20 min

Fusion : how can it help us

C Karsenty

10h-11h30

Septal opening or closure

30 min

Fellows case complex ASD

Complex ASD closure

P Loureiro

30 min

Fellows case complex VSD

Complex VSD closure

I Mendes

30 min

Fellows case ASD creation in HF (ECMO, flow restr)

ASD creation in heart failure

E Piccinelli

11h30--13h

Pause & Hands-on session (3 separate rooms on stents& balloons/devices/valves)

13h-14h

Lunch

14h00-15h30h

PDA closure/opening or PA flow restriction

30 min

Fellows case PDA in preterm

PDA closure in preterm

G Milani

30 min

Fellows case PDA stenting

PDA stenting

D Sirico

30 min

Fellows case Percutaneous PA banding

Percutaneous PA banding

S Georgiev

15h30-16h30

Pause & Hands-on session (3 separate rooms on stents& balloons/devices/valves)

16h30-17h30

Complex interventions in the aortic arch

30 min

Fellows case stenting in small children

Coa stenting in small children (preterm, norwood..)

P Liubia

30 min

Fellows case stenting of complex arches (post-repair)

Stenting of complex arches (post-repair)

T Kraseman

19H30

Dinner

Wednesday

8h30-10h30	Complex RVOT interventions (stent and PVR):	
30 min	Fellows case RVOT stenting neonates	
	RVOT stenting	
30 min	Fellows case PVR small conduit/small child	G Butera
	PVR small conduit/small child	
30 min	Fellows case large conduit	S Georgiev
	Large conduits	
30 min	Fellows case endovascular ttmt endocarditis	JB Thambo
	Endovascular ttmt endocarditis	
		G Milani
10h30-12h	Pause & Hands-on session (3 separate rooms on stents& balloons/devices/valves)	
12h-13h00	Miscellaneous	
30 min	Fellows case RF or wire perforation (pulm atresia, vessel atresia)	
	RF or wire perforation	
30 min	Fellows case Coronary fistula	P Aldebert
	Coronary fistula closure	
		G Butera
13h00-14h00	Lunch	
14-16h	How to get out of trouble?	
30 min	Don't forget the second victim	
90 min	Fellows cases	E Piccinelli
16h	End of Course	