

Alumni European Heart Academy



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EHAcademy's leadership

ESC Academy aspirations for 2026

In 2025, the ESC Academy remained committed to its mission of nurturing future leaders in cardiovascular medicine and empowering a thriving, global community of alumni shaping the future of the field. While maintaining strong connections, the ESC Academy is evolving with new upcoming programmes.

For 2026, we envision a year marked by innovation, strengthened governance and deeper alumni engagement. Stay tuned!



EHAcademy News

The MSc in Clinical Trials Year 2 students will come to the Oxford Nuffield Department of Population Health in person for their second residential week in March.



The 4th cohort's schedule will include talks from eminent speakers, such as the ESC's European Heart Academy Chair, Professor Dan Atar, presentations from each student on their trial proposal, one-to-one clinics with expert guidance on their dissertation, practice media interviews, a drinks reception with dinner at St Peter's College, and a guided tour of Oxford's Ashmolean Museum. This will be a great opportunity for the students to learn, meet up, network and socialize in person.

[Discover the MSc in Clinical Trials](#)

In the Spotlight

Alumni Insights

Avi Sabbag, MD: Advancing Electrophysiology and Strengthening the Alumni Community

This quarter, we are pleased to spotlight DAS-CAM alumnus, Avi Sabbag. Alongside leading a major electrophysiology service in Israel, he currently serves as Chair of the ESC Academy Alumni Task Force.



A leader in his field and a key alumni to our community

Avi is Head of the Cardiac Implantable Device Service at Sheba Medical Center and Associate Professor of Cardiology at Tel Aviv University. His clinical expertise includes complex catheter ablations, advanced device implantation, and the management of patients with congenital heart disease and cardiomyopathies. His research focuses on arrhythmic mitral valve prolapse (AMVP) and the integration of artificial intelligence in electrophysiology.

As Chair of the Alumni Task Force, he is passionate about strengthening connections. His advice to the ESC Academy graduates is clear: invest in your network. The friendships built during the Academy programmes can open doors, foster collaboration, and provide guidance at critical moments throughout a career.

Lessons in leadership

Reflecting on his journey, he emphasizes that technical expertise is not enough. Meaningful impact, he notes, is rarely achieved alone: it depends on strong professional relationships and shared vision.

Balancing clinical practice, research, teaching, and leadership remains an ongoing challenge. His approach is pragmatic: identify the responsibilities that require direct personal involvement, delegate thoughtfully, and recognize when to decline additional commitments. Knowing when to say no, he admits, remains one of the most difficult skills to master.

Connect with Avi:

[Avi Sabbag | LinkedIn](#) and [Avi SABBAG | Researcher profile](#)

Alumni Meetings

The European Heart Academy Alumni joint session with the Università de Torino during the 37° GIORNATE CARDIOLOGICHE TORINESI gathered the DAS-CAM Alumni to discuss advancements in atrial fibrillation management and promote interaction among our community's young leaders.



Do you also want to organize an Academy Alumni meeting in a national event and strength your local Alumni community but don't know how? We can help you!



[Contact us.](#)

Opportunities

Featured Positions

[Cardiologist - Core Labs](#) - Medpace

[Cardiologist](#) – Belgium

Explore additional roles on the [ESC Job Board](#)

Multicenter Study - The COCONUT GLOBAL study

CONCOMitant pulse field ablation based pULmonary veinCOMitAnt and left atrial appendage closure collected GLOBally study aims to perform a retrospective, worldwide, multicentered study focusing on patients with concomitant PFA based PVI and LAAC to evaluate safety, efficacy and efficiency. Interested in contributing? Contact [Prof. Dr. Christian-Hendrik Heeger](#) by August/2026.



International Survey: ICD Choice in Heart Failure

How do you choose between **transvenous**, **subcutaneous**, and **extravascular ICD systems** in patients with severe cardiomyopathy - particularly when progression to LVAD or heart transplantation may occur? The ESC Heart Academy Alumni invites general cardiologists, heart failure specialists, transplant cardiologists, electrophysiologists, cardiac scientists and cardiothoracic surgeons to collaborate and share to address an important and timely question about device selection in advanced heart failure pathways.

The survey is anonymous, takes 5 minutes and is smartphone friendly.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ICDinHF>

Deadline: 19/04/2026

Please also help share it within your networks.



Get involved

ESC Mentoring

An easy-to-use digital mentoring platform, giving you one-to-one access to mentors and mentees from across the world, the [ESC Mentoring](#) supports ESC Members in achieving their professional goals with clarity and confidence. For ESC Academy graduates and alumni, the programme offers a natural continuation of the educational journey — extending learning beyond the classroom and fostering sustained professional growth through peer engagement.

We encourage ESC Academy Alumni to [explore the platform](#) and consider participating as a mentee, mentor — or both!

Submissions for ESC Congress 2026: Deadlines approaching

At ESC Congress, your research is more than data—it's a catalyst for progress. Submit and take part in meaningful discussions that turn evidence into action. Outstanding submissions may also qualify for the Young Investigator Awards, celebrating the next generation of innovators.

[Call for Clinical Cases](#): deadline 11/03/2026

[Call for Late-breaking Science](#): from 27/03/2026 to 01/06/2026

Publications & Courses

Cardiovascular Disease and Mental Health

The ESC FOCUS has curated resources for you to learn more about the 2025 ESC Clinical Consensus Statement on mental health and cardiovascular disease. Resources include ESC Congress sessions, webinars, journal articles, textbook chapters and an ESC eLearning course. [Access now!](#)



Coming soon



[EHRA 2026](#)
12 April 2026 - 14 April 2026
Paris, France

[Heart Failure 2026](#)
09 May 2026 - 12 May 2026
Barcelona - Spain



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