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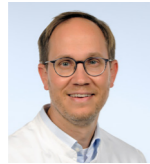
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## Registration



Please register by email at:  
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Please let us know by e-mail whether you would like to attend

- a) only the teaching course (16 – 17.10.26)
- or
- b) Hands-on course & teaching course (15 – 17.10.26)

## Registration types and fees

|  | AEPC Junior | AEPC Member | Non-Member |
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| <b>Hands-On<br/>15<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b>                     | 150 €       | 150 €       | 150 €      |
| <b>Course<br/>16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup><br/>October 2026</b> | 350 €       | 600 €       | 650 €      |

## Venue



Generali and Ford Rooms in Super C  
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# Fetal Cardiology Teaching Course

**15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026**  
**Aachen, Germany**

Dear Colleagues,

The **AEPC Fetal Cardiology Working Group** invites you to the **AEPC Fetal Cardiology Teaching Course**, which will take place from **15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026 in Aachen, Germany**.

This course will cover **both fundamental and advanced aspects** of fetal cardiology, including the diagnosis of congenital heart defects, intrauterine treatment options, counselling of parents, and perinatal management. It is **designed for paediatric cardiologists** in training or those aiming to specialize in fetal cardiology, as well as **maternal-fetal medicine specialists and gynaecologists** with a special interest in fetal medicine.

**On the afternoon of 15<sup>th</sup> October, a hands-on training course in small groups**, led by internationally recognised experts, will be offered. Participation in this session is limited to ensure optimal learning conditions.

The scientific programme will also feature recent advances in **fetal cardiac MRI** and the emerging **role of artificial intelligence** in fetal echocardiography.

Participants are warmly invited and encouraged to **submit and present interesting clinical cases** which will form the basis for interactive discussion during the course. Cases can be presented both as an e-poster and as a quiz (Puzzle the Expert).

We would be delighted to welcome you to **Aachen**, located at the tri-border area of Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium, and renowned for its beautiful historic old town and the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Aachen Cathedral**.

On behalf of the scientific and organizing committees  
And the Fetal Working Group of the German Society of  
Pediatric Cardiology DGPK,




Univ.-Prof. Dr. med. Ulrike Herberg  
Director of the Department of  
Paediatric Cardiology and  
Congenital Heart Disease

## Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026

14:00 – 17:00  
**Hands-on Training course**

- small groups
- led by internationally recognised experts

 **Location to be announced**

## Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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| 08:15 | REGISTRATION  |
| 08:45 | Welcome   |
| 09:00 | Hemodynamics of the fetal cardiovascular system   |
| 09:25 | Transitional circulation  |
| 09:50 | Fetal echocardiographic examination of the normal heart   |
| 10:20 | Why should we use extracardiac Doppler in fetal echocardiography?   |
| 10:35 | COFFEE BREAK  |
| 11:05 | Live scanning   |
| 11:35 | Early echo  |
| 11:55 | Case<br>Heterotaxy  |
| 12:10 | How to improve detection rates?<br>National and international perspectives –<br>How can we learn from our neighbours? |
| 12:45 | LUNCH   |

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| 13:45 | <b>Conotruncal defects I (TGA) –</b><br>Red flags, counselling, perinatal management, detection rate                                   |
| 14:10 | Case<br>CCTGA  |
| 14:25 | <b>Conotruncal defects II (DORV) –</b><br>What is important? – Morphological aspects, genetics, counselling and postnatal consequences |
| 15:05 | <b>Conotruncal defects III (TOF) –</b><br>Fetal echocardiography and perinatal management  |
| 15:20 | COFFEE BREAK   |
| 15:50 | <b>Conotruncal defects IV (TAC) –</b><br>Fetal echocardiography and perinatal management   |
| 16:10 | <b>Fetal MRI – Methods</b>   |
| 16:30 | <b>Fetal MRI – Current approaches and clinical implications</b>  |
| 17:00 | <b>Fetal systemic and portal venous anomalies:</b><br>Embryology-imaging correlations and perinatal management                         |
| 17:30 | <b>Get a coffee and puzzle the experts –</b><br>With cases from the participants   |

## Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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| 08:30 | <b>Vascular rings:</b> Correlation of prenatal imaging, morphology and postnatal findings  |
| 09:00 | <b>Vascular rings:</b> What is optimal postnatal management?   |
| 09:15 | <b>Coarctation and interrupted aorta arch:</b><br>Fetal echocardiography, the role of maternal hyperoxygenation and perinatal management |

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| 09:45 | COFFEE BREAK  |
| 10:15 | <b>Left heart obstruction:</b><br>HLHS, borderline left ventricle, Shone's, critical AoS; role of prenatal interventions    |
| 10:55 | <b>Genetics in fetal heart disease and consequences for the outcome –</b><br>Region specific and international perspectives |
| 11:25 | <b>Counselling as an important task in fetal cardiology</b>   |
| 11:55 | Roundtable  |
| 12:15 | LUNCH   |
| 13:15 | <b>Pulmonary stenosis and -atresia with intact ventricular septum –</b> Including prenatal interventions and outcomes       |
| 13:45 | <b>Ebstein's anomaly and tricuspid valve dysplasia –</b> Fetal echocardiography   |
| 14:10 | Case<br>Perinatal Management of Ebstein's anomaly   |
| 14:25 | COFFEE BREAK  |
| 14:45 | <b>Fetal Tachyarrhythmias –</b><br>Diagnosis and management   |
| 15:15 | <b>Fetal Bradycardia -</b><br>Diagnosis and management  |
| 15:45 | <b>Discussion and closing remarks</b><br><b>Announcement of AEPC Meeting 2027</b>   |