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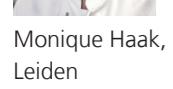


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Registration



Please register by email at:
aepc@ukaachen.de

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
Hands-On 15th October 2026	150 €	150 €	150 €
Course 16th – 17th October 2026	350 €	600 €	650 €

Venue

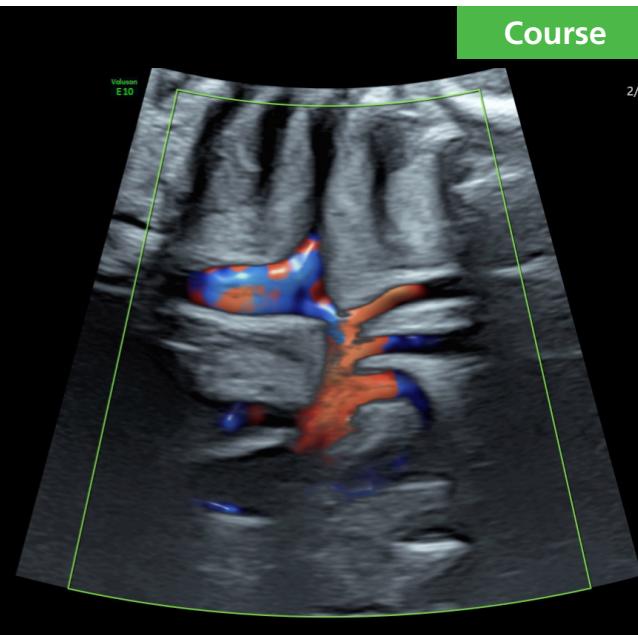


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Fetal Cardiology Teaching Course

15th – 17th 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 15th – 17th 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 15th 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, 15th October 2026



Friday, 16th October 2026

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 Heterotaxy
12:10	How to improve detection rates? National and international perspectives – How can we learn from our neighbours?
12:45	LUNCH

13:45 **Conotruncal defects I (TGA) –**
Red flags, counselling, perinatal management, detection rate

14:10 **Case**
CCTGA

14:25 **Conotruncal defects II (DORV) –**
What is important? – Morphological aspects, genetics, counselling and postnatal consequences

15:05 **Conotruncal defects III (TOF) –**
Fetal echocardiography and perinatal management

15:20 **COFFEE BREAK**

15:50 **Conotruncal defects IV (TAC) –**
Fetal echocardiography and perinatal management

16:10 **Fetal MRI – Methods**

16:30 **Fetal MRI – Current approaches and clinical implications**

17:00 **Fetal systemic and portal venous anomalies:**
Embryology-imaging correlations and perinatal management

17:30 **Get a coffee and puzzle the experts –**
With cases from the participants

Saturday, 17th October 2026

08:30 **Vascular rings:** Correlation of prenatal imaging, morphology and postnatal findings

09:00 **Vascular rings:** What is optimal postnatal management?

09:15 **Coarctation and interrupted aorta arch:**
Fetal echocardiography, the role of maternal hyperoxygenation and perinatal management

09:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:15 **Left heart obstruction:**
HLHS, borderline left ventricle, Shone's, critical AoS; role of prenatal interventions

10:55 **Genetics in fetal heart disease and consequences for the outcome –**
Region specific and international perspectives

11:25 **Counselling as an important task in fetal cardiology**

11:55 **Roundtable**

12:15 **LUNCH**

13:15 **Pulmonary stenosis and -atresia with intact ventricular septum –** Including prenatal interventions and outcomes

13:45 **Ebstein's anomaly and tricuspid valve dysplasia –** Fetal echocardiography

14:10 **Case**
Perinatal Management of Ebstein's anomaly

14:25 **COFFEE BREAK**

14:45 **Fetal Tachyarrhythmias –**
Diagnosis and management

15:15 **Fetal Bradycardia -**
Diagnosis and management

15:45 **Discussion and closing remarks**
Announcement of AEPC Meeting 2027