

# 13th ESO ESMINT ESNR Stroke Winter School program



27th to  
30th January 2026,  
Bern, Switzerland



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**Tuesday 27th January 2026**

**Arrival in Bern at lunchtime**

Time	Welcome & Introduction Chair: Tomas Dobrocky, Thomas Meinel	Speaker
13:30	Welcome to the 13th ESO, ESMINT, ESNR Welcome of the local organising committee	Simona Sacco (ESO) Jan Gralla (ESNR, ESMINT)  Tomas Dobrocky Thomas Meinel
		Eike Piechowiak Petra Cimflova Jan Gralla Bastian Volbers Urs Fischer
13:55	<b>Introduction, Prehospital and Stroke Imaging</b> Chair: Espen Kristoffersen, Urs Fischer	
14:00	Global burden of stroke and impact on brain health (20 min)	Simona Sacco, Italy
14:20	Pre-hospital management and LVO detection (25+5 min)	Silke Walter, Germany
14:50	Acute Stroke imaging: CT, MRI or direct to the angio (25+5 min)	Eike Piechowiak, Switzerland
15:20	Early outcome prediction, restriction of treatment (25+5 min)	Esmee Venema, Netherlands
15:50	<b>Break</b>	
	<b>State of the Art: Thrombolysis</b> Chair: Eike Piechowiak, Esmee Venema	
16:20	On-label intravenous thrombolysis 2026 (30 min)	Urs Fischer, Switzerland
16:50	Bridging thrombolysis (15+5 min)	Natalie LeCouffe, Netherlands
17:10	Switching to tenecteplase, other fibrinolytics (15 +5min)	Keith Muir, Scotland
17:30	Is it cocktail time already? (15+5min)	Espen Kristoffersen, Norway
17:50	Building a global community of stroke centres and stroke-ready hospitals – the ANGELS initiative	Jan van der Merwe, Netherlands
18:00	Organizational topics	

## Wednesday 28th January 2026

Time	Topic: Acute stroke treatment Chair: Diana Aguiar de Sousa, Thomas Meinel	Speaker
<b>State of the Art: Thrombectomy</b>		
08:00	Evidence-based indications for mechanical thrombectomy 2026 (20 min)	Tomas Dobrocky, Switzerland
08:20	There are no limits to the effectiveness of mechanical thrombectomy for large vessel occlusions - ubi clot, ibi thrombectomy! Pro/con debate (30 min)	Pro Franziska Dorn, Germany Con Jonathan Coutinho, Netherlands
08:50	<b>Hot topic:</b> medium and distal vessel occlusion: Why did the trials fail? Are there potential subgroups with benefit? (25+5 min)	Marios Psychogios, Switzerland
09:20	New work-flow and adjunctive tools in the angiosuite (25+5 min)	Johannes Kaesmacher, Switzerland
09:50	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Roads less travelled</b>		
Chair: Jonathan Coutinho, Franziska Dorn		
10:20	Management of symptomatic intracranial atherosclerotic disease (25+5 min)	René Chapot, Germany
10:50	Cerebral venous thrombosis: Acute medical management (20+5min)	Diana Aguiar de Sousa, Portugal
11:15	Cerebral venous thrombosis: Is mechanical thrombectomy an option? For which patients? (15+5 min)	Philipp Bücke, Switzerland
11.35	Cervical artery dissections and carotid web (15+5 min)	Josefin Kaufmann, Switzerland
11.55– 13:20	<b>Lunch</b>	
Meeting of the Faculty of 13th ESO-ESMINT-ESNR CATR Auditorium O2		Neuroradiologist Faculty Neurologist Faculty
<b>Afternoon: separate program for neurologists and neuroradiologists</b>		
13:20	Meeting point for the workshops and skills training in front of the auditorium (SITEM)	
13:30– 15:30	Neurologists: 4 groups → refer to the Workshops and Skills Training program for specific topics	Neurologist Faculty
13:30– 15:30	Neuroradiologists: 4 groups → refer to the Workshops and Skills Training program for specific topics	Neuroradiologist Faculty
15:30	<b>Break</b>	
15:50	Meeting point for the workshops and skills training in front of the auditorium (SITEM)	
16:00– 18:00	Neurologists: 4 groups → refer to the Workshops and Skills Training program for specific topics	Neurologist Faculty
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18:00	<b>Way to dinner</b>	

## Thursday 29th January 2026

Time	Topic: Individualized treatment Chair: David Seiffge, Petra Cimflova	Speaker
<b>Difficult clinical settings</b>		
08:30	Stroke in patients with preceding anticoagulation (25+5 min)	Thomas Meinel, Switzerland
09:00	CEA and CAS: when to use what for symptomatic carotid stenosis (25+5)	David Bervini, Switzerland
09:30	Stroke mimics and stroke chameleons: – view of the neurologist – view of the neuroradiologist (25+5 min)	Bastian Volbers, Switzerland Roland Wiest, Switzerland
10:00	TIA, TIA-mimics and mild stroke (25+5 min)	Maria Tuna, UK
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>There will be blood – hemorrhagic stroke: don't be afraid!</b> Chair: Maria Tuna, Bastian Volbers		
11:00	The Neuroradiologist's view (20+5)	Petra Cimflova, Switzerland
11:25	The Neurologist's view (20+5)	David Seiffge, Switzerland
11:50	The Neurosurgeon's/Neurointensivist's view (20+5)	Jürgen Beck, Germany
<b>12:15-</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:20</b>		
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<b>18:00</b>	<b>Farewell aperitif at SITEM</b>	

## Friday 30th January 2026

Time	Topic: Set up and Infrastructure Chair: Gordian Hubert, Johannes Kaesmacher	Speaker
09:00	Minimising the risks of symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage following reperfusion treatments (15+5 min)	Kilian Treurniet, Netherlands
09:20	Neuroanesthesiology during and after thrombectomy (15+5)	Charlotte Weyland, Germany
09:40	Post reperfusion monitoring and stroke care according to recanalization status (25+5 min)	Waltraud Pfeilschifter, Germany
10:10	Stroke in late time window (15 min+5)	Wim van Zwam, Netherlands
10:30	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Morbimortality Corner</b>		
10:50	<b>My worst memory! – Advice</b> Piechowiak/Dobrocky & Meinel/Jung	
11:50	Tips & Tricks in EVT (20 + 5min)	Jan Gralla, Switzerland
12:15–	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:15	<b>Topic: The crystal ball</b> Chair: Waltraud Pfeilschifter, Charlotte Weyland	
13:15	Neuroprotection (25+5 min)	Johannes Kaesmacher, France
13:45	Flying doctor concept and other stroke network organisation forms (20+5)	Gordian Hubert, Germany
14:15	<b>Farewell</b>	Tomas Dobrocky, Thomas Meinel, Switzerland

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