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Morning Program – January 15, 2027

08:20 AM	**Welcome & Opening Remarks** Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Omer Dzemali University Hospital Zurich and Stadtspital Zürich, Switzerland
08:35 AM	**The AF Heart Team in 2027: Better Evidence, Better Decisions, Better Outcomes** PhD Luca Aerts Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+), Maastricht, the Netherlands
	Session 1: New Energy, New Possibilities
09:20 AM	**Heart Team Tandem: Pulsed-Field Ablation - How We Integrate Surgery and EP in One Strategy** Prof. Dr. Mark La Meir UZ Brussel, Brussels, Belgium
09:45 AM	**The Left Atrial Appendage in 2027: Close It, Clip It, or Leave It?** tbd.
10:05 AM	**ECG Quiz & Interview** Prof. Dr. med. Sacha Salzberg Swiss Ablation, Zurich, Switzerland
10:35 AM	**Coffee Break & Industry Exhibition**
	Session 2: Thinking Before Cutting: The Hard Decisions
11:05 AM	**Persistent AF in 2027: From Evidence to Decision** Prof. Dr. med. Stefano Benussi ASST Spedali Civili di Brescia, Italy
11:35 AM	**Heart Team Tandem: AF and Structural Heart Disease – One Patient. One Plan.** Prof. Dr. Manuel Castellà and Dr. Andreu Porta-Sánchez Hospital Clínic Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
12:00 PM	**Frailty, Atrial Myopathy, Heart Failure: Choosing the Right Patient for the Right Procedure** PhD Dr. med. Bart Maesen Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+), Maastricht, the Netherlands
12:25 PM	**Lunch Break & Industry Exhibition**

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Afternoon Program – January 15, 2027

	Session 3: The Bigger Picture
01:50 PM	**Tailoring Surgical and Interventional Strategies for Neurological Protection in AF** Prof. Mariusz Kowalewski Department of Cardiac Surgery and Transplantology, National Medical Institute of the Ministry of Interior and Administration, Warsaw, Poland
02:20 PM	**AI-Guided Ablation Planning: Clinical Tool or Distant Promise?** Prof. Dr. med. Thorsten Lewalter Peter Osypka Herzzentrum, Munich, Germany
02:50 PM	**What We Actually Need from the Heart Team – Referring Cardiologists Speak** Dr. med. Andreas Stephan Müller-Burri Stadtspital Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland Dr. med. Markus Roos Kantonsspital Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland
03:15 PM	**Keynote Lecture** tbd.
03:40 PM	**Closing Remarks and Outlook for AF United 2028** Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Omer Dzemali University Hospital Zurich and Stadtspital Zürich, Switzerland

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