Herzmedizin 2024 – Mission Future!

February 17 - 19, 2024
Congress Center Hamburg

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Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

On behalf of the program committee, we would like to welcome you to the 53rd annual meeting of the German Society for Thoracic, Heart and Vascular Surgery. We are particularly pleased that the annual conference will be held in 2024 for the 9th time simultaneously with the annual meeting of the German Society for Paediatric Cardiology and Congenital Heart Defects.

The future cannot be predicted - as Pericles, one of the great statesmen of Athens in the 5th century BC, already knew. He is credited with the following quote: “It’s not about predicting the future, but to be prepared for the future.” Precisely for this reason, we have chosen the motto „Mission Future“ for both annual meetings in 2024 and will highlight various aspects that guarantee a successful future for the multifaceted area of cardiac surgery, an indispensable field of heart medicine. This includes innovation, new technologies, sustainability, and multi-professionalism, as well as the promotion of young talents. The latter poses a real challenge to all responsible parties in our field under the current health policy, labor law, and social demographic developments.

During the 2024 annual meeting, we will focus on proven areas such as invasive treatment methods for coronary heart disease and structural heart diseases, therapies for aortic diseases, and treatment options for terminal heart failure. Modern, future-oriented heart medicine must be set up in a multi-professional or multidisciplinary manner and always requires patient-individual therapy concepts, which will also play a significant role at the annual meeting in 2024.

‘Mission Future’ also implies discussing and answering clinical questions from many different perspectives. That’s why we continue our already established concept and will offer a platform to the ‘Young Forum’, representing the next generation, for the presentation of scientific work. The same applies to the core topics of heart medicine, which we will discuss together with the involved partners from the medical disciplines and with a special focus on the cardiac surgical responsibility in the ‘Heart Team’. The scientific program will be rounded off once again by numerous practical workshops on the main topics of the annual meeting in 2024.

As the program chair of the conference, I am exceptionally looking forward with the entire program committee to a vibrant scientific exchange and stimulating professional discussions with you in February 2024 in Hamburg.

Prof. Dr. Stephan Ensminger MA DPhil, Conference President DGTHG
Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

On behalf of the entire organization team, we invite you to the annual conference of the German Society for Pediatric Cardiology and Congenital Heart Defects 2024 in Hamburg.

After the very successful and lively annual conferences of the two societies in 2023, we would like to discuss current and future challenges in the areas of pediatric heart medicine and adults with congenital heart defects next year according to the motto „Mission Future“.

Despite the rapid medical and technical developments that lead to improved treatment options and a longer survival of children and adults with congenital heart defects, long-term morbidities and comorbidities in these patients will become increasingly important in the future. Many of our patients will require further medical, interventional and surgical treatments throughout their lives, with children with univentricular hearts and Fontan circulation remaining an important and challenging cohort.

We would like to discuss further important topics on the field of congenital heart diseases, such as interventional treatment with new implants, but also the availability of implants and devices for our patients and the dilemma of commerce and ethical obligation of off-label treatment using such devices. Further topics such as aortopathies in congenital diseases as well as the value of detection of heart failure using biochemical and imaging modalities will also be discussed.

In particular, we would like to appeal to young colleagues and motivate them to actively participate in our annual conference through scientific contributions. A session for the Young Investigator Award will also be held.

We would also like to encourage our colleagues from the nursing departments to come to Hamburg. We will only be able to meet the challenges of the future together, as a team, so we want to use the joint further training for discussions, impulses and the development of future-oriented ideas.

We cordially invite you to visit the annual conferences of the DGPK and DGTHG 2024 in Hamburg, which are taking place at the same time, and to actively shape them with your contributions. We look forward to welcoming you and hope for a lively exchange between all disciplines and professional groups.

Prof. Dr. Hashim Abdul-Khaliq, Conference President DGPK
Presentation Registration

Presentation applications can only be submitted electronically and in English via the websites www.dgthg-jahrestagung.de and www.dgpk-jahrestagung.de.

Abstracts have to be structured according to the following guidelines:

1. Structure: Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusion
2. Extent/Length: max. 2,500 characters for the abstract text incl. blanks (without title, authors, institutes)
3. Illustrations: max. 1 table incl. a maximum of 10 lines / 10 splits (50 characters per line will be subtracted from the total text)

Please note, according to the guidelines for continuing education measures of the state medical associations, company or product names may not be mentioned in the entire abstract under any circumstances.

Furthermore, abstracts may not be submitted if they have been published before or submitted elsewhere. The program committee will, of course, review all abstracts for potential multiple publication. Should redundancy become apparent, this will lead to immediate rejection in almost all cases. Exceptions may be made in cases of particular importance to cardiac science. However, publication in the supplement of the journal The Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeon is at the discretion of the editors.

If there are any questions in this regard, it is the responsibility of the corresponding author to consult directly with the editor of the journal ThCVS, Markus K. Heinemann.
Abstract Categories DGTHG:
1. Coronary Heart Disease
2. Cardiopulmonary Bypass and Myocardial Protection
3. Heart Valve Disease
4. Minimally-invasive operative Techniques
5. Heart Failure
6. Mechanical Circulatory Support / Transplantation
7. Aortic Disease
8. Interventional Techniques: TAVI, (T)EVAR, Hybrid Procedures, etc.
9. Congenital Heart Disease
10. Thoracic and Vascular Disease
11. Arrhythmias and Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices
12. Endocarditis and Wound Infections
13. Perioperative and Intensive Care Medicine
14. Basic Science: Metabolism
15. Basic Science: Regenerative Medicine and Cell Therapy
16. Basic Science: Transplantation and Heart Failure
17. Translational Medicine and Clinical Trials
18. Education and Training
19. Digital Medicine
20. Various

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

All accepted abstracts will be published as submitted.

Abstract Categories DGPK:
1. Basic research
2. Diagnostics, Prediction and Prevention
3. Imaging
4. Rhythm and Electrophysiology
5. Catheter Interventions
6. Surgery
7. Intensive Care
8. Fetal Cardiology
9. Adults with Congenital Heart Disease
10. Heart Failure, Assist and Transplantation

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# General Information

## Venue

CCH – Congress Center Hamburg  
Messeplatz 1, 20357 Hamburg

## Registration fees Annual Meeting

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All fees are in Euro. The fees include participation in the opening ceremony, the scientific sessions incl. documents and the visit to the industry exhibition.

## Online registration

In general, registration takes place online and will be available via the websites www.dgthg-jahrestagung.de and www.dgpk-jahrestagung.de from July 15th.
Cancellation Conditions

Cancellations must be sent in written form to Interplan.
A refund of the participation fees and/or additional bookings (courses, social evening) will only be made if the cancellation is made in a written e-mail to herzmedizin@interplan.de by January 22nd, 2024, at the latest, subject to a processing fee of € 30,-.
After January 22nd, 2024, cancellations are excluded; fees already paid will not be refunded in principle. No liability will be assumed for program changes.

Recognition as a continuing medical education course (certification)

The recognition of the annual conference as a medical continuing education measure will be applied for at the Hamburg Medical Association. We would like to point out that participants are obliged to record their attendance at the log stations daily. Without a successful recording of attendance, no certificate of continuing education can be issued! One week after the end of the annual meetings, all participants will receive an online link to download the certificate of attendance.
Travel Information

Congress Venue & Arrival

Public Transport
The CCH is located a few stations away from Hamburg's main train station. With the S21 or S31, you can reach the station Hamburg-Dammtor in a few minutes. From there it is only a 5-minute walk to the CCH. From the airport, you can reach the CCH in about 30 minutes by S-Bahn.

Please find further information about the exact timetables on the website of the Hamburger Verkehrs-Verbund (HVV).

Car / Address for the navigation system

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**SIDE PROGRAM / EVENING EVENTS**

**Saturday, February 17th 2024: Opening Industry Exhibition***

The annual conference will also be accompanied by an interesting and varied industrial exhibition. Leading companies from the pharmaceutical and medical technology sectors will present themselves on more than 1,800 square meters and provide information about innovations and proven products and services. Following the official opening of the congress, the company representatives look forward to a lovely visit to the industrial exhibition.

Participation is free of charge for registered participants.

**Sunday, February 18th 2024: Social evening***

Entertaining, relaxed, cheerful – the DGTHG and DGPK cordially invite you to the social evening! Let the annual meeting come to an end in convivial company and spend a varied evening.

Please book your ticket already during the congress registration! (limited number of participants)

**Prices:**

- Senior physicians / attending physicians: €120,-
- Company Representatives: €100,-
- Specialists, Physicians in advanced training, Cardiotechnical Specialists and Nurses: €70,-
- Students (proof required): €30,-

(incl. 19% VAT)

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**Dates and Deadlines**

**September 15th 2023**
Deadline for submitting abstracts

**December 15th 2023**
Publication program annual conferences
The program will be available via [www.dgthg-jahrestagung.de](http://www.dgthg-jahrestagung.de) and [www.dgpk-jahrestagung.de](http://www.dgpk-jahrestagung.de) from December 15th, 2023, on.

**December 31st 2023**
Expiration of the early registration period

**January 22nd 2024**
Expiration of the cancellation deadline for conference registration and evening events.
Cancellation is possible in written form until January 22nd 2024 with a deduction of a handling fee of € 30,-.
No refund for cancellations after January 22nd, 2024.