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	BOSPHORUS HALL	TOPKAPI HALL	GALATA HALL	TAKSIM HALL	KADIKÖY HALL	ACU - LABARATORIES	
08:30-10:15	PGT - Chronic Pancreatitis & Obstructed Duct: Early Surgery vs Endoscopy-First	PGT - Current Proceedings at the Bench	PAN-CARE 2026 – The Pancreatic Nursing Forum			Basic Science Workshop	08:30-10:15
10:15-10:45	COFFEE BREAK & SPONSORS EXHIBITION						10:15-10:45
10:45-13:00	PGT - Infected Necrotizing Pancreatitis: Multidisciplinary Approach	PGT - Current Proceedings at the Bench	PAN-CARE 2026 – The Pancreatic Nursing Forum	TPIAT - Symposia		Basic Science Workshop	10:45-13:00
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK & SPONSORS EXHIBITION						13:00-14:00
14:00-15:45	PGT - Multidisciplinary Management of Periapillary Tumors	PGT - Current Proceedings at the Bench	PAN-CARE 2026 – The Pancreatic Nursing Forum	TPIAT - Symposia	Current Guidelines Group Meeting	Basic Science Workshop	14:00-15:45
15:45-16:15	COFFEE BREAK & SPONSORS EXHIBITION						15:45-16:15
16:15-18:00	Patient's Voice Plenary: "Living with Pancreatic Disease"	PGT - Current Proceedings at the Bench	PAN-CARE 2026 – The Pancreatic Nursing Forum	TPIAT - Symposia	Current Guidelines Group Meeting	Basic Science Workshop	16:15-18:00
BOSPHORUS HALL							
08.30-10.15	PGT - Clinical Chronic Pancreatitis & Obstructed Duct: Early Surgery vs Endoscopy-First					Chairs: John Windsor (New Zealand)	
08.30-08.48	Endoscopist: ESGE & International CP Guidelines: Why Endotherapy / ESWL is First-Line in Obstructed Duct Disease					Andrea Anderloni (Pavia, Italy)	
08.48-09.03	Surgeon: Definition of 'Early' Surgery and Stop the Endless Stenting"					Christoph Michalski (Heidelberg, Germany)	
09.03-09.21	Endoscopist: EUS-Guided Pancreatic Duct Drainage After Failed ERCP: Expanding the "Endoscopy-First" Concept"					Carlo Fabbri (Bologna, Italy)	
09.21-09.39	Surgeon: Indications and Surgical Procedure Choice in Obstructive Chronic Pancreatitis - the Surgeon Acts as a Tailor					Nuh Rahbari (Ulm, Germany)	
09.39-09.57	"Does Timing of and per se Ductal Intervention Changes Central Pain Processing in Chronic Pancreatitis?"					Cecilie Knoph (Randers, Denmark and Aalborg, Denmark)	
09.57-10.15	"Long-Term Outcomes, Quality of Life and Cost-Effectiveness: Early Surgery vs Endoscopy-First Across Europe"					Charlotte L. van Veldhuisen (Amsterdam, Netherlands)	
10.15-10.45	Coffee Break						
10.45-13.00	Infected Necrotizing Pancreatitis: Multidisciplinary Approach					Chairs: Sara Regner (Lund, Sweden), Santhi Vege (Rochester, USA), Rogier P. Voermans (Amsterdam, Netherlands)	
10:45-11:04	Endoscopist: "Why (and When) Endoscopic Step-up is Preferred in 2025-26"					Rogier P. Voermans (Amsterdam, Netherlands)	
11:04-11:23	Interventional Radiologist: - Do not Forget to Call Us, We Have Evidence!					Koray Güven (Istanbul, Türkiye)	
11:23-11:42	Surgeon: "What TENSION/POINTER Mean for Timing and Route of Drainage"					John Windsor (Auckland, New Zealand)	
11:42-12:01	Endoscopist: "Device Choice (Hot AXIOS/SPAXUS) and Protocolized Dwell: What Evidence We Actually Have"					Sara Regner (Lund, Sweden)	

12:01-12:20	Endoscopist: Disconnected Pancreatic Duct Syndrome (DPDS): Transmural/Transpapillary Strategies After Failed ERCP—Standardizing EUS-guided Solutions	Jayanta Samanta (Chandigarh, India)
12:20-12:40	Surgeon: Disconnected Pancreatic Duct Syndrome (DPDS): When Definitive Surgery Wins on Durability	Cihan Agalar (Izmir, Turkey)
12:40-13:00	Panel Discussion: So.. How Should We Set Up the Multidisciplinary Step-Up Approach?	All Speakers
13:00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.45	Multidisciplinary Management of Periampullary Tumors	Chairs: Fabio Ausania (Barcelona, Spain), Silvia Carrara (Milan, Italy), Sohei Satoi (Osaka, Japan)
14:00-14:18	Pre-Operative Biliary Drainage in Resectable Periampullary Cancer: Avoid or Perform? – Still a Debate?	Sudipta Dhar Chowdhury (Tamil Nadu, India)
14:18-14:36	Malignant Gastric Outlet Obstruction: EUS-GE vs Surgical GJ – Who Leads in 2026?	Giuseppe Vanella (Milan, Italy)
	Post-operative Collections and Leaks:	
14:36-14:53	When Endoscopy Replaces Re-operation	Tae Jun Song (Seoul, South Korea)
14:53-15:10	When Interventional Radiology Replaces Re-operation	Ramazan Kutlu (Malatya, Turkiye)
15:10-15:27	When Surgery is Inevitable	Ahmet Coker (Izmir, Turkiye)
15:27-15:45	Modern Tools Helping to Avoid Pancreatic Fistula After Pancreatic Surgery	Gregor A. Stavrou (Saarbrücken, Germany)
15.45-16.15	Coffee Break	
	Patient's Voice Plenary Organized by EPC Research & Public Affairs Committee & PCE	
16:15-18:00	Living with Chronic Pancreatitis & Pancreatic Cancer - Learning from our Patients	Chairs: Nuria Malats (Madrid, Spain), Patrick Michl (Heidelberg, Germany), Takao Ohtsuka (Kagoshima, Japan)
	Multidisciplinary Pancreas Teams: Vision for the Next Decade - Lessons Learned	
16:15-16:30	What Should be the Standard of Multidisciplinary Care	Christopher Wolfgang (New York, USA)
16:30-16:45	The Importance of Multidisciplinary Teams from a Patient's Perspective	Patrycja Rzadzowska
	Understanding & Generating Multidisciplinary Trials in Pancreatic Cancer	
16:45-17:00	Living Beyond PDAC: Hope and Clinical Trials	Kasper Overbeek (Rotterdam, Netherlands)
17:00-17:15	What Truly Matters: Relevant Endpoints in Clinical Trials - Patient's Idea	Pamela Deasy (Ireland)
	Ensuring Quality of Life in Pancreatic Diseases	
17:15-17:30	Access to Quality of Life – Correct Handling with Supplements & Nutrition	Georg Beyer (Munich, Germany)
17:30-17:45	Quality Indicators for Pancreatic Cancer in Europe	Livia Archibugi (Milan, Italy)
17:45-18:00	From Pain to Purpose: A Patient's Journey through Chronic Pancreatitis	Marius Vis
TOPKAPI HALL		
08.30-10.15	PGT - Current Proceedings at the Bench Pain Biology & Sensory Mechanisms in Pancreatic Diseases	Chairs: Asbjorn M. Drewes (Aalborg, Denmark), Ihsan Ekin Demir (Munich, Germany)
08.30-08.45	Pancreatic Pain: Historical Overview and Putting the Pieces Together	Asbjørn M. Drewes (Aalborg, Denmark)
08.45-09.00	The Neural Microenvironment: When Clinical Pain and Laboratory Mechanisms Converge	Ihsan Ekin Demir (Munich, Germany)
09.00-09.15	Genetic and Serological Biomarkers of CP Pain	Anna Phillips (Pittsburgh, USA)
09.15-09.30	Quantitative Sensory Testing (QST) in Pancreatic Diseases	Soren S. Olesen (Aalborg, Denmark)
09.30-09.45	Neurophysiological Assessment of Pain in CP, Including AI in Data Interpretation	Rasmus B. Nedergaard (Aalborg, Denmark)
09.45-10.00	What Can the Microbiome Tell Us about Pain	Rup Talukdar (Hyderabad, India)
10.00-10.15	Developing PROMS, Including How to Construct Pain Phenotypes in CP	Louise Kuhlmann (Aalborg, Denmark)

10.15-10.45	Coffee Break	
10.45-13.00	Two Languages, One Goal: Building True Translational Dialogue in Pancreatic Cancer Research	Chairs: Ivonne Regel (Halle, Germany), Minote Apte (Sydney, Australia), Raghu Kalluri (Houston, USA)
10.45-11.00	From Clinical Observation to Mechanistic Question: How to Ask the Right Translational Question	Julia Mayerle (Munich, Germany)
11.00-11.15	Feedback from the Bench: When Basic Findings Reshape Clinical Strategy	Raghu Kalluri (Houston, USA)
11.15-11.30	Recreating Human Disease in the Lab: Limits and Opportunities	Ivonne Regel (Halle, Germany)
11.30-11.45	From Mouse to Patient: How Preclinical Models Shape—and Mislead—PDAC Research	Dieter Saur (Munich, Germany)
11.45-12.00	The Stromal Architecture of PDAC: Lessons from Pancreatic Stellate Cell Biology	Minoti Apte (Sydney, Australia)
12.00-12.15	Metabolic and Immune Pathway Intersections in PDAC: From Mechanisms to Translational Opportunities	Susanne Roth (Tübingen, Germany)
12.15-12.30	Multi-Omics Data Integration for Translational Research	Ahmet Tarik Baykal (Istanbul, Turkey)
12.30-12.45	Building Living Biobanks: How an Organoid Core Facility Accelerates Translational Pancreatic Cancer Research	Arpad Varga (Ulm, Germany)
12.45-13.00	Pancreatic Precursor Lesions: What Pathology Reveals About Early Tumor Evolution	Irene Esposito (Dusseldorf, Germany)
13:00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.45	Decoding Pancreatic Tissue Ecosystems: From Genetic Models to AI-Driven Prediction	Chairs: Dieter Saur (Munich, Germany), Pramod Garg (New Delhi, India), Didem Karakas Zeybek (Istanbul, Turkiye)
14.00-14.15	Novel Genetic Animal Models for non-cancerous Pancreatic Diseases: Emerging Mechanisms and Insights	Eszter Hegyi (Pécs, Hungary)
14.15-14.30	Spatial Functional Genomics: Mapping Cell States in Complex Tissues	Chiara Falcomatà (New York City, USA)
14.30-14.45	Fibroblast Heterogeneity in Fibrosis: Insights from Single-Cell Analysis	Ujjwal Mahajan (Munich, Germany)
14.45-15.00	Stem Cell Derived Pancreatic Duct Structures: Preserving Architecture to Study Function and Disease	Matthias Hebrok (Munich, Germany)
15.00-15.15	Interrogating the Coding and Non-coding Genome Through Genetic Screens in Cells and Organisms	Roland Rad (Munich, Germany)
15.15-15.30	AI-Driven Advances in Pancreatic Imaging – from Mice to Human	Rickmer Braren (Hamburg, Germany)
15.30-15.45	AI-Powered Multimodal Models for Pancreatic Cancer: Integrating Imaging, Multi-Omics, and Clinical Data for Risk and Prognosis Prediction	Nuria Malats (Madrid, Spain)
15.45-16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15-18.00	The Biological Architecture of Pancreatic Disease Progression	Chairs: Sohail Husein (Standford, USA), Heiko Witt (Munich, Germany), Eszter Hegyi (Pécs, Hungary)
16.15-16.30	Microbiome in Pancreatic Diseases: New Perspectives	Jacob Hamm (Göttingen, Germany)
16.30-16.45	Key Histomorphologic and Molecular Correlates in Pancreatic Cancer	Volkan Adsay (Istanbul, Türkiye)
16.45-17.00	Pathology Perspectives on Pancreatic Disease Models	Katja Steiger (Munich, Germany)
17.00-17.15	EUROPAC Study Insights and Panel Sequencing for High-Risk Pancreatic Cancer Families	Bill Greenhalf (Liverpool, UK)
17.15-17.30	Epithelial Ion Transport and Ductal Physiology in Pancreatic Disease	Péter Hegyi (Pécs, Hungary)
17.30-17.45	Genetic Susceptibility to Pancreatic Cancer: The Role of Polygenic Risk Scores	Daniele Campa (Pisa, Italy)
17.45-18.00	The Endocrine-Exocrine Axis: Neighbours ... and Friends?	Francisco X. Real (Madrid, Spain)
GALATA HALL		
08.30-09.30	Session 1: Early Management in Pancreatitis	Chairs: Valma Heikkinen (Tampere, Finland), Esra Uğur (Istanbul, Turkiye)

08.30-08.45	Welcome	
08.45-09.00	Early Risk Assessment for Pancreatitis for Acute Pancreatitis	Fatma Vural (Izmir, Turkiye)
09.00-09.15	Nursing Care in the "Step-up" Approach in Acute Necrotizing Pancreatitis	Eva Kajti (Istanbul, Turkiye)
09.15-09.30	Managing Nutrition & PEI-PERT	Cansu Gençalp (Istanbul, Turkiye)
09.30-10.15	Session 2: Advances in ERCP/EUS Care	Chairs: Sara Prosdocimi (Padova, Italy), Serap Korkmaz (Nicosia, Cyprus)
09.30-09.45	ERCP/EUS: Changing and Evolving Perspectives	Daniel de la Iglesia Garcia (Madrid, Spain)
09.45-10.00	ERCP/EUS Procedure Preparation and Implementation Process	Tuluha Ayoğlu (Istanbul, Turkiye)
10.00-10.15	Care & Risk Management After ERCP/EUS	Zehra Belhan (Istanbul, Turkiye)
10.15-10.45	Coffee Break	
11.00-12:45	Session 3: Perioperative Care and Complication Management	Chairs: Birgit Trierweiler-Hauke (Heidelberg, Germany), Sevilay Şenol Çelik (Istanbul, Turkiye)
11.00-11.15	Prehabilitation of a High-Risk Pancreatic Surgery Patient: The Nurse's Role	Valma Heikkinen (Tampere, Finland)
11.15-11.30	The Management of Postoperative Patients After Pancreatic Surgery	Sara Prosdocimi (Padova, Italy)
11.30-11.45	Prediction and Management of Pancreatic Fistula	Ahmet Anıl Cantaş (Istanbul, Turkiye)
11:45-12:00	Early Indicators of Postoperative Hemorrhage and Intervention Strategies	Dilek Aygin (Sakarya, Turkiye)
12:00-12:15	Management of Delayed Gastric Emptying and Postoperative Gastrointestinal Dyskinesia	Esra Alver (Istanbul, Turkiye)
12:15-12:30	Early Biomarkers of Postoperative Sepsis and Infection Risk	Serap Gençer (Istanbul, Turkey)
12:30-12:45	Multidisciplinary Management of Perioperative complications after pancreatic operations	Güralp Onur Ceyhan (Istanbul, Turkiye)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14.00-15:00	Session 4: Oncologic and Palliative Care Continuum	Chairs: Maura Krouk (Stockholm, Sweden), Fatma Vural (Izmir, Turkiye)
14.00-14.15	Oncologic Strategies Around the Resectable Pancreatic Patient	Daniel Öhlund (Umeo, Sweden)
14.15-14.30	The Pancreatic Cancer Patient Journey-Structured Care and The Magnet Idea	Birgit Trierweiler-Hauke (Heidelberg, Germany)
14.30-14.45	The journey of the patient before and after pancreas surgery: empowerment, psychological aspects, support to the family, quality of life assessment	Giulia Berto (Padova, Italy)
14.45-15.00	Multidisciplinary Approach in Pancreatic Cancer - Palliative Care	Esra Uğur (Istanbul, Turkiye)
15.00-15:45	Session 5: Future-Focused Digital Care in Pancreatology	Chairs: Giulia Berto (Padova, Italy), Dilek Aygin (Sakarya, Turkiye)
15.00-15.15	Digital patient path for pancreatic tumor patients: development of a tool for everyday practice	Salla Jaakkola (Tampere, Finland)
15.15-15.30	Integration of AI/Algorithmic Approaches in Nursing in Pancreatic Treatment	Serap Korkmaz (Nicosia, Cyprus)
15.30-15.45	Organising and Conducting Clinical Studies in Pancreatology	Maura Krouk (Stockholm, Sweden)
15:45-16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15-17.15	Session 6: Transforming Pancreatic Care with ERAS	Chairs: Tuluha Ayoğlu (Istanbul, Turkiye)
16.15-16.30	Multimodal Analgesia, Opioid Reduction Strategies, and Nursing Interventions for Neuropathic Pain	Ayşen Pamir Aksoy (Istanbul, Turkiye)
16.30-16.45	Psychosocial support, sleep and anxiety management	Tuğba Pehlivan Sarbudak (Istanbul, Turkiye)
16.45-17.00	Patient Outcomes of ERAS İn Pancreatic Diseases	Bahadır Bozkırlı (Istanbul, Turkiye)
17.00-17.15	ERAS Implementatation in Pancreatic Patients-Nurses Approach	Nermin Ocaktan (Istanbul, Turkiye)

17.15-18.00	Best Abstract Presentations	
17:15-17:25	<i>Nursing Care in Percutaneous Biliary Drainage Management for Patients Undergoing Pancreatic Surgery</i>	Sümeysra Aksoy Kılıç (Istanbul, Türkiye)
17:25-17:35	<i>Optimizing postoperative recovery after total pancreatectomy: a case report based on the Roper-Logan-Tierney Model of Living</i>	Ahmet Anıl Çantaş (Istanbul, Türkiye)
17:35-17:45	<i>Enhancing patient outcomes after whipple surgery: a model-based nursing approach using Gordon's Functional Health Patterns</i>	Nergis Durukan (Istanbul, Türkiye)
17:45-17:55	<i>Palliative care and nursing in pancreatic cancer: A systematic review</i>	Neriman Ozge Caliskan Cellatoglu (Antalya, Türkiye)
17:55-18:05	<i>Effect of a nurse-led box breathing intervention on anxiety and pain in patients undergoing ERCP: a randomized controlled trial</i>	Nermin Ocaktan (Istanbul, Türkiye)
18:05-18:15	<i>Postoperative Care Dependency in Pancreatic Surgery: Who Becomes Dependent?</i>	Nuran Ayşen Pamir Aksoy (Istanbul, Türkiye)
TAKSİM HALL		
10.45-11.00	Transatlantic State of the Art of Total Pancreatectomy Islet Auto-transplantation in 2026	Chairs: Maisam Abu-El-Hajja (Cincinnati, USA) Sanjay Pandanaboyana (Newcastle, UK)
11.00-11.45	Medical Management Around TPIAT	Chairs: Luis Lara (Cincinnati, USA), Asbjorn Drewes (Aalborg, Denmark)
11.00-11.12	Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis: Do's and Don't in Management	Vikesh Singh (Maryland, USA)
11.12-11.24	Endoscopic Management in Pre TPIAT Patient, When is it Needed?	Quin Liu (California, USA)
11.24-11.36	Multidisciplinary Management Pre and Post Operatively	Maisam Abu-El-Hajja (Cincinnati, USA)
11.36-11.45	Q & A	
11.45-11.50	Break	
11.50-13.00	Surgery to the Pancreas: When and What to Resect?	Chairs: Katherine A. Morgan (New York, USA), Mikael Chetboun (Lille, France)
11.50-12.05	Indications and Outcome of TPIAT in the Paediatric Population with Focus on Surgical and Vascular Techniques	Varia Kirchner (California, USA)
12.05-12.20	Islet Transplantation Sites: How Much and Where?	Steve White (Newcastle, UK)
12.20-12.35	Surgical Reconstructive Strategies and Splenic Preservation	Juan Gurria (Cincinnati, USA)
12.35-12.50	I Let them Give "the Islets" Back? (Is There a Role of Islet Transplantation in all Pancreatic Surgeries, in PDAC/IPMN)	Lorenzo Piemonti (Milan, Italy)
12.50-13.00	Q & A	
13:00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Islets Research and Biology	Chairs: Lorenzo Piemonti (Milan, Italy), Bala Appakalai (Louisville, USA)
14.00-14.12	Role of Exocrine Disease in Islet Disease	Anna Gloy (California, USA)
14.12-14.24	Predictors and Trials for Best Islet Engraftment	Lorenzo Piemonti (Milan, Italy)
14.24-14.36	To COBE or not to COBE? Include PRISM	Martin Engelse (Leiden, Netherlands)
14.36-14.48	Tricks and Tweaks in Islet Isolation Techniques	Rita Botino (Pennsylvania, United States)
14.48-15.00	Q & A	
15.00-15.45	Considerations that are Pertinent to TPIAT	Chairs: Asbjorn Drewes (Aalborg, Denmark), David Vitale (Cincinnati, USA)
15.00-15.10	Role of CGM and Insulin Pumps in Post TPIAT	Melena Bellin (Minneapolis, USA)
15.10-15.20	Remote Islets Transfers, Timing of Islet Transplants?	Bala Appakalai (Louisville, USA)
15.20-15.30	Long Term QOL After TPIAT	Sanjay Pandanaboyana (Newcastle, UK)
15.30-15.40	Timing of TPIAT	Jaimie Nathan (Ohio, USA)

15.40-15.45	Q & A	
15.45-16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15-16.40	TPIAT IN EUROPE and USA	
16.15-16.20	Italy	Lorenzo Piemonti (Milan, Italy)
16.20-16.25	France	Mikael Chetboun (Lille, France)
16.25-16.30	UK	Steve White (Newcastle, UK)
16.30-16.35	Norway	Anne Waage (Oslo, Norway)
16.35-16.40	USA	Melena Bellin (Minneapolis, USA)
16.40-17.00	Unmet Needs and Future Directions and Close of Meeting	
	Discussion on Developing EPC Sponsored Update on Consensus Guidelines for TPIAT	Sanjay Pandanaboyana (Newcastle, UK), Maisam Abu-El-Haija (Cincinnati, USA)
KADIKÖY HALL		
14:00-15:45	Current Guidelines Group Meeting	
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15-18:30	Current Guidelines Group Meeting	
ACU - LABAROTORIES		
From Bench to Bedside: Translational and Advanced Techniques in Pancreatic Research		
08.00-08.15	Welcome & Course Overview	
08.15-11.00	Hands-on Experimental Techniques I*	
11.00-11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15-12.45	Interactive Translational Session I**	
12.45-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	Interactive Translational Session II**	
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30-17.45	Hands-on Experimental Techniques II*	

Participants will select two hands-on sessions and two interactive sessions.
Sessions will run in parallel in small groups.

***Hands-on Experimental Techniques:** Participants will actively perform experimental procedures.

****Interactive Translational Sessions:** Guided, discussion-based, non-hands-on sessions

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