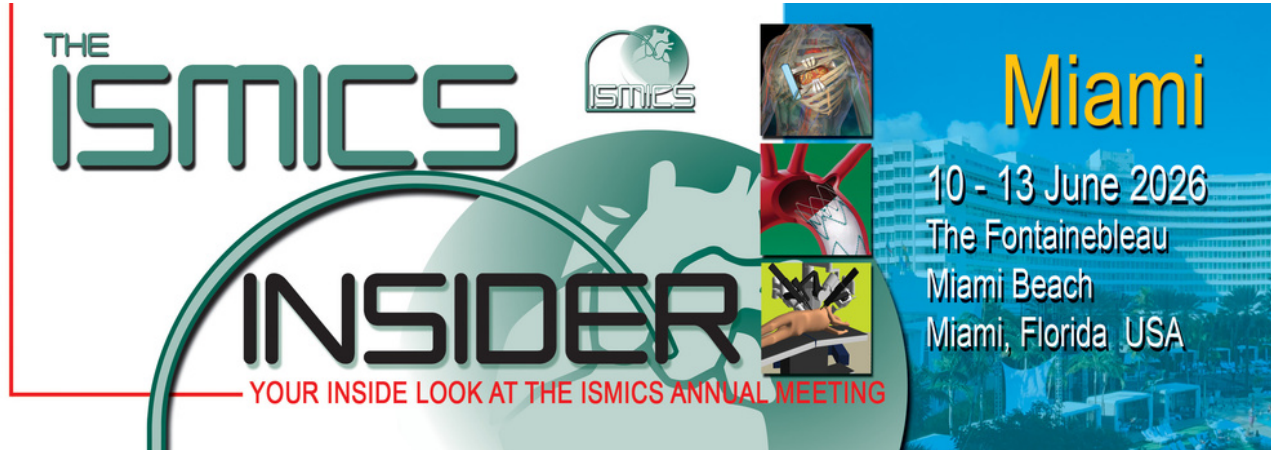




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PASSING THE GAVEL

As we conclude a remarkable year under the leadership of Dr. Gry Dahle, we extend our sincere gratitude for her dedication, vision, and service to the Society. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Nirav Patel as President and look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead under his leadership. Planning is already underway for the next Annual Meeting, which will take place May 26-29, 2027, in the historic and vibrant city of Edinburgh. Attendees can anticipate an outstanding scientific program, meaningful collaboration, and the opportunity to experience one of Europe's most iconic destinations.



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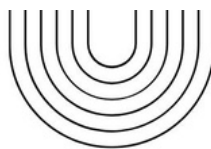
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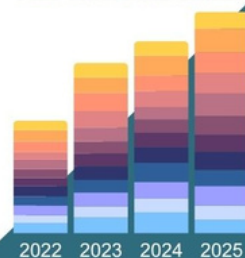
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THANK YOU FOR A QUARTER CENTURY OF MEMORIES

To the ISMICS Community,

As our PRRI Family moves on from ISMICS, I have been reflecting on the past 26 years and all the wonderful memories and lasting friendships that I, along with Stan and Stanley, have made along the way. ISMICS and I literally started at PRRI together – and one of my earliest recollections of “what is this business all about?” is the day that I had a proposal put in front of me and one of our Executive Directors, Kevin Cuff, told me to put both hands on it and wish it good luck. And so began my relationship with this Society. It was interesting, learning that unlike many other groups – ISMICS docs were the true pioneers, the cowboys, those who were forging new ways of performing surgery in a traditional specialty. It was exciting to work alongside visionaries who were passionate about changing the face of cardiothoracic surgery and adopting the newest technologies and techniques in the field. In the past quarter century we’ve seen a lot, done a lot, and had a lot of adventures and misadventures, including surviving the COVID era, running the first of its kind “live from the studio” ISMICS Reimagined Broadcast, and after 2 years of postponements, finally bringing the live meeting to Warsaw and Eastern Europe. There were also some epic parties and late-night band bashes, and nightcaps around the world.

It’s been a privilege and pleasure to partner with ISMICS, and Stan and I have truly been blessed with the most amazing team members who have worked alongside us over the years and participated in the growth and success of the Society. Our decision to withdraw from the management bidding process this spring was not an easy one, nor lightly made. We wish ISMICS only the best in the future as we sail forward with new opportunities and horizons for PRRI.

We look forward to meeting many of you at other conferences where our amazing cardiothoracic clients take us.

Aurelie Alger, JD
ISMICS Executive Director



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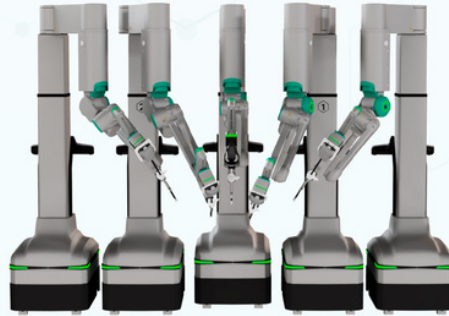
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KIT V. AROM LECTURER NIV AD, M.D.

Dr. Niv Ad delivered the prestigious Kit V. Arom Lectureship with a thought-provoking presentation titled "Skills Still Matter: Cardiac Surgery in the Age of Innovation." Throughout his lecture, Dr. Ad explored the evolving landscape of cardiac surgery, emphasizing that while technological advancements—including robotics, artificial intelligence, advanced imaging, and minimally invasive techniques—continue to transform the field, they do not replace the fundamental skills and judgment of the surgeon. Instead, innovation changes how and where those skills are applied, often increasing the cognitive demands placed on surgeons and requiring even greater precision in decision-making.



FEMALE LEADERSHIP - HOW I GOT THERE?

One of the most inspiring sessions of the meeting was the Expert Talk, "Female Leadership - How I Got There," moderated by Gry Dahle and Sharon Ben-Or. The panel brought together accomplished leaders including YJ Oh, Darla Hutton, Jill Javier, Kari Krogstad, Sabine Bleiziffer, and Lana Schumacher to share their personal leadership journeys, lessons learned, and strategies for overcoming challenges throughout their careers.

Through candid stories and thoughtful discussion, the panelists highlighted the importance of mentorship, resilience, authenticity, and building strong professional networks. Attendees left with valuable insights on navigating leadership roles, advancing careers in cardiothoracic surgery and healthcare, and empowering the next generation of women leaders in the field.



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We extend our sincere gratitude to our valued industry partners, Intuitive and Medtronic, for their outstanding support and commitment to advancing surgical education through their engaging hands-on training sessions. These programs provided attendees with invaluable opportunities to enhance their skills, explore innovative technologies, and learn directly from experts in the field. We would also like to thank Baptist Health for generously opening its facilities and providing an exceptional learning environment that made these educational experiences possible. The collaboration and support of our partners are instrumental in the success of our meeting and in fostering continued innovation and excellence in patient care.



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ISMICS 2026 EXHIBITORS

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Coreym (8)

CORCYM is a global, independent, medical device company entirely focused on state-of-the-art surgical solutions to fight structural heart disease. CORCYM has a presence in more than 100 countries with approximately 850 employees and ensures strong continuous support to patients, healthcare professionals and healthcare systems worldwide.

EnableCV (37, 38)**LANDANGER (34)****Johnson & Johnson MedTech, Heart Recovery (3)****Grena LTD (19)**

Grena Ltd is a medical device manufacturer focused on advancing patient safety and surgical efficiency, particularly in minimally invasive cardiothoracic procedures.

Intuitive Surgical (B01)

Intuitive advances minimally invasive care by helping physicians and their teams optimize care delivery to support the best outcomes possible. For nearly three decades we've created products and services born of inspiration and intelligence from robotic-assisted surgical and bronchoscopy systems to data generation that unlocks the potential to benefit care systems worldwide.

LSI Solutions, Inc (1,2)

LSI Solutions is dedicated to leading surgical innovation in advancing minimally invasive cardiac surgery. With a focus on cutting-edge technologies that enhance precision, efficiency and operative times. Our specialized tools support surgeons in performing complex cardiac procedures with the goal of reduced trauma and faster recovery. LSI Solutions continues to push the boundaries of surgical innovation.

Medinice (24)

Medinice S.A. is a medical technology company founded in 2012. It was established to develop innovative medical devices that meet market needs. The company creates, develops, and commercializes minimally invasive solutions in cardiology and cardiac surgery that improve patients' quality of life. Its portfolio includes several projects at various stages of development, with potential applications worldwide.

Medtronic (27, 28, 29)**Photon Medics (12)****Sontec Instruments Inc (32)****Advanced Medical Solutions (21, 22, 23)****Arthrex (15, 16)**

Each year, Arthrex develops thousands of orthopedic products and techniques dedicated to helping surgeons treat their patients better. We are excited to expand our technology into cardiothoracic surgery.

Edwards Lifesciences (36)

Edwards Lifesciences is a global leader in patient-focused medical innovations for structural heart disease, as well as critical care and surgical monitoring. Driven by a passion to help patients, the company collaborates with the world's leading clinicians and researchers to address unmet healthcare needs, working to improve patient outcomes and enhance lives.

Essential Pharmaceuticals (31)**Fehling Surgical Instruments (T24)**

Fehling is a traditional family-operated company with more than thirty years of history bringing premium quality products from artisanal German workshops to CV and CT surgeons around the world. Fehling offers durable instrumentation and novel retractors designed specifically for CABG, MIDCAB, AVR, MVR and PTE. Our endless pursuit of innovation enables us to achieve our ultimate goal of unparalleled performance and value.

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Wexler Surgical (25)**SS Innovations International Inc. (12a)**