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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

## OCTOBER 8, 2026

1:00PM-6:00PM - **INDUSTRY PARTNERS MEETINGS**

6:00PM-7:30PM - **WELCOME RECEPTION**

7:30PM-9:00PM - **FACULTY DINNER**

## OCTOBER 9, 2026

07:00AM - **WELCOME & BADGE PICK-UP**

7:15AM-7:55AM - **Industry Breakfast & Learn**

8:00AM-8:10AM - **Welcome and opening** - *Bernardo Mendes, Sukgu Han, Ali Azizzadeh, Stephan Haulon*

8:10AM-8:20AM - **Welcome to the Huntington Library, Museum and Gardens** - *Peter Lawrence*

8:20AM-10:10AM - **My masterpieces and endo-nightmares of the year**

**Moderators:** *Bernardo Mendes, Sukgu Han, Ali Azizzadeh, Stephan Haulon*

Three 8 minutes presentations/10 minutes discussion from friendly panel of experts; First three "masterpiece" cases, followed by three extremely challenging cases

9:55AM-10:10AM - **Industry Power Talk 15'**

10:10AM-10:30AM - **BREAK**

## OCTOBER 9, 2026

10:30AM-11:20AM - **The unicorn devices I wish I had: what the industry should focus on**

**Moderators:** *Stephan Haulon*

- Aortic device / stent graft
- Target vessel stents
- Ancillary device / sheath-catheter-wire
- Imaging technology
- False lumen / aneurysm filling technology

11:20AM-11:35AM - **Industry Power Talk 15'**

11:35AM-12:30PM - **Making every day cases simpler – lessons, tips and tricks**

**Moderators:** *Ali Azizzadeh*

- My approach to poor iliofemoral access
- How I made endovascular TAAA simpler and quicker
- Infrarenal EVAR with difficult necks
- Little things that make a big difference in radiation exposure

12:30PM-1:00PM - **Industry Core Talk**

## OCTOBER 9, 2026

1:00PM-1:45PM - **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30PM-1:35PM - **Introduction of Keynote speaker**  
*Bernardo Mendes, Sukgu Han*

1:35PM-2:15PM - **Keynote address**

2:15PM-2:30PM - **Industry Power Talk 15'**

2:30PM-3:45PM - **Stump the keynote speaker - Challenging case competition**

**Moderators:** *Bernardo Mendes, Sukgu Han, Ali Azizzadeh, Stephan Haulon*

Five cases will be selected – 15 minutes per case, with discussion

3:45PM-4:15PM - **BREAK & VISIT TO THE HUNTINGTON GARDENS**

4:15PM-4:45PM - **Clash of the titans**

**Moderators:** *Bernardo Mendes, Sukgu Han, Ali Azizzadeh, Stephan Haulon*

Rapid-fire / debate session

## OCTOBER 9, 2026

4:45PM-5:00PM - **Industry Power Talk 15'**

5:00PM-6:00PM - **Setting priorities: what kind of data do we need to make decisions in aortic surgery**

**Moderators:** *Sukgu Han*

- Power in numbers, the value of national registries like VQI -
- Multicenter collaborations like the ARC are the way to go -
- When are guidelines relevant and how do we use them to guide practice
- How should we as a subspecialized community obtain funding for high quality, practice changing research?

6:00PM - **End of sessions.**