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Dear Colleagues,

It's a great pleasure and honor to welcome you to the **2nd Athens CTO**, which will take place on **3-5 June 2026** in Athens.

Over the course of these days, together with distinguished colleagues from Greece and abroad, we will delve into the evolving and inspiring field of Interventional Cardiology, with a focus on **Chronic Total Occlusions (CTOs)**. Our goal is to share knowledge, techniques, and experiences that will help us achieve complete revascularization and elevate the quality of care we provide in the cath lab.

The program will feature **live case transmissions, state-of-the-art lectures**, and -most importantly- **interactive discussions**, fostering an environment of open exchange and continuous learning. We believe this meeting will offer valuable insights for all participants, regardless of experience level.

It is our hope that this will mark the beginning of a recurring and truly international educational forum.

Thank you for your participation, we're looking forward to meet your expectations and advancing our field together.

**With warm regards,**

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Wednesday June 3, 2026

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12.00-18.00 **Workshop**

**Advanced Training in Modern Revascularization Techniques**

- Antegrade & Retrograde strategies
- Case-based procedural planning
- Complication management

Thursday June 4, 2026

COTSEN HALL

09:00-10.30 **SESSION I**

**Moderators: Petros Dardas, Alexandre Avran, Ioannis Tsiafoutis**

**Panel: Andreas Synetos, Dimitrios Syrseloudis,**

**Andreas Triantafyllis, Andrew Ladwiniec, Andreas Kalogeropoulos**


- Introduction of the aims of the meeting **Ioannis Tsiafoutis**
- CTO is the last frontier? **Andreas Synetos**
- CTO toolbox **Andrew Ladwiniec**
- New kids on the block **Mihajlo Kovacic**
- Live case in a box **Petros Dardas**

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-14:00 **SESSION II**

**Moderators: Nenad Bozinovic, Alexandre Avran, Michael Koutouzis**

**Panel: Pavlos Bounas, Ioannis Karalis, Gerasimos Gavrielatos, Petros Dardas**

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2nd live case, **Ilya Litovchik**

- A case, **Andreas Synetos**
- Calcium and overcome how, **Michael Koutouzis**
- Parallel Wire Technique or Dual lumen mC?, **Alexandre Avran**
- Dual Lumen MC a case, **Gerasimos Gavrielatos**
- Parallel wire a case, **Ioannis Karalis**



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## 14:00-14:30 Satellite Lecture



Chair: **Ioannis Tsiafoutis**

Retrograde: Success and Safety approach, **Ignacio Amat Santos**

## 14:30-15:30 Lunch Break

### 15:30-17:00 SESSION III

Moderators: **Mauro Carlino, Andrew Ladwiniec, Ioannis Tsiafoutis**

Panel: **Konstantinos Triantafyllou, Konstantinos Raisakis, Michael Koutouzis, Adam Taleb, Grigorios Karamasis**

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4th Live case, **Gabriele Gasparini, Damiano Regazzoli**

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- HDR in stent cto? **Mauro Carlino**
- A Case, DEB in CTO: are there data? **Angelos Papanikolaou**
- Investment approach what's new **Ioannis Tsiafoutis**
- An investment Case **Andreas Triantafyllis**
- An epic case **Konstantinos Triantafyllou**

## 17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

### 17:30-19:30 SESSION IV

Moderators: **Antonios Dimopoulos, Andrew Ladwiniec, Sotirios Patsilinafos**

Panel: **Anna Dagne, Athanasios Trikas, Evgenia Pappa, Nikolaos Kafkas, Georgios Karavolias**

5th live case, **Michael Koutouzis**

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- My case **Georgios Karavolias**
- My case **Christos Mantis - Nikolaos Kafkas**
- IVUS in Algorithm **Ioannis Tsiafoutis**
- Deep Dive Rendezvous retro technique **Nenad Bozinovic**
- My case **Antonios Karanasos**
- HDR case **Antonios Dimopoulos**
- Red Cross Hospital Data **Ioannis Tsiafoutis**

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Friday

June 5, 2026

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08:30-10:30

## SESSION V

Moderators: Alexandre Avran, Nenad Bozinovic, George Triantis

Panel: George Katsimagklis, Mihajlo Kovacic, George Almpanis, Aggeliki-Despoina Mavrogianni

6th Live case, **Sevket Gorgulu, Konstatinos Manousopoulos**

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7th Live case, **Alexander Geppert**

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| • My case                      | <b>Panagiotis Varelas</b>   |
| • Post CABG CTO                | <b>Andrew Ladwiniec</b>     |
| • Retro Epicardial do it or no | <b>Ioannis Tsiafoutis</b>   |
| • My case                      | <b>Ioannis Papadopoulos</b> |

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-14:30

## SESSION VI

Moderators: Michael Koutouzis, Mihajlo Kovacic, George Triantis

Panel: Grigorios Karamasis, George Almpanis, Emmanouil Chourdakis, Antonios Ziakas, Andrew Ladwiniec

8th Live case, **Petros Dardas - Ioannis Tsiafoutis**

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| • My worst nightmare       | <b>Sevket Gorgulu</b>        |
| • My case                  | <b>Grigorios Karamasis</b>   |
| • Septal surfing how?      | <b>Ignacio Amat Santos</b>   |
| • A case                   | <b>Nenad Bozinovic</b>       |



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14:30-15:30 Lunch Break

15:30-17:30 **SESSION VII**

**Moderators:** Alexandre Avran, Konstantinos Toutouzas, Achilleas Zacharoulis

**Panel:** Christodoulos Papadopoulos, Antonis Halapas, Anastasios Koumoulidis, Adam Taleb, Vaios Tzifos

9th Live case, Andrew Ladwiniec, Ioannis Papadopoulos, Ignacio Amat Santos

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| • Participant's case | Pavlos Bounas              |
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| • Participant's case | Konstantinos Filippou      |
| • Participant's case | Konstantinos Manousopoulos |
| • Participant's case | Anastasios Barmpas         |

17:30-18:00 Coffee Break

18:00-19:00 **SESSION VIII**

**Moderators:** Petros Dardas, Ioannis Tsiafoutis

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| • My case       | Petros Dardas      |
| • Live in a box | Ioannis Tsiafoutis |

19:00 **Closing Remarks**  
Ioannis Tsiafoutis

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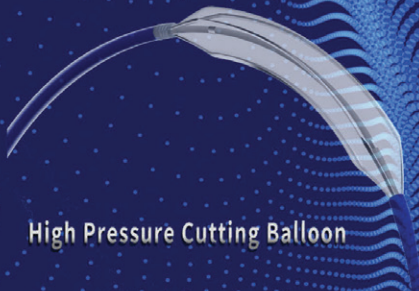
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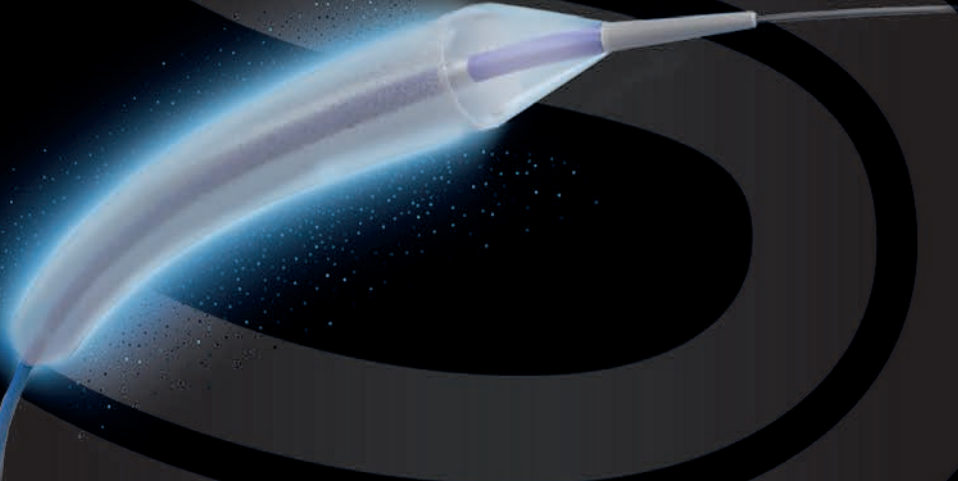
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