



Aachen, 31st January 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The **AEPC Fetal Cardiology Working Group** invites you to the **AEPC Fetal Cardiology Teaching Course**, which will take place from **15–17 October 2026** in **Aachen, Germany**.

This course will cover **both fundamental and advanced aspects** of fetal cardiology, including the diagnosis of congenital heart defects, intrauterine treatment options, counselling of parents, and perinatal management. It is **designed for paediatric cardiologists** in training or those aiming to specialize in fetal cardiology, as well as **maternal–fetal medicine specialists and gynaecologists** with a special interest in fetal medicine.

On the afternoon of 15th October, a **hands-on training course in small groups**, led by internationally recognised experts, will be offered. Participation in this session is limited to ensure optimal learning conditions.

The scientific programme will also feature recent advances in **fetal cardiac MRI** and the emerging **role of artificial intelligence** in fetal echocardiography.

Participants are warmly invited and encouraged to **submit and present interesting clinical cases** which will form the basis for interactive discussion during the course. Cases can be presented both as an e-poster and as a quiz (Puzzle the Expert).

We would be delighted to welcome you to **Aachen**, located at the tri-border area of Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium, and renowned for its beautiful historic old town and the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Aachen Cathedral**.

On behalf of the scientific and organizing committees
And the Fetal Working Group of the German Society of Cardiology,

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