

Dutch Caribbean Heart Days 2026

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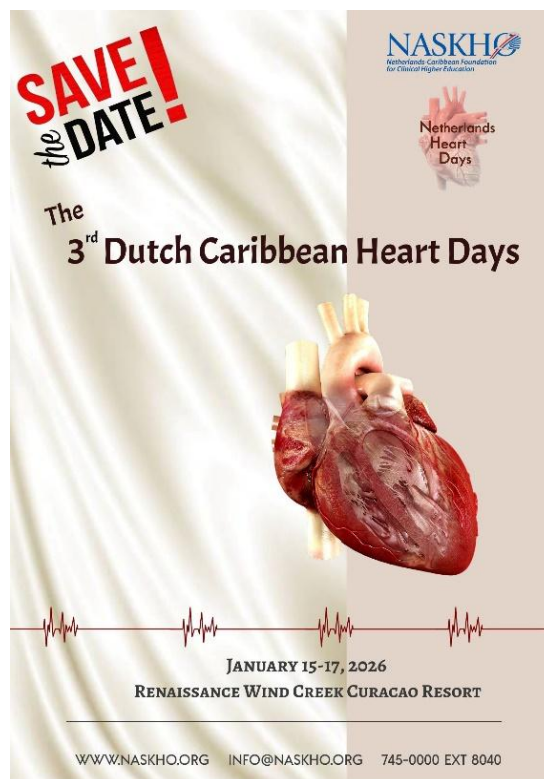
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Venue:

Ballroom of the Renaissance Wind Creek Hotel
Curaçao

3rd Dutch Caribbean Heart Days Curaçao

15-17 January 2026



Dear Colleagues,

It is with pleasure that we announce the **3rd Dutch Caribbean Heart Days (DCHD)** to be held **January 15 – 17, 2026** in the Ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel in Willemstad, Curaçao.

With the DCHD, a strong educational platform in (cardiovascular) radiology and cardiology is created for the Caribbean region and South-America, but also for North-America and Europe.

The meeting will feature a spectrum from basic principles towards (advanced) clinical applications and scientific innovations. As part of the main program, an evening session is organized especially for nurses and GP's. This evening can also as stand- alone session be followed by nurses and GP's.

Moreover, the program will also be appealing for residents in radiology and cardiology and technicians, pulmonologists and internal medicine MD's. Besides topical sessions covering the clinical implications of the findings, the technical aspects and imaging protocols, scientific content on cardiac imaging will be addressed. Most sessions will feature examples of actual clinical cases and how novel techniques, methods and interventions can be used to better diagnose and treat patients with a variety of diseases affecting the heart.

The congenial and collaborative atmosphere of the congress offers excellent opportunities for networking and jumpstarting multicenter collaborations and research projects within and over the continents.

Save the date and come join us in Curaçao!

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For more information visit www.nnhd.org

PROGRAM Thursday 15 January 2026

08.15 – 08.30 Official Opening and Welcome

Prof. H.J. Lamb, MD, PhD, LUMC, Leiden, NL

08.30 – 09.30

Session 1: CT & CMR Basics

Guidelines on CT and MRI application

D.E. Garnica, MD, Fundación Cardioinfantil/La Cardio, Bogota, CO

Cardiovascular CT Patient Preparation and Technique

Prof. R.P.J. Budde, MD, PhD, ErasmusMC, Rotterdam, NL

Cardiovascular MRI Technique and Building Blocks

Prof. T. Leiner, MD, PhD, Mayo Clinics, Rochester, US

09.30 – 10.00 Coffee break

10.00 – 11.00

Session 2: Medical Therapy in Coronary Artery Disease

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D.F. Holguin, MD, Fundación Cardioinfantil/La Cardio, Bogota, CO

Anti-Inflammatory Medication in Coronary Artery Disease

A. Mosterd, MD, PhD, Meander MC, Amersfoort, NL

Unmet needs and New Therapies for Managing LDL Cholesterol

R. Moralis, MSc, Costa del Este, PA

11.00 – 12.00

Session 3: Multi-Energy CT

Photon Counting CT

Prof. R.P.J. Budde, MD, PhD, ErasmusMC, Rotterdam, NL

Spectral CT: Coronary Artery Disease and Cardiomyopathy

Prof. H.J. Lamb, MD, PhD, LUMC, Leiden, NL

Spectral CT: Extra-Cardiac Vascular Applications

Prof. B.K. Velthuis, MD, PhD UMCU, Utrecht, NL

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.50

Session 4: Ischemic Heart Disease

Nuclear Imaging

M.E. Hol, MD, UMCU, Utrecht, NL

MRI

Prof. T. Leiner, MD, PhD, Mayo Clinics, Rochester, US

Ultrasound

C. Guerrero, MD, Fundación Cardioinfantil/La Cardio, Bogota, CO

Cases

J.C.J. van Leeuwen, MD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

18.30 – 20.30 Session 5: Imaging for Nurses and General Practitioners (GPS)

Heart Failure in the First Line

M. Meraz Torres, MD, AAH, Willemstad, CW

Policlinical Electrocardiography

C. Diaz, CMC, Willemstad, CW

Basic Electrocardiography

J.C.J. van Leeuwen, MD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

Care for the CCU Patient

R. Mathilda, CMC, Willemstad, CW

Loop Recorders

L. Martina, CMC, Willemstad, CW

Panel Discussion

All speakers

PROGRAM Friday 16 January 2026

08.15 – 08.30 Walk in

08.30 – 09.30

Session 6: Basic Principles of Cardiac Ultrasound & Nuclear Medicine

When to perform Cardiovascular Ultrasound

T. Martha, MD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

How to perform Cardiovascular Ultrasound

J. Molina Monsalve, MD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

Clinical Indications for Nuclear Imaging

M.E. Hol, MD, UMCU, Utrecht, NL

09.30 – 10.00 Coffee break

10.00 – 11.00

Session 7: Sports Medicine

Pre-Participation Screening of Athletes - to do or not to do

A. Mosterd, MD, PhD, Meander MC, Amersfoort, NL

CT and MRI Imaging of the Athletes Heart

Prof. B.K. Velthuis, MD, PhD, UMCU, Utrecht, NL

Cardiovascular Challenges of Scuba Diving

J.C.J. van Leeuwen, MD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

11.00 – 12.00

Session 8: Inflammation

Cardiac Sarcoidosis and Other Inflammatory Disease

M.E. Hol, MD, UMCU, Utrecht, NL

Role of Ultrasound in Myocarditis

J.F. Vasquez, MD, Fundación Cardioinfantil/La Cardio, Bogota, CO

Cases

Prof. B.K. Velthuis, MD, PhD, UMCU, Utrecht, NL

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.50

Session 9: Non-Ischemic Heart Disease

Genetic and Acquired Dilating Cardiomyopathies

D.E. Garnica, MD, Fundación Cardioinfantil/La Cardio, Bogota, CO

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and Hypertensive Cardiomyopathy

Prof. B.K. Velthuis, MD, PhD, UMCU, Utrecht, NL

Valvular Heart Disease

Prof. R.P.J. Budde, MD, PhD, ErasmusMC, Rotterdam, NL

Cases

Prof. R.O.B. Gans, MD, PhD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

PROGRAM Saturday 17 January 2026

08.15 – 08.30 Walk in

08.30 – 09.30

Session 10: Artificial Intelligence

Basic Principles of AI

Prof. H.J. Lamb, MD, PhD, LUMC, Leiden, NL

Cardiovascular Imaging Applications of AI

Prof. H.J. Lamb, MD, PhD, LUMC, Leiden, NL

Translating AI across Disciplines. Insights from Neuro-Oncology to Cardiology

J.C.C. van Leeuwen, MSc, ErasmusMC, Rotterdam, NL

09.30 – 10.00 Coffee break

10.00 – 11.00

Session 11: Inflammation, Behavior and Environmental Effects

The Inflammatory Nature of Obesity

Prof. A.J. Duits, MD, PhD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

Metabolic Programming of Obesity

S. van Heijningen, PhD, Scientific Consulting Curaçao, Willemstad, CW

What does Climate Change have to do with us?

I. Gerstenbluth, MD, Curaçao Biomedical & Health Research Institute, Willemstad, CW

11.00 – 12.00

Session 12: Intervention

FARAPULSE Ablations

F. Di Tomasso, MD, Hospital B. Rivadavia, Buenos Aires, AR

OSAS

T. Blonk, MD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

Cases

D. Salas, MD, Fundación Cardioinfantil/La Cardio, Bogota, CO

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.50

Session 13: Future of Cardiovascular Imaging

Free-Breathing CMR

Prof. H.J. Lamb, MD, PhD, LUMC, Leiden, NL

Midfield CMR

Prof. H.J. Lamb, MD, PhD, LUMC, Leiden, NL

3D Ultrasound

C. Guerrero, MD, Fundación Cardioinfantil/La Cardio, Bogota, CO

Wrap up Cases

F.N. Fernandes, MD, PhD, CMC, Willemstad, CW

14.50 – 15.00

Closure of the meeting

Prof. H.J. Lamb, MD, PhD, LUMC, Leiden, NL