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ADVANCE PROGRAM

INCLUDING SESSIONS ON:
FOOD & ARRHYTHMIAS
Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 14th edition of VeniceArrhythmias that will take place on October the 16th through the 18th, 2015.

VeniceArrhythmias is one of the most prestigious international congresses in the field of arrhythmology. The secret of its success lies upon two fundamental components: the high level of the scientific program with a worldwide recognized faculty, and the magnificent Congress venue, the Fondazione Giorgio Cini in Venice across from San Marco Square.

As in the past, all the aspects of cardiac arrhythmias will be dealt with during the three days of the meeting, from epidemiology and pathophysiology to diagnosis, prognosis and therapy.

The main topics of the upcoming edition will be: zoom in on atrial fibrillation, anti-thrombotic treatment for cardiac arrhythmias, role of cardiac imaging in electrophysiology, syncope 2015 - challenging issues, sport and arrhythmias - old and new controversies, ventricular tachycardia - evaluation and therapy, focus on hereditary arrhythmogenic syndromes, sudden death and ICD therapy - indications and technological innovations, recent advances in heart failure and cardiac resynchronization therapy, progress in cardiac pacing, remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias/devices, lead extraction and device infection, new technologies and techniques in catheter ablation, surgical and electrophysiological interventions for cardiac arrhythmias.

A unique feature of VeniceArrhythmias 2015 will be a special program dedicated to the relationship between food and cardiac arrhythmias, a topic that is usually neglected in the medical meetings despite its important clinical implications.

In 2015, Italy will host the world Expo whose main theme will be nutrition, and we would like to take advantage of this extraordinary occasion to discuss in depth the impact that food lifestyles may have on the development and prevention of cardiovascular diseases and cardiac arrhythmias.

As in the past, the scientific program of VeniceArrhythmias 2015 will include also a series of sessions prepared jointly with the most important international Scientific Societies that have given their endorsement or patronage to the meeting.

A program committee, made of worldwide distinguished experts, has been appointed to prepare a high-quality scientific program that, we are sure, will meet all the expectations and needs of the numerous participants to the meeting.

Finally, it should be emphasized that VeniceArrhythmias 2015 will be held in one of the most attractive locations in the world. Venice is a unique city, which has preserved its structural integrity over the centuries; from a natural, artistic, and historical point of view it is a veritable treasure.

We are confident that all these fascinating features will make VeniceArrhythmias 2015 a wonderful and unforgettable event

We look forward to welcoming you in Venice.

Sincerely,

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Indian Heart Rhythm Society

ISHNE  
International Society for Holter & Noninvasive Electrocardiology

JHRS  
Japanese Heart Rhythm Society

RSCA  
All Russian Scientific Societies of Arrhythmology, Electrophysiology and Pacing

SADEC  
Sociedad Argentina de Electrofisiología Cardiaca

SICSPORT  
Società Italiana di Cardiologia dello Sport

SMC  
Sociedad Mexicana de Cardiología

SOBRAC  
Sociedade Brasileira de Arritmias Cardiácas

SOLAECE  
Sociedad Latinoamericana de Estimulación Cardíaca y Electrofisiología

SOMECC  
Sociedad Mexicana de Electrofisiología e Estimulación Cardiaca

STARS  
Syncope Trust and Reflex Anoxic Seizures

StopAfib.org  
StopAfib Association

TKD  
Turkish Society of Cardiology

WSA  
World Society of Arrhythmias

WHA  
World Heart Federation
General Scientific Overview
Featured Symposia

Zoom in on atrial fibrillation

October 16 – Arazzi Room
October 18 – Arazzi Room
Program Chairmen:
Andrea Natale / Austin, USA
Antonio Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy
Sakis Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Drug prophylaxis of AF: 2015 update
- Drug prophylaxis of AF: focus on Dronedarone
- Silent atrial fibrillation: to treat or not to treat
- New oral anticoagulants: focus on Edoxaban
- Long-term outcome of AF ablation in different clinical settings

Food and arrhythmias

October 16 – Consiglio Room
Program Chairmen:
Andrea Natale / Austin, USA
Antonio Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy
Sakis Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Diet / beverage habits & AF: which relationship?

October 16 – Consiglio Room
Program Chairmen:
Samuel Lévy / Marseille, France
Maurizio Santomauro / Naples, Italy

- Proarrhythmic effects of energy drink and food
Antithrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias

**October 17 – Arazzi Room**

Program Chairmen:
[John A. Camm](#) / London, UK  
[Gregory Y.H. Lip](#) / Birmingham, UK

- New guidelines on stroke prevention for atrial fibrillation. Europe, Far East or USA, nice or not?  
- Antithrombotic management of patients undergoing electrophysiological procedures  
- Chronic kidney disease (CKD) in the patient with atrial fibrillation

Arrhythmias in the elderly

**October 18 – Consiglio Room**

Program Chairmen:
[Hugh Calkins](#) / Baltimore, USA  
[Win-Kuang Shen](#) / Phoenix, USA

- State of the art in 2015

Arrhythmogenic genetic syndrome: what’s new?

**October 16 – Cenacolo Room**

Program Chairmen:
[Sami Viskin](#) / Tel Aviv, Israel  
[Arthur A. Wilde](#) / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Brugada syndrome: what’s new?  
- Long QT syndrome: what’s new?

Contemporary and controversial issues in cardiac pacing

**October 17 – Cipressi Room**

Program Chairmen:
[Andrew E. Epstein](#) / Philadelphia, USA  
[Maurizio Lunati](#) / Milan, Italy

- Gaps in pacemaker guidelines
**Core Curricula**

**HF and CRT**

**October 18 – Cipressi Room**

Program Chairmen:

Maurizio Gasparini / Rozzano, Italy
Michael R. Gold / Charleston, USA

- The role of programming and lead position to optimize CRT outcomes
- CRT in special situations

**ICD leads evolution**

**October 18 – Cenacolo Room**

Program Chairmen:

Andrew E. Epstein / Philadelphia, USA
Seah Nisam / Brussels, Belgium

- Nearly half a century of accomplishments: what’s still needed?

**Lead extraction and device infection**

**October 18 – Cenacolo Room**

Program Chairmen:

Maria G. Bongiorni / Pisa, Italy
Charles Kennergren / Gothenburg, Sweden

- CIED infection
- CIED lead reliability

**Mechanisms and ablation of cardiac arrhythmias**

**October 17 – Consiglio Room**

Program Chairmen:

Melvin M. Scheinman / San Francisco, USA
William G. Stevenson / Boston, USA

- Cardiac arrhythmias diagnoses and ablation - what every cardiac electrophysiologist needs to know. Session 1
- Cardiac arrhythmias diagnoses and ablation - what every cardiac electrophysiologist needs to know. Session 2
New technologies and techniques in catheter ablation

**October 17 – Barbantini Room**
Program Chairmen:
Francis E. Marchlinski / Philadelphia, USA
Antonio Rossillo / Vicenza, Italy

- New technologies: mapping
- New technologies: ablation

Present your most challenging cases - rising stars and more

**October 16 – Consiglio Room**
**October 17 – Consiglio Room**

Program Chairmen:
Luigi Di Biase / New York, USA
Juan F. Viles Gonzalez / Miami, USA

- Supraventricular arrhythmias
- Ventricular arrhythmias

Remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias / device

**October 18 – Consiglio Room**

Program Chairmen:
Giuseppe Boriani / Bologna, Italy
Jonathan S. Steinberg / New York, USA

- Remote monitoring: how to remove barriers and implement advances

Role of cardiac imaging in electrophysiology

**October 18 – Barbantini Room**

Program Chairmen:
David J. Callans / Philadelphia, USA
Sanjeev Sakseia / New Brunswick, USA

- New technology and novel techniques in the diagnosis and therapy of cardiac arrhythmias
Sport and arrhythmias

October 16 – Consiglio Room
Program Chairmen:
Franco Giada / Noale, Italy
Barry J. Maron / Minneapolis, USA

- To screen or not to screen: the Italian/European and American point of view
- Sports and physical exercise in special clinical settings

Stroke prevention / AF therapy trial

October 18 morning – Arazzi Room
Program Chairmen:
Stuart J. Connolly / Hamilton, Canada
Stefan H. Hohnloser / Frankfurt, Germany

- Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation
- Atrial fibrillation therapy trials

Sudden cardiac death and ICD

October 17 – Cenacolo Room
Program Chairmen:
Giovanni L. Botto / Como, Italy
Eric N. Prystowsky / Indianapolis, USA

- Primary prevention ICD: the “in-between” groups
Surgical vs electrophysiological interventions for cardiac arrhythmias

October 17 – Barbantini Room
Program Chairmen:
James R. Edgerton / Dallas, USA
Gerhard Hindricks / Leipzig, Germany
Domenico Mangino / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Does surgery have a role?
- Debates

Syncope 2015 update

October 16 – Cipressi Room
October 17 – Cipressi Room
Program Chairmen:
David G. Benditt / Minneapolis, USA
Brian Olshansky / Iowa City, USA

- Syncope: epidemiology
- Syncope: pathophysiology
- Specific conditions
- Syncope: dilemmas
- Clinical trials going forward
APHRS Corner

October 16 – Barbantini Room
Program Chairmen:
Jonathan M. Kalman / Melbourne, Australia
Young-Hoon Kim / Seoul, Korea

- Persistent atrial fibrillation: from prevention to ablation

CHRS Corner

October 17 – Borges Room
Program Chairmen:
Peter Guerra / Montreal, Canada
Atul Verma / Toronto, Canada

- Novel collaborative trials in stroke preventions for AF

CSPE Corner

October 17 – Borges Room
Program Chairmen:
Chu-Pak Lau / Hong Kong, China
Shu Zhang / Beijing, China

- Prevention of sudden cardiac death in less developed countries

ECAS Corner

October 16 – Barbantini Room
Program Chairmen:
Riccardo Cappato / San Donato Milanese, Italy
David W. Davies / London, UK

- Current techniques used for AF ablation: focus on results
HRS Corner

October 17 – Arazzi Room
Program Chairmen:
Hugh Calkins / Baltimore, USA
Michael R. Gold / Charleston, USA

- Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation patients: controversial issues in 2015

ISHNE Corners

October 17 – Cenacolo Room
October 18 – Cipressi Room
Program Chairmen:
Jonathan S. Steinberg / New York, USA
Wojciech Zareba / Rochester, USA

- Reduction in appropriate and inappropriate ICD therapies
- Optimizing CRT-D therapy

JHRS Corner

October 18 – Cenacolo Room
Program Chairmen:
Yuji Nakazato / Tokyo, Japan
Ken Okumura / Hirosaki, Japan

- Device and lead trouble-shooting - standard strategy and technical option
RSCA Corner

**October 16 – Barbantini Room**

Program Chairmen:
**Amiran Revishvili** / Moscow, Russia  
**Vitaly Sulimov** / Moscow, Russia

- New strategy and technologies in the treatment of atrial fibrillation

SOLAECE Corner

**October 18 – Barbantini Room**

Program Chairmen:
**Luis Aguinaga** / Tucumán, Argentina  
**Carlos A. Morillo** / Hamilton, Canada

- Top advances in the management of rhythm disorder

WSA Corner

**October 18 – Barbantini Room**

Program Chairmen:
**Massimo Santini** / Rome, Italy  
**Panos E. Vardas** / Athens, Greece

- Innovation in arrhythmia treatment
Brazilian Corner

October 17 – Cenacolo Room
Program Chairmen:
Eduardo Saad / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Mauricio Scanavacca / Sao Paulo, Brazil

- Epicardial ablation around the world: what have we learned after 20 years performing epicardial mapping and ablation of cardiac arrhythmias?

French Corner

October 17 - Consiglio Room
Program Chairmen:
Etienne Aliot / Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy, France
Jean J. Blanc / Brest, France

- Controversial issues in devices and ablation

German Corner

October 17 - Cipressi Room
Program Chairmen:
J. Brachmann / Coburg, Germany
W. Jung / Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany

- Novel technology for pacing without leads

Gulf Corner

October 16 – Cenacolo Room
Program Chairmen:
Ayman Al-Khadra / Riyadh, UAE
Alawi Alsheikh-Ali / Abu Dhabi, UAE
Rajin Choudhury / Shariia, UAE

- Brugada syndrome in the Gulf
**Geographic Area Corners**

**Indian Corner**

**October 16 - Cenacolo Room**

Program Chairmen:
*Calambur Narasimhan / Hyderabad, India*
*Kamal K. Sethi / New Delhi, India*

- Ventricular tachycardia in non-ischemic cardiomyopathy

**Mexican Corner**

**Friday 16 - Barbantini Room**

Program Chairmen:
*Manlio Marquez / Mexico City, Mexico*
*TBA*

- Electrocardiography of clinical arrhythmias

**Middle East Cardiopace-Cadmos**

**October 17 - Borges Room**

Program Chairmen:
*Charles Jazra / Beirut, Lebanon*
*Jacques Mansourati / Brest, France*

- All about atrial fibrillation

**Turkish Corner**

**October 18 – Consiglio Room**

Program Chairmen:
*Bulent Gorenek / Eskisehir, Turkey*
*Fethi Kılıçaslan / Istanbul, Turkey*

- Controversial issues on management of arrhythmias in acute coronary syndromes
Satellite symposia and luncheon panels

**Bayer Luncheon Panel**

*October 17 – Arazzi Room*
Rivaroxaban in arrhythmology: from evidence based medicine to real life experience

**Boehringer Ingelheim Focus on**

*October 16 – Arazzi Room*
Have we changed the face of anticoagulation?

**Biosense Webster Luncheon Panel**

*October 17 – Barbantini Room*
Innovative cardiac arrhythmias solutions in only-one technology: an EP dream that comes true

**Biotronik Satellite Symposium**

*October 17 – Cipressi Room*
Heart failure and CRT: new topics and evidences in 2015

**Medico Luncheon Panel**

*October 17 – Consiglio Room*
Haemodynamic issues in cardiac pacing

**Medtronic Luncheon Panel**

*October 17 – Cipressi Room*
Exploring the “One Shot” technologies: a journey through innovation, efficacy and safety

**Pfizer Luncheon Panel**

*October 16 – Arazzi Room*
The anticoagulation journey continues: the dilemma of thrombosis versus bleeding

**Sorin Satellite Symposium**

*October 17 - Cenacolo Room*
Advances in cardiac pacing and arrhythmias management

**St. Jude Medical Luncheon Panel**

*October 16 – Cenacolo Room*
Advanced mapping and ablation of complex arrhythmias: featuring the present and the future
08.30-09.45

Featured Symposium

Zoom in on atrial fibrillation
Program Chairmen: Andrea Natale – Antonio Raviele – Sakis Themistoclakis

DRUG PROPHYLAXIS OF AF: 2015 UPDATE

Chairmen: A. Capucci / Ancona, Italy - E.N. Simantirakis / Heraklion, Greece

Amiodarone in patients with LV dysfunction: how safe is it?
G.L. Botto / Como, Italy

Beta-blockers as preferred therapy in HF patients with AF: is it time to change?
I.C. Van Gelder / Groningen, The Netherlands

Vernakalant for cardioversion of AF: who, when, why
C. Blomström-Lundqvist / Uppsala, Sweden

Ranalozone as a promising treatment option for AF, alone or in combination with other AADs
A.J. Camm / London, UK

10.15-12.30

Featured Symposium

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DRUG PROPHYLAXIS OF AF: FOCUS ON DRONEDARONE

Chairmen: M.M. Gulizia / Catania, Italy - I.C. Van Gelder / Groningen, The Netherlands

Increased mortality with dronedarone: is digoxin the cause?
A. Capucci / Ancona, Italy

Dronedarone in the real world: how safe is it?
L. Friberg / Stockholm, Sweden

AF in patients with CAD: is dronedarone a good choice?
H.J.G.M. Crijns / Maastricht, The Netherlands

Dronedarone: which patient is most likely to benefit from it?
E. Aliot / Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy, France
12.30-14.00

Pfizer Luncheon Panel
The anticoagulation journey continues: the dilemma of thrombosis versus bleeding

Chairmen: A. Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy – P. Simioni / Padua, Italy

NOACs: pharmacological differences
A. Corsini / Milan, Italy

The clinical relevance of AMPLIFY programme
F. Dentali / Varese, Italy

Stroke prevention in non valvular atrial fibrillation: efficacy vs safety
G.L. Botto / Como, Italy

Challenging practical situations
W. Ageno / Varese, Italy

14.00-15.45

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SILENT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION: TO TREAT OR NOT TO TREAT
Chairmen: S. Lévy / Marseille, France – A. Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy

In the general population
L. Friberg / Stockholm, Sweden

In the pacemaker/ICD recipients
J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada

After trans-catheter ablation
S. Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy

After a “cryptogenetic” stroke
J. Brachmann / Coburg, Germany
16.15-18.00

Featured Symposium

Zoom in on atrial fibrillation
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NEW ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS: FOCUS ON EDOXABAN
Chairmen: G. Di Pasquale / Bologna, Italy - J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada
New insight from ENGAGE
R.P. Giugliano / Boston, USA
Real-life data from PREFER in AF Registry
R. De Caterina / Chieti, Italy

Boehringer Ingelheim Focus on

Have we changed the face of anticoagulation?

PRACTICAL PATIENT PROTECTION WITH DABIGATRAN: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?
Chairmen: A.J. Camm / London, UK - S.H. Hohnloser / Frankfurt, Germany
Speaker
S.J. Connolly / Hamilton, Canada
Discussants
J. Kautzner / Prague, Czech Republic
G. Di Pasquale / Bologna, Italy

18.00-19.30

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail
NEW GUIDELINES ON STROKE PREVENTION FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION – EUROPE, FAR EAST OR USA, NICE OR NOT?

Chairmen: A.J. Camm / London, UK – A.L. Waldo / Cleveland, USA
The Canadian guidelines
J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada
The NICE guidelines
I. Savelieva / London, UK
The Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society guidelines
H.F. Tse / Hong Kong, China
The AHA/ACC/HRS guidelines
E.N. Prystowsky / Indianapolis, USA
Comparing all the guidelines on stroke prevention – more focus on the ESC guidelines?
R. De Caterina / Chieti, Italy
Saturday 17 morning - Arazzi Room

11.00-13.00
Core Curriculum

Antithrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias
Program Chairman: John A. Camm – Gregory Y.H. Lip

ANTITHROMBOTIC MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS UNDERGOING ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL PROCEDURES

Chairmen: TBA – A. Oto / Ankara, Turkey
Ablation of AF and left sided atrial arrhythmias
A. Natale / Austin, USA
Right atrial ablation procedures (slow pathway ablation, right-sided accessory pathways, right atrial tachycardias, AV-node ablation)
G.A. Dan / Bucharest, Romania
Ablation of right sided ventricular tachycardias
P. Della Bella / Milan, Italy
Antithrombotic management for the implantation of CIED and generator changes
A. Verma / Toronto, Canada
What do the guidelines say?
M.D. Ezekowitz / Wynnewood, USA
13.00-14.30
Bayer Luncheon Panel

Rivaroxaban in arrhythmology: from evidence based medicine to real life experience

Chairmen: G.L. Botto / Como, Italy - A.J. Camm / London, UK

Patients undergoing AF ablation
S. Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Patients undergoing cardioversion
R. Cappato / San Donato Milanese, Italy

What we have learnt from Dresda Registry, Xantus and future perspective
J. Beyer-Westendorf / Dresden, Germany

14.30-16.30
Core Curriculum

Antithrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias
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CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD) IN THE PATIENT WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Chairmen: G. Boriani / Bologna, Italy – R. Hatala / Bratislava, Slovak Republic

CKD and atrial fibrillation: a bad combination for stroke and bleeding
J. Oldgren / Uppsala, Sweden *

CKD and atrial fibrillation: warfarin, NOAC or nothing?
T. Potpara / Belgrade, Serbia

End-stage renal disease and other arrhythmias: what relationships and clinical implications?
C.J. Ferro / Birmingham, UK

Progression of CKD and impact on treatment decisions and outcomes
I. Savelieva / London, UK

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STROKE PREVENTION IN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION PATIENTS: CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN 2015

Chairmen: S.J. Connolly / Hamilton, Canada - M.R. Gold / Charleston, USA

Weighing the risk of stroke versus the risk of bleeding: which AF patients should be anticoagulated?
A.L. Waldo / Cleveland, USA

Atrial fibrillation detected on routine device follow-up: when is anticoagulation indicated?
J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada

Does AF ablation lower stroke risk?
H. Calkins / Baltimore, USA

Appendage occlusion devices: do they have a role?
R.D. Berger / Baltimore, USA

Intracerebral microbleeds: what are they? And should we care?
T.J. Bunch / Murray, USA
Sunday 18 morning - Arazzi Room

8.30-10.30
Core Curriculum

**Stroke prevention / AF therapy trial**
Program Chairmen: Stuart J. Connolly - Stefan H. Hohnloser

**STROKE PREVENTION IN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION**
Chairmen: **G. Di Pasquale** / Bologna, Italy - **J. Healey** / Hamilton, Canada
Is there a role for aspirin in stroke prevention in 2015?  
**J. Oldgren** / Uppsala, Sweden
Tailoring the oral anticoagulant to the individual patient – warfarin and the NOACs  
**A. Rossillo** / Vicenza, Italy
The use of NOACs during cardioversion of AF  
**S.H. Hohnloser** / Frankfurt, Germany
The percutaneous LAA occlusion has been proven to be effective and safe for stroke prevention in AF  
**Pro:** **V.Y. Reddy** / New York, USA - **Con:** **S.J. Connolly** / Hamilton, Canada

11.00-13.00
Core Curriculum

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**ATRIAL FIBRILLATION THERAPY TRIALS**
Chairmen: **R. Cappato** / San Donato Milanese, Italy - **S.H. Hohnloser** / Frankfurt, Germany
Routine versus aggressive upstream rhythm control for prevention of early atrial fibrillation in heart failure (Race 3)  
**I.C. Van Gelder** / Groningen, The Netherlands
Atrial fibrillation progression trial (ATTEST)  
**K.H. Kuck** / Hamburg, Germany
Balloons, lasers, contact force sensing: will new technologies improve results of AF ablation?  
**C. Tondo** / Milan, Italy
Periprocedural stroke and bleeding complications during catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation with different anticoagulation management: the COMPARE Trial  
**L. Di Biase** / New York, USA
Subclinical atrial fibrillation and clinical outcomes: evidence from prospective trials  
**C.W. Israel** / Bielefeld, Germany
Featured Symposium

Zoom in on atrial fibrillation
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LONG-TERM OUTCOME OF AF ABLATION IN DIFFERENT CLINICAL SETTINGS

Chairmen: L. Mont / Barcelona, Spain – G. Stabile / Naples, Italy

Lone AF / AF with minimal SHD
E. Bertaglia / Padua, Italy

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
A. Corrado / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Valvular HD
R. Bai / Wuhan, China

HF with Systolic or Diastolic LV dysfunction
P. Santangeli / Philadelphia, USA

Other clinical settings (MS / OSA / CPOD / etc)
E. Anter / Boston, USA
Friday 16 morning - Cenacolo Room

08.30-10.15
Geographic Area Corner
Gulf Corner
Program Chairmen: Ayman Al-Khadra - Alawi Alsheikh-Ali - Rajin Choudhury

BRUGADA SYNDROME IN THE GULF
Chairmen: A. Al-Khadra / Riyadh, UAE - R. Choudhury / Shariah, UAE
Brugada Syndrome and early repolarization: an overview
A. Khalifa / West Riffa, Bahrein
The Gulf Brugada Registry: presentation and clinical outcomes
S. Alkaabi / Abu Dhabi, UAE
The genetics of Brugada Syndrome in the Gulf
N. Asaad / Doha, Qatar
Brugada Syndrome in the Gulf ICD registry
A. Hersi / Riyadh, UAE
Brugada Syndrome in the Gulf: challenging cases
A. Alsheikh-Ali / Abu Dhabi, UAE

10.45-12.30
Core Curriculum
Arrhythmogenic genetic syndrome: what’s new?
Program Chairmen: Sami Viskin – Arthur A. Wilde

BRUGADA SYNDROME: WHAT’S NEW?
Chairmen: P. Delise / Conegliano Veneto, Italy – S. Viskin / Tel Aviv, Israel
Brugada Syndrome: understanding the role of “mutation” in 2015
A.A. Wilde / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Brugada Syndrome: understanding diagnostic tests and who is at risk?
A.D. Krahn / Vancouver, Canada
Variants of Brugada Syndrome: the evolving picture
W. Shimizu / Tokyo, Japan
Drug-induced Brugada Syndrome: clinical and therapeutic implications
P.G. Postema / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Friday 16 afternoon - Cenacolo Room

12.30-14.00
St. Jude Medical Luncheon Panel

Advanced mapping and ablation of complex arrhythmias: featuring the present and the future

Chairmen: A. Arenal / Madrid, Spain – R. De Ponti / Varese, Italy

Automatic generation of electrical maps with new generation ensite software
C. Pappone / San Donato Milanese, Italy

State of the art in morphology mapping during VT ablation
M.M. Oliveira / Lisbon, Portugal

First experience with the Mediguide-enabled FlexAbility ablation catheter
F. Gaita / Turin, Italy

14.00-15.45

Core Curriculum

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LONG QT SYNDROME: WHAT’S NEW?

Chairmen: A.D. Krahn / Vancouver, Canada – W. Zareba / Rochester, USA

Congenital long QT syndrome: how should we diagnose it in 2015?
M.J. Ackerman / Rochester, USA

Should we treat all asymptomatic patients with long QT syndrome?
A.A. Wilde / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Drug-induced long QT syndrome: do we understand it in 2015?
M.M. Scheinman / San Francisco, USA

AV block and torsade de pointes: who is at risk?
R. Rosso / Tel Aviv, Israel
VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA IN NON-ISCHEMIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

Chairmen: S. Sakseña / New Brunswick, USA – K.K. Sethi / New Delhi, India

Mechanism of VT/VF in non-ischemic cardiomyopathy: how is it different?
K.K. Shivkumar / Los Angeles, USA

Risk prediction in non-ischemic cardiomyopathy: beyond ejection fraction
V.K. Ajith Kumar / Trivandrum, India

Mapping and ablation of ventricular tachycardia in non-ischemic cardiomyopathy
C. Narasimhan / Hyderabad, India

Ventricular arrhythmia in ARVC: mechanisms and management
H. Tandri / Baltimore, USA
EPICARDIAL ABLATION AROUND THE WORLD: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED AFTER 20 YEARS PERFORMING EPICARDIAL MAPPING AND ABLATION OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS?

Chairmen: A. Natale / Austin, USA - E. Saad / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Brazilian experience
M. Scanavacca / Sao Paulo, Brazil

An European view
P. Della Bella / Milan, Italy

An USA view
F.E. Marchlinski / Philadelphia, USA

An Asian view
Y.H. Kim / Seoul, Korea

Interactive case presentation I
J.D. Burkhardt / Austin, USA

Interactive case presentation II
C. Carbucicchio / Milan, Italy
11.00-13.00

Core Curriculum

**Sudden cardiac death and ICD**
Program Chairmen: Giovanni L. Botto – Eric N. Prystowsky

**PRIMARY PREVENTION ICD: THE “IN-BETWEEN” GROUPS**
Chairmen: **G.L. Botto** / Como, Italy – **E.N. Prystowsky** / Indianapolis, USA
LQTS/Brugada
**M.J. Ackerman** / Rochester, USA
ARVC/D
**R.N.W. Hauer** / Utrecht, The Netherlands
Sarcoid
**I. Savelieva** / London, UK
Patients not well represented in clinical trials
**S.H. Hohnloser** / Frankfurt, Germany
14.30-16.30
Sorin Satellite Symposium
Advances in cardiac pacing and arrhythmia management

Chairmen: M.G. Bongiorni / Pisa, Italy - H. Burri / Geneva, Switzerland
Long-lasting ECG monitoring for syncope and palpitations, what else?
E. Locati / Milan, Italy
Multidisciplinary approach for sleep apnea syndrome in paced patients
A. Capucci / Ancona, Italy
20 years in CRT therapy: what’s more?
R. Mantovan / Cesena, Italy
Relevance of ICD longevity in clinical practice
L. Calò / Rome, Italy
Strategies to reduce inappropriate shocks: which options?
S. Reif / Munich, Germany

17.00-19.00
Scientific Societies Corner
ISHNE Corner
Program Chairmen: Jonathan S. Steinberg - Wojciech Zareba

REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE ICD THERAPIES
Chairmen: S. Dubner / Buenos Aires, Argentina – N.A.M. Estes / Boston, USA
Predicting ICD-treated VT/VF and pharmacological management of VT/VF
W. Zareba / Rochester, USA
Reducing inappropriate and appropriate therapy in primary prevention patients
J.S. Steinberg / New York, USA
Reducing inappropriate and appropriate therapy in secondary prevention patients
M. Gasparini / Rozzano, Italy
Unnecessary treated VT/VF in ICD patients
R. Verlato / Camposampiero, Italy
08.30-10.30
Core Curriculum
Lead extraction and device infection
Program Chairmen: Maria G. Bongiorni – Charles Kennergren

CIED INFECTION
Chairmen: M.G. Bongiorni / Pisa, Italy – W. Jung / Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany
Preventing CIED infection (state of the art implantation techniques, local and systemic antibiotic prophylaxis, special precautions in high risk patients)
E. Soldati / Pisa, Italy
Treatment of local and systemic CIED infection (duration of antibiotic treatment, role of stand-alone antibiotic treatment, timing of extraction and reimplantation, treatment of PM dependent patients during and after extraction)
J. Clancy / New Haven, USA
Extraction and debridement techniques for infected CIED systems
TBA
Treatment results (device infection incidence, results of stand-alone antibiotic treatment and lead extraction/antibiotic treatment, including complication rates)
J. Kautzner / Prague, Czech Republic

11.00-13.00
Core Curriculum
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CIED LEAD RELIABILITY
Chairmen: R.G. Carrillo / Miami, USA – A. Proclemer / Udine, Italy
Development, testing, trialing and approval of new leads
E. Trip / Berlin, Germany
A systematic approach to trouble-shooting leads
A. Curnis / Brescia, Italy
Managing recalled and superfluous leads
M.G. Bongiorni / Pisa, Italy
Can all leads be made redundant in the future?
N. Linker / Middlesbrough, UK
NEARLY HALF A CENTURY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: WHAT’S STILL NEEDED?

Chairmen: A.E. Epstein / Philadelphia, USA - S. Nisam / Brussels, Belgium

The evolution of transvenous ICD leads: from the Mirowski / Mower prototype to today
S. Nisam / Brussels, Belgium

An independent review of the reliability data - registries, PPRs, independent studies
and how ICD leads really perform
E.W. Lau / Belfast, UK

Has the transvenous ICD lead reached its zenith with new technologies such as
S-ICD and leadless pacemaker?
M.R. Gold / Charleston, USA

Future development areas for transvenous ICD leads
A. Grace / Cambridge, UK

Round Table: What can the implanter do to avoid lead extraction or to make it easier?
M.G. Bongiorni / Pisa, Italy * - P.P. Mitkowski / Poznan, Poland -
F. Regoli / Lugano, Switzerland - L. Van Erven / Leiden, The Netherlands *

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14.30-16.30

Scientific Societies Corner

JHRS Corner
Program Chairmen: Yuji Nakazato – Ken Okumura

DEVICE AND LEAD TROUBLE-SHOOTING - STANDARD STRATEGY AND TECHNICAL OPTION

Chairmen: J.C. Daubert / Rennes, France - Y. Nakazato / Tokyo, Japan

Standard strategy and limitation of device upgrade
C. Suga / Saitama, Japan

Standard strategy and limitation of percutaneous lead extraction
R.G. Carrillo / Miami, USA

Technical option of percutaneous approach for trouble-shooting
M.G. Bongiorni / Pisa, Italy

Technical option of surgical approach for trouble-shooting
K. Imai / Hiroshima, Japan
Detailed Scientific Program

Cipressi Room
Friday 16 morning - Cipressi Room

08.30-10.15
Core Curriculum
Syncope 2015 update
Program Chairmen: David G. Benditt – Brian Olshansky

SYNCOPE: EPIDEMIOLOGY

Chairmen: D.G. Benditt / Minneapolis, USA – B. Olshansky / Iowa City, USA
Syncope as we age: frequency of causes and cost of care
S. Parry / Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK
Morbidity and mortality in elderly patients with syncope
A. Ungar / Florence, Italy
The neurological consequences of recurrent syncope: immediate and long-term
J.G. Van Dijk / Leiden, The Netherlands

Case Study #1 45 yo man found down on the street wondering what happened. No prior history. Normal physical. No meds. Normal ECG. Admitted to ED – Hospital admission or not?
D. Hachul / Sao Paulo, Brazil

10.45-12.30
Core Curriculum
Syncope 2015 update
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SYNCOPE: PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

Chairmen: P. Alboni / Ferrara, Italy – R. Sutton / Montecarlo, Monaco
Evolution of vasovagal syncope: is there a useful protective effect?
J.J. Blanc / Brest, France
Neuropeptides in autonomic dysfunction and syncope
D.G. Benditt / Minneapolis, USA
Do we really understand carotid hypersensitivity?
W. Wieling / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Case Study #2 18 yo female with recurrent episodic nausea and pallor followed by collapse. Fatigue upon awakening. Monitor shows sinus slowing with episodes. Tilt-table test was positive for syncope and relative bradycardia with marked hypotension. What are the management approaches? What are the data?
F. Giada / Noale, Italy
Friday 16 afternoon - Cipressi Room

14.00-15.45

Core Curriculum

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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS**

Chairmen: **R.S. Sheldon** / Calgary, Canada - **W. Wieling** / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Orthostatic hypotension with supine hypertension: how frequent and how managed
**R.A. Kenny** / Dublin, Ireland
Distinguishing syncope from accidental falls in the elderly
**W.K. Shen** / Phoenix, USA
Syncope in heart failure: what is the common mechanism?
**D. Andresen** / Berlin, Germany

**Case Study #3** 68 yo male with history of congestive heart failure found collapsed in a chair watching soccer. Baseline BP high with orthostatic changes. Multiple cardiovascular medications.
**B. Olshansky** / Iowa City, USA

16.15-18.00

Core Curriculum

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**SYNCOPE: DILEMMAS**

Chairmen: **J.J. Blanc** / Brest, France – **M. Brignole** / Lavagna, Italy
Syncope in the channelopathies: what can gene studies teach us?
**A.D. Krahn** / Vancouver, Canada
Does autonomic orthostatic dysfunction progress with age?
**C.A. Morillo** / Hamilton, Canada
The adenosine / ATP test controversy: can it be resolved?
**D. Flammang** / Lyon, France

**Case Study #4** 16 yo female with history of abrupt transient loss of consciousness without warning supine or upright with or without exertion. The corrected QT is 480. She has a family history of faints on her mother’s side...What is the next step?
**Genetic testing?**
**P.G. Postema** / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Saturday 17 morning - Cipressi Room

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Core Curriculum
Syncope 2015 update
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CLINICAL TRIALS GOING FORWARD
Chairmen: C.A. Morillo / Hamilton, Canada – A. Moya / Barcelona, Spain
What’s next after ISSUE 2 and ISSUE 3?
M. Brignole / Lavagna, Italy
What’s in the next POST?
R.S. Sheldon / Calgary, Canada
J-wave syndromes: risk stratification
S. Viskin / Tel Aviv, Israel
Case Study #5 How about an athlete with syncope during exertion and a non-specific ECG
P. China / Venice-Mestre, Italy

11.00-13.00
Biotronik Satellite Symposium
Heart failure and CRT: new topics and evidences in 2015

Chairmen: M. Lunati / Milan, Italy - R.P. Ricci / Rome, Italy
The integrated approach of multiple parameters to monitor the HF worsening
A. D’Onofrio / Naples, Italy
The role of rate modulation adapted to contractility through the closed loop stimulation: is there a role in CRT-D patient management?
P. De Filippo / Bergamo, Italy
The role of remote monitoring system in CRT-D patient management: the IN-TIME study
L. Santini / Rome, Italy
CRT-D and MRI: is it always a problem? The role of the new devices
G. Zucchelli / Pisa, Italy
Saturday 17 afternoon - Cipressi Room

13.00-14.30

Medtronic Luncheon Panel

Exploring the “One shot” technologies: a journey through innovation, efficacy and safety

Chairmen: A. Curnis / Brescia, Italy - C. Tondo / Milan, Italy
Advancing in cryoablation of AF after 10 years of experience: state of the art and what’s coming
R. Verlato / Camposampiero, Italy
Cryo or RF to treat AF patient: is it really a choice?
G. Fassini / Milan, Italy
Phased RF and duty cycled technologies for AF ablation: how could be more simple?
G. Maglia / Catanzaro, Italy
PVI with multielectrode RF catheter: long term outcome of the PVAC GOLD catheter
G. Rovaris / Monza, Italy

14.30-16.30

Core Curriculum

Contemporary and controversial issues in cardiac pacing
Program Chairmen: Andrew E. Epstein - Maurizio Lunati

GAPS IN PACEMAKER GUIDELINES

Chairmen: A.E. Epstein / Philadelphia, USA - M. Lunati / Milan, Italy
Pacing for bradycardia and asymptomatic pauses: who and why
M. Brignole / Lavagna, Italy
Pacing for symptoms attributable to first-degree AV block: when and how (standard pacing vs CRT)
R. Sutton / Montecarlo, Monaco
De novo CRT in patients with conventional pacemaker indications without HF
J.S. Steinberg / New York, USA
Upgrade from conventional PM to CRT: when and how (CRT-P vs CRT-D)
C. Leclercq / Rennes, France
Pacing from alternative RV sites: rationale and results
F. Zanon / Rovigo, Italy
**NOVEL TECHNOLOGY FOR PACING WITHOUT LEADS**

Chairmen: **J. Brachmann** / Coburg, Germany - **T. Lewalter** / Bonn, Germany

Complications with traditional pacing devices

**R.E. Kirkfeldt** / Aarhus, Denmark

Leadless pacing with screw-in fixation

**W. Jung** / Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany

Leadless pacing with fixation by hook mechanism

**M.R. Reynolds** / Boston, USA

Novel endocardial left ventricular resynchronization therapy in heart failure patients

**C. Butter** / Bernau, Germany

The leadless ultrasonic pacemaker

**C.P. Lau** / Hong Kong, China
THE ROLE OF PROGRAMMING AND LEAD POSITION TO OPTIMIZE CRT OUTCOMES

Chairmen: M. Gasparini / Rozzano, Italy – C. Linde / Stockholm, Sweden

Is routine AV optimization still justified?
D. Francis / London, UK

The role of RV lead position: apex, septum or no RV pacing
C. Leclercq / Rennes, France

Endocardial pacing: how to do it and when to choose it
A. Curnis / Brescia, Italy

Physiologic rather than anatomic criteria to choose LV lead position
M.R. Gold / Charleston, USA

The role of echo to guide LV lead placement
L. Padeletti / Florence, Italy

CRT IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Chairmen: M.R. Gold / Charleston, USA – L. Padeletti / Florence, Italy

CRT in AFib: does it work and when to ablate AFib vs AV node
M. Gasparini / Rozzano, Italy

CRT in RBBB
C. Linde / Stockholm, Sweden

CRT-P vs CRT-D
A.E. Epstein / Philadelphia, USA

CRT in the RV paced patient - when to upgrade
E.J. Ovsyshcher / Beer-Sheva, Israel

May CRT someday replace RV pacing?
M. Lunati / Milan, Italy
**OPTIMIZING CRT-D THERAPY: HOW CAN WE IMPROVE IT?**

**Chairmen:** C. Linde / Stockholm, Sweden - L. Padeletti / Florence, Italy

QRS morphology and duration – where are we in 2015?
W. Zareba / Rochester, USA

Long-term benefit of CRT: how can we improve it?
H. Klein / Rochester, USA

CRT in atrial fibrillation patients – what evidence exists?
J.S. Steinberg / New York, USA

Multisite pacing in CRT – does it help?
J.D. Fisher / New York, USA
Detailed Scientific Program

Barbantini Room
Friday 16 morning - Barbantini Room

08.30-09.45

Geographic Area Corner

Mexican Corner
Program Chairman: Manlio F. Márquez - TBA

**ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY OF CLINICAL ARRHYTHMIAS**

Chairmen: J.A. Gonzalez-Hermosillo / Mexico City, Mexico - P. Iturralde / Mexico City, Mexico

- Algorithms for ECG identification of accessory pathways
  J.R. Gómez-Flores / Mexico City, Mexico *

- Electrocardiographic characteristics of patients with Ebstein’s anomaly before and after ablation of accessory pathways
  S. Nava-Townsend / Mexico City, Mexico

- ECG and holter monitoring in Andersen-Tawil Syndrome
  M.F. Márquez / Mexico City, Mexico

- ECG and genetics in Brugada syndrome
  H. Barajas / Mexico City, Mexico *

- Long term ECG monitoring in high risk patients after AMI
  P.E. Bloch Thomsen / Ellerup – Denmark *

10.45-12.30

International Scientific Societies Corner

APHRS Corner
Program Chairmen: Jonathan M. Kalman - Young-Hoon Kim

**PERSISTENT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION: FROM PREVENTION TO ABLATION**

Chairmen: A. Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy - S. Zhang / Beijing, China

- Risk factors management to reduce the burden of AF
  P. Sanders / Adelaide, Australia

- Mechanisms of persistent AF: what do the clinical mapping studies teach us?
  J.M. Kalman / Melbourne, Australia

- Limited versus extensive substrate modification in persistent AF
  S.A. Chen / Taipei, Taiwan

- Procedural endpoints and predictors of long-term outcome after persistent AF ablation
  Y.H. Kim / Seoul, Korea

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14.00-15.45
International Scientific Societies Corner
ECAS Corner
Program Chairmen: Riccardo Cappato – David W. Davies

CURRENT TECHNIQUES USED FOR AF ABLATION: FOCUS ON RESULTS
Chairmen: R. Cappato / San Donato Milanese, Italy – D.W. Davies / London, UK
Catheter ablation of AF using contact force sensing
D. Shah / Geneva, Switzerland
Cryoablation with new generation balloons
E. Hoffmann / Munich, Germany
Laser ablation
T. Lewalter / Bonn, Germany
AF ablation targeting rotors
P. Wang / San Diego, USA

16.15-18.00
Scientific Societies Corner
RSCA Corner
Program Chairmen: Amiran Revishvili – Vitaly Sulimov

NEW STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGIES IN THE TREATMENT OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION
Chairmen: J.M. Kalman / Melbourne, Australia - S. Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy
Catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation: the Leipzig perspective
P. Sommer / Leipzig, Germany
Treatment of atrial fibrillation by advanced ablation technology
E.G. Vester / Düsseldorf, Germany
Whether it is possible to combine catheter and surgical methods for treatment of atrial fibrillation in one hands
A. Revishvili / Moscow, Russia
New oral anticoagulants or LAA occluder: how to make a right choice in 2015
M. Turakhia / Stanford, USA
NEW TECHNOLOGIES: MAPPING
Chairmen: F.E. Marchlinski / Philadelphia, USA – D.L. Packer / Rochester, USA
Mapping/ablation of non PV foci: techniques and routine or with recurrences?
P. Santangeli / Philadelphia, USA
FIRM substrate mapping approach: outcome data update
K. Shivkumar / Los Angeles, USA
Non invasive ECG mapping system: moving from atrial fibrillation to ventricular fibrillation
M. Haïssaguerre / Bordeaux, France
Scar definition technologies for treatment of atrial and ventricular arrhythmias
H. Halperin / Baltimore, USA

NEW TECHNOLOGIES: ABLATION
Chairmen: J. Kautzner / Prague, Czech Republik - A. Rossillo / Vicenza, Italy
Single shot RF ablation systems: pitfalls and promise
D.L. Packer / Rochester, USA
Status and evolution of balloon technology
A. Al-Ahmad / Austin, USA
Contact force sensor: crucial tool or nice toy?
P. Santangeli / Philadelphia, USA
Catheter ablation technology: do we need a different tool?
A. D’Avila / New York, USA
13.00-14.30

Biosense Webster Luncheon Panel

Innovative cardiac arrhythmias solutions in only-one technology: an EP dream that comes true

Chairmen: L. Calò / Rome, Italy - M. Del Greco / Rovereto, Italy

Multielectrode mapping and ablation system for AF: what did we learn after more than 2 years of experience?
M. Grimaldi / Acquaviva delle Fonti, Italy

New frontiers in complex arrhythmias treatment: how can the new 3D mapping system Carto® 3 support safety and efficiency?
R. Rosso / Tel Aviv, Israel

Mapping and ablation in AF: how can we evaluate the lesion formation?
D. Gupta / Liverpool, UK

A new era in contact force technology: safety, efficacy, efficiency in ventricular tachycardia ablation
C. Carbucicchio / Milan, Italy
DOES SURGERY HAVE A ROLE?

Chairmen: H. Calkins / Baltimore, USA - J.R. Edgerton / Dallas, USA

What is the heart team concept and does it have a role in treatment of cardiac arrhythmias?
G. Zoffoli / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Does surgery have a role in treating AF as stand-alone procedure?
M. La Meir / Maastricht, The Netherlands

Does surgery have a role in treating AF in the setting of the decompensated LV and MR?
D. Mangino / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Does transcatheter or surgical AF ablation have a role in the setting of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy?
F. Gaita / Turin, Italy

Does surgery have a role in LAA closure therapy?
L. Salvador / Vicenza, Italy
Saturday 17 afternoon - Barbantini Room

17.00-19.00
Core Curriculum
Surgical vs electrophysiological interventions for cardiac arrhythmias
Program Chairmen: James R. Edgerton - Gerhard Hindricks - Domenico Mangino

DEBATES
Chairmen: J.R. Edgerton / Dallas, USA - A. Venturini / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Debate 1
Persistent & longstanding persistent AF are best treated with catheter ablation
D.J. Callans / Philadelphia, USA
Persistent and longstanding persistent AF are best treated with surgical ablation
J.R. Edgerton / Dallas, USA

Debate 2
LAA exclusion using an epicardial ligation device like Lariat is superior to LAA closure with surgery
D. Lakkireddy / Kansas City, USA
LAA closure is best done with surgery
S. Salzberg / Zurich, Switzerland

Debate 3
Post-op AF is best treated with rhythm control
R.J. Damiano Jr. / St. Louis, USA
Post-op AF is best treated with rate control
G. Gerosa / Padua, Italy
08.30-10.15
Scientific Societies Corner
WSA Corner
Program Chairmen: Massimo Santini - Panos E. Vardas

INNOVATION IN ARRHYTHMIA TREATMENT
Chairmen: M. Santini / Rome, Italy – E.N. Simantirakis / Heraklion, Greece
MRI conditional pacemakers and ICD: state of the art
R. Verlato / Camposampiero, Italy
The leadless pacemaker: safety and cost-effectiveness
C.W. Israel / Bielefeld, Germany
The subcutaneous defibrillator: advantages and disadvantages
R. Cappato / San Donato Milanese, Italy
The “injectable“ loop recorder: new indications for continuous monitoring
J.C. Deharo / Marseille, France
Complete patient management by CIED Remote Control
N. Varma / Cleveland, USA

11.00-13.00
Core Curriculum
Role of cardiac imaging in electrophysiology
Program Chairmen: David J. Callans – Sanjeev Saksena

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NOVEL TECHNIQUES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS
Chairmen: A. Bonso / Feltre, Italy – L. Mont / Barcelona, Spain
Advanced ECG techniques in atrial fibrillation: body surface mapping
M. Hocini / Bordeaux, France
New options with ICE for left atrial and appendage imaging and early detection of complications
S. Saksena / New Brunswick, USA
Imaging techniques improve diagnosis of cardiac sarcoid and ARVD
T.M. Dickfeld / Baltimore, USA
Invasive and non-invasive definition of VT circuits and their substrate
D.J. Callans / Philadelphia, USA
14.30-16.30

Scientific Societies Corner
SOLAECE Corner
Program Chairmen: Luis Aguinaga - Carlos A. Morillo

TOP ADVANCES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF RHYTHM DISORDER
Chairmen: M.F. Màrquez / Mexico City, Mexico - E. Saad / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Approach to unexplained syncope
D. Hachul / Sao Paulo, Brazil

Defibrillation threshold testing during ICD implantation: is it necessary?
TBA

Catheter ablation in Latin America: the SOLAECE registry
R. Keegan / Bahia Blanca, Argentina

PVC ablation: when should be indicated?
L. Aguinaga / Tucumán, Argentina

Ventricular tachycardia ablation in Chagas heart disease
M. Scanavacca / Sao Paulo, Brazil
Detailed Scientific Program

Consiglio Room
Featured Symposium
**Food and arrhythmias**
Program Chairmen: Andrea Natale – Antonio Raviele – Sakis Themistoclakis

**DIET / BEVERAGE HABITS & AF: WHICH RELATIONSHIP?**
Chairmen: **G. Grassi** / Venice, Italy - **S. Lévy** / Marseille, France
Does Mediterranean diet prevent AF?
**M.A. Martínez González** / Pamplona, Spain
Does fish oil reduce the incidence of AF?
**TBA**
Alcohol consumption and risk of AF: how much is too much?
**C. Jazra** / Beirut, Lebanon
Is caffeine beverage associated with an increased risk of AF?
**A.V. Mattioli** / Modena, Italy
10.45-12.30
Featured Symposium
Food and arrhythmias
Program Chairmen: Samuel Lévy – Maurizio Santomauro

PROARRHYTHMIC EFFECTS OF ENERGY DRINK AND FOOD
Chairmen: A. Oto / Ankara, Turkey - C. Riganti / Naples, Italy
Fad diets such as liquid-based programs or high-protein regimens can cause arrhythmias in the adolescent people
S. Lévy / Marseille, France
Alcohol can cause arrhythmias in people with normal heart
R. Hatala / Bratislava, Slovak Republic
Long-term energy drink consumption is associated with arrhythmias in young people!
A. Capucci / Ancona, Italy
High levels of herbal remedies used by young people for allergy symptoms and to improve sports performance are proarrhythmic
G. Tenore / Naples, Italy
Energy drink-induced near-fatal ventricular arrhythmias treated with an implanted defibrillator
M. Santomauro / Naples, Italy
12.30-14.00
Core Curriculum
Sport and arrhythmias
Program Chairmen: Franco Giada - Barry J. Maron

TO SCREEN OR NOT TO SCREEN: THE ITALIAN/EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW

Chairmen: L. Mont / Barcelona, Spain - G. Thiene / Padua, Italy

J-wave (early repolarization) in competitive athletes. Is it relevant to screening?
A. Pelliccia / Rome, Italy

More AEDs: a better idea than screening to prevent sudden death on the athletic field?
N.A.M. Estes / Boston, USA

So you want to screen ... what about what you may find: the “gray-zone” and disqualification
D.S. Cannom / Los Angeles, USA

Italian/European reaction to 2014 AHA/ACC screening guidelines
D. Corrado / Padua, Italy

American reaction to Italian/European reaction to 2014 guidelines
B.J. Maron / Minneapolis, USA
SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE IN SPECIAL CLINICAL SETTINGS
Chairmen: P. Delise / Conegliano Veneto, Italy – B.J. Maron / Minneapolis, USA
Myocarditis
B. Olshansky / Iowa City, USA
Anomalous origins and myocardial bridging of coronary arteries
C. Basso / Padua, Italy
Coronary dissection and X syndrome
A. Biffi / Rome, Italy
Extreme bradycardia
S. Viskin / Tel Aviv, Israel
ICD and CRT-D patients
F. Giada / Noale, Italy
Friday 16 afternoon - Consiglio Room

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Core Curriculum

Present your most challenging cases - rising stars and more
Program Chairmen: Luigi Di Biase – Juan F. Viles Gonzalez

SUPRAVENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairmen: D.J. Callans / Philadelphia, USA – L. Di Biase / New York, USA

A difficult case of AVNRT/ WPW
Presenter: R. De Ponti / Varese, Italy
Discussant: W.M. Jackman / Oklahoma City, USA

A difficult case of atrial tachycardia/ left atrial flutter
Presenter: M. Tritto / Castellanza, Italy
Discussant: M. Hocini / Bordeaux, France

A difficult case of AF
Presenter: A. Dello Russo / Milan, Italy
Discussant: J.F. Viles Gonzalez / Miami, USA

A difficult case of AF ablation with cryoenergy
Presenter: G.B. Chierchia / Brussels, Belgium
Discussant: D.L. Packer / Rochester, USA

A difficult case of atrial arrhythmia in a patient who underwent subcutaneous ICD
Presenter: A. Rossillo / Vicenza, Italy
Discussant: R. Cappato / San Donato Milanese, Italy
08.30-10.30
Core Curriculum

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VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS
Chairmen: L. Di Biase / New York, USA - M. Hocini / Bordeaux, France

A difficult case of PVCs
Presenter: J.E. Sanchez / Austin, Texas
Discussant: L. Calò / Rome, Italy

A difficult case of epicardial ablation
Presenter: R.H. Tung / Los Angeles, USA
Discussant: A. D’Avila / New York, USA

A difficult case of VT in non-ischemic cardiomyopathy
Presenter: M. Tritto / Castellanza, Italy
Discussant: W.G. Stevenson / Boston, USA

A difficult case of VA in ischemic cardiomyopathy
Presenter: E. Anter / Boston, USA
Discussant: A. Natale / Austin, USA

A questionable indication for CRT-D in a patient with VT after successful ablation
Presenter: G. Turitto / New York, USA
Discussant: M.R. Gold / Charleston, USA
Saturday 17 morning - Consiglio Room

11.00-13.00
Core Curriculum
Mechanisms and ablation of cardiac arrhythmias
Program Chairmen: Melvin M. Scheinman - William G. Stevenson

CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS DIAGNOSES AND ABLATION – WHAT EVERY CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIST NEEDS TO KNOW - SESSION 1
Chairmen: J.M. Kalman / Melbourne, Australia - W.G. Stevenson / Boston, USA
Basic mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias
N.E. El Sherif / New York, USA
Genetic arrhythmic syndrome: mechanisms and indications for a defibrillator and/or ablation
A.A. Wilde / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Mechanisms and ablation of junctional tachycardias
M.M. Scheinman / San Francisco, USA
Mechanisms and ablation of accessory pathways
W.M. Jackman / Oklahoma City, USA

13.00-14.30
Medico Luncheon Panel
Haemodynamic issues in cardiac pacing

Chairmen: A. Capucci / Ancona, Italy * – P. Neuzil / Prague, Czech Republic
Pacing configuration and haemodynamic performance: what are the main features to deal with in the clinical practice?
V. Tazky / Trnava, Slovak Republic
How to assess the AV delay influence on the haemodynamic function?
TBA
Is ventricular pacing prevention always advisable in sick-sinus patients?
E. De Maria / Carpi, Italy
Pros and cons of Hisian pacing. Is it the only way to a physiological ventricular stimulation?
F. Zanon / Rovigo, Italy

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**CORE CURRICULUM**

**Mechanisms and ablation of cardiac arrhythmias**
Program Chairmen: Melvin M. Scheinman – William G. Stevenson

**CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS DIAGNOSES AND ABLATION – WHAT EVERY CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIST NEEDS TO KNOW – SESSION 2**
Chairmen: K.H. Kuck / Hamburg, Germany – M.M. Scheinman / San Francisco, USA

- Mechanisms and ablation of AF
  A. Natale / Austin, USA

- Ablation of Brugada Syndrome
  C. Pappone / San Donato Milanese, Italy

- Ablation of non-ischemic ventricular tachycardia
  F.E. Marchlinski / Philadelphia, USA

- Ablation of VT due to ischemic heart disease
  W.G. Stevenson / Boston, USA

**17.00-19.00**

**Geographic Area Corner**

**French Corner**
Program Chairmen: Etienne Aliot – Jean J. Blanc

**CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN DEVICES AND ABLATION**
Chairmen: E. Aliot / Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy, France – J.J. Blanc / Brest, France

- **Debate 1**
  ICDs for primary indications: “abuse”?
  J.C. Daubert / Rennes, France
  ICDs for primary indications: “underuse”?
  D.S. Cannom / Los Angeles, USA

- **Debate 2**
  AF ablation in persistent AF: “abuse”?
  H.J.G.M. Crijns / Maastricht, The Netherlands
  AF ablation in persistent AF: “underuse”?
  M. Haïssaguerre / Bordeaux, France
Sunday 18 morning - Consiglio Room

08.30-10.30
Core Curriculum

**Arrhythmias in the elderly**
Program Chairmen: Hugh Calkins – Win-Kuang Shen

**STATE OF THE ART IN 2015**
Chairmen: **J.J. Blanc** / Brest, France – **M.M. Gulizia** / Catania, Italy
Rate versus rhythm control: special considerations in the elderly
*C. Jazra* / Beirut, Lebanon
Catheter ablation for AF: are the results different in elderly patients?
**H. Calkins** / Baltimore, USA
Anticoagulation in elderly AF patients: drugs or devices?
**W.K. Shen** / Phoenix, USA
Syncope in the elderly: specific diagnostic and therapeutic approach
**R. Sutton** / Montecarlo, Monaco
Resynchronization therapy: does anything change in the elderly?
**R. Mantovan** / Cesena, Italy
Subcutaneous ICD therapy: is there a role in the elderly?
**R.D. Berger** / Baltimore, USA

11.00-13.00
Geographic Area Corner

**Turkish Corner**
Program Chairmen: Bulent Gorenek – Fethi Kiliçaslan

**CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES ON MANAGEMENT OF ARRHYTHMIAS IN ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES**
Chairmen: **B. Gorenek** / Eskisehir, Turkey – **F. Kiliçaslan** / Istanbul, Turkey
Stroke prevention in patient with atrial fibrillation
*C. Ermiş* / Ankara, Turkey
Indications for temporay and permanent pacing
**B. Amasyali** / Kütahya, Turkey
Catheter ablation of sustained ventricular arrhythmias
**I. Atar** / Ankara, Turkey
Risk stratification for SCD
**A.S. Fak** / Istanbul, Turkey
14.30-16.30
Core Curriculum

Remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias / device
Program Chairmen: Giuseppe Boriani - Jonathan S. Steinberg

REMOTE MONITORING: HOW TO REMOVE BARRIERS AND IMPLEMENT ADVANCES

Chairmen: J. Brachmann / Coburg, Germany - J.S. Steinberg / New York, USA
Remote monitoring of all CIED patients: barriers to universal enrolment
H. Burri / Geneva, Switzerland
Is it time to perform remote device programming?
R.P. Ricci / Rome, Italy
Advances in implanted devices for arrhythmia detection
C.A. Morillo / Hamilton, Canada
Importance of silent AF detection and new insights on the AF/stroke relationship
G. Boriani / Bologna, Italy
Intrahospital prevention of sudden death with AED remote monitoring control
M. Santomauro / Naples, Italy
Detailed Scientific Program

Borges Room
Friday 16 morning – Borges Room

08.30-10.15

Allied Professionals Program

Programma delle Sessioni Infermieristiche

Program Chairmen / Organizzatori: Stefania Damiani – Maura Francese - Barbara Thomas

OPENING REMARKS

APERTURA DEI LAVORI E MESSAGGIO DI BENVENUTO

EDUCATION OF THE EP PATIENT

PREPARAZIONE DEL PAZIENTE IN ELETTROFISIOLOGIA

Chairpersons / Moderatori: S. Damiani / Venice-Mestre, Italy – M. Francese / Catania, Italy – B. Thomas / Austin, USA

Heart failure management in patients with BIV devices

Gestione del paziente con scompenso cardiaco e con dispositivi biventricolari
A. Tsiperfal / Palo Alto, USA

Device therapy: pre and post procedure management

Terapia con dispositivi impiantabili: gestione pre e post procedura
G. Scaboro / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Oral anticoagulation therapy

Terapia con anticoagulanti orali
H. Alvin / San Francisco, USA

AF ablation: pre and post procedure management

Ablazione della fibrillazione atriale: gestione pre e post procedura
C. Menjivar / Austin, USA

Ventricular tachycardia: education of the patient

Tachicardia ventricolare: preparazione del paziente
L. Mandile / Milan, Italy
INSIGHTS INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF COMPLEX ARRHYTHMIAS IN THE EP LAB
APPROFONDIMENTO DELLA GESTIONE DELLE ARITMIE COMPLESSE IN SALA DI ELETTROFISIOLOGIA

Chairpersons / Moderatori: S. Beheiry / Austin, USA – M. Francese / Catania, Italy

AF ablations intracardiac ECG’s: what are the physicians looking at?
Segnali ECG intracavitari durante l’ablazione della fibrillazione atriale: cosa stanno guardando i medici?
C. Gianni / Austin, USA

VT case study, mapping and ablation of VT
Studio, mappaggio ed ablazione delle tachicardie ventricolari
T. Metz / Austin, USA

Monitoring patient during AF: inclusion of acute complication management
Monitoraggio del paziente durante fibrillazione atriale: monitoraggio delle complicanze acute
A. Porfili / Rome, Italy

Improving patient experience pre and post procedure
Come migliorare l’esperienza clinica del paziente pre e post procedura
C. Giannessi / Pisa, Italy
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HOT TOPICS IN 2015

ARGOMENTI DI GRANDE ATTUALITA’ DEL 2015

Chairpersons / Moderatori: S. Beheiry / Austin, USA – S. Damiani / Venice-Mestre, Italy – L. Plebani / Novara, Italy – B. Thomas / Austin, Texas

Best practice guidelines to running an efficient EP lab

Le migliori linee guida per la gestione delle sale di elettrofisiologia

S. Perez / Austin, USA

End of life: heart rhythm devices

Aspetti etici della gestione di pazienti terminali con dispositivi impiantabili

M. Gura / Akron, USA

Device remote monitoring: the role of the nurse

Il ruolo dell’infermiere nella gestione del monitoraggio dei devices impiantabili in remoto

L. Morichelli / Rome, Italy
INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH Q&A
SESSIONI INTERATTIVE CON DOMANDE E RISPOSTE

Networking and open discussions where the nurses can have a chance to bring in common challenges, questions, etc, on topics proposed by the audience.

Interazioni e discussioni durante le quali il personale infermieristico può condividere opinioni e dubbi sugli argomenti proposti dal pubblico.

Chairpersons / Moderatori: S. Beheiry / Austin, USA - M. Francese / Catania, Italy – L. Plebani / Novara, Italy – B. Thomas / Austin, Texas

Hand each participant 2-3 blank index cards at beginning of day. During opening remarks inform them they need to provide at least 2 challenges, questions, etc. related to their EP experience to be discussed during interactive session.

All’inizio dei lavori, verranno distribuiti ai partecipanti 2-3 fogli bianchi. Durante il discorso di apertura, verranno informati che dovranno porre almeno 2 quesiti, problemi, punti di discussione etc. relativi alla loro esperienza in elettrofisiologia, da affrontare durante la sessione interattiva.

During interactive session, have a panel of professionals from different areas read the cards and start discussion and elicit feedback and response from audience.

Durante la sessione interattiva, il panel di professionisti di diverse aree geografiche leggerà i quesiti ed avvierà la discussione, incoraggiando la partecipazione del pubblico.
08.30-10.30

International Scientific Societies Corner

CSPE Corner
Program Chairmen: Chu-Pak Lau – Shu Zhang

PREVENTION OF SCD IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
Chairmen: C. Huang / Wuhan, China - S. Zhang / Beijing, China

How to improve SCA survivors in the community
TBA

Incidence and predictors of SCD in patients with reduced LVEF after MI in an era of revascularization
X. Fan / Beijing, China

Predictors of survival in hospitalized patients with dilated cardiomyopathy: a single-center cohort study
H. Wei / Beijing, China

Primary prevention of SCD in patients with chronic heart failure-multicenter prospective registry study in China, POSCD-China
D.J. Huang / Chengdu, China

Use of new technologies for prevention of SCD in Chinese population
C.P. Lau / Hong Kong, China
11.00-13.00
International Scientific Societies Corner
CHRS Corner
Program Chairmen: Peter Guerra – Atul Verma

NOVEL COLLABORATIVE TRIALS IN STROKE PREVENTION FOR AF
Chairmen: P. Guerra / Montreal, Canada - A. Verma / Toronto, Canada
Brain AF
L. Rivard / Montreal, Canada
Ocean Trial
A. Verma / Toronto, Canada
Artesia Trial
J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada
ALL ABOUT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Chairmen: M. Khoury / Beirut, Lebanon - N. Al-Rawahi / Muscat, Oman

The global burden of AF: is it underestimated?
M. Shenasa / San José, USA

AF in the Middle East and Gulf Area
A. Al-Sheikh Ali / Abu Dhabi, UAE

Fibrosis as a new target for management of AF
A. Oto / Ankara, Turkey

AF: the more you look, the more you find
C. Jazra / Beirut, Lebanon

Cardioversion of AF: the pill in the pocket ...
J. Mansourati / Brest, France
SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT
Antonio Rossillo, MD
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ABSTRACT GUIDELINES AND ONLINE SUBMISSION
Abstract must be submitted electronically only via the Abstract Submission System available at www.venicearrhythmias.org.
Deadline June 30th, 2015. Abstracts submitted after the deadline might not be accepted. For all the information for the abstract submission, please check the website www.venicearrhythmias.org/abstract-submission.

QUESTIONS
If you have any questions about submitting an abstract, please contact scientific@venicearrhythmias.org.

ACCEPTANCE
Notification of Acceptance/Non-acceptance: announcements will be e-mailed by June 16th, 2015.

REGISTRATION OF ABSTRACT PRESENTERS
Abstract presenters are required to register for the Scientific Sessions by June 30th, 2015. Expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter. The person inserted in the online form as “Presenting Author” will be considered the presenter. If the registration is not accomplished within the scheduled time, the abstract will not be inserted in the Abstract Book.

SLIDES
Only PC data projection will be available in every room. All slides must be worded only in English; please copy your work - prepared in Power Point - on a CD or USB pen. The Speaker Ready Room will be available for presenters and speakers to preview their slides and to become familiar with the audiovisual equipment. The use of personal laptops in the Workshop rooms is not allowed, if not authorized in advance.

POSTERS
All posters must be prepared with dimension “portrait” 70cm width x 100cm height. Specific instructions about mantling, display and dismantling will be e-mailed in due time.
ALLIED PROFESSIONALS SESSIONS
Four sessions on clinical and managing aspects of nursing in arrhythmology will be held on Friday, October 16th, 2015 in Italian or English language.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
The official language of the congress is English. No translations will be provided during the scientific session except for the Allied Professionals Program.

Special Events

OPENING CEREMONY
Friday, October 16th, 2015 - included in the registration fee. The Workshop will be inaugurated by the Congress Presidents, by Representatives of the Italian and International Scientific Societies and Study Groups that have granted their patronage, by the City Mayor and other Authorities.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SPECIAL BEST ABSTRACT AWARDS
Friday, October 16th, 2015. VeniceArrhythmias 2015, following the great success of the last edition, will give six special awards in Euro - for the “Best Communication” according to the presenter’s area of origin (Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Northern America, Western Europe). There will be an Abstract Award Committee that will select the best works among accepted oral communications and posters. The winners will be announced during the Opening Ceremony.

RAFFAELLA PIERI BREAKTHROUGH COMMUNICATION AWARD
Friday, October 16th, 2015. In memory of Mrs. Raffaella Pieri, whose outstanding, years-long contribution in managing the relations with VeniceArrhythmias’ exhibitors and supporting companies, on behalf of the meeting’s Organizing Secretariat, and as well as in regard to her ever-helpful approach and highly missed sensibility, VA 2015 Organizing Committee has decided to continue the “Raffaella Pieri Breakthrough Communication Award”, to be given to the most cutting-edge communication message presented by VA 2015 exhibitors, in terms of strength, efficacy and innovative power. The winner will be awarded with a plaque and with a charitable donation to a primary cancer research foundation, made on his/her behalf.
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During the Workshop the Organizing Secretariat will be at your disposal at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini.

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- a water taxi costs about Euro 90,00/100,00
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By land:
- from San Marco “San Zaccaria” waterbus no. 2
- a taxi which costs about Euro 30,00 takes you to Piazzale Roma
- a public water bus (no. 52 or no. 2) from Piazzale Roma to San Giorgio Island costs Euro 7,00 per way, alternatively a water taxi costs about Euro 60,00/70,00

From Venice Santa Lucia Railway Station
By water:
- a water taxi costs about Euro 60,00/70,00
- a water bus no. 2 via the Giudecca Channel costs Euro 7,00 one way – if via Canal Grande a supplement of Euro 2,00 is requested
By land:
- please follow signs for Piazza San Marco and take the waterbus no. 2

From A4 Motorway Venice Exit
- park at Tronchetto, waterbus no. 2
REGISTRATION FEES

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Registration fee for Delegates and Presenters includes:
- Attendance to all scientific sessions (limited to seats availability)
- Entrance to the exhibition area
- Attendance certificate
- Badge and congress kit
- Local transportation (ACTV scheduled services)
- 22% Italian VAT (tax)

The registration fee for Allied Professionals includes:
- Attendance to scientific sessions (limited to Allied Professionals sessions)
- Entrance to the exhibition area
- Attendance certificate
- Badge and congress kit
- Local transportation (ACTV scheduled services)
- 22% Italian VAT (tax)

GROUP PRE-REGISTRATION
If you wish to register a group of more than 10 people, please contact the Organizing Secretariat at booking@venicearrhythmias.org
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

As October is considered peak tourist season in Venice, it is recommended to book in great advance and possibly within May 31st, 2015.

The Organizing Secretariat will make all efforts to confirm your reservation in the hotel category of your choice; if not possible, an alternative proposal will be submitted for your approval. Venetian hotels have very few single rooms, therefore double room for single occupancy (DSO) will be assigned once the single rooms are no longer available. The majority of the hotels pre-booked for VeniceArrhythmias are located in Venice, once they are fully booked, alternative hotels located in Venice Lido or Mestre might be assigned.

Confirmation documents will be sent starting from July 15th, 2015. Please note that hotels are listed per categories/rate ranges and rooms will be assigned according to availability on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

PAYMENT TERMS

Payments accepted are: credit cards, cheques written on Italian Banks and Bank Transfer in Euro.

All costs to transmitters’ charge. Please indicate clearly your name and VeniceArrhythmias 2015 on cheque/money orders; a copy of the payment is requested together with the registration and hotel accommodation forms. Registration and Hotel Accommodation will be confirmed only on receipt of the relevant payments. The settlement is required to process your reservation. Adria Congrex will issue a regular invoice for registration (22% VAT inclusive) and hotel accommodation (10% VAT inclusive); therefore the European VAT code (only for EU countries) is due to be included in the forms. Please note that VAT could be subject to changes. The VAT rate will be applied depending on the Italian fiscal law at the time of payment.
CANCELLATION TERMS

Any cancellation should be notified in writing to Adria Congrex and will be subject to the following conditions:

Before August 31st, 2015
Refund of the registration and hotel accommodation is subject to a 30% administrative charges. All refunds, if any, will be made after the congress (all costs to receivers’ charge).

After September 1st, 2015
No refund of any kind.

CHANGES IN PROGRAM

For scientific and/or technical reasons the Scientific Committee, the Organizing Committee and the Secretariat reserve the right to make any change in the Workshop program.
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Lux = deluxe room  
we = weekend rate (fri-sat)  
Rates include breakfast and VAT tax 10%
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HOW TO ARRIVE IN VENICE
Please visit www.venicearrhythmias.org for practical and tourists information about Venice.

VISA/INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEE INFORMATION
In addition to a passport, most international participants will need a Visa. It is advisable to contact the Italian Embassy or Consulate regarding Visa and Health Certificate requirements in your country of residence. The Organizing Secretariat is available to send you a Letter of Invitation for Visa Purposes. The invitation is meant to help participants obtaining a Visa, and is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support. The decision to grant a Visa belongs to the Embassy/Consulate.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING
Venice has a mild and moderate climate. The weather in October might be pleasant during the day, a little bit colder at night. Formal clothing/attire is requested at the Workshop sessions.

ELECTRICITY
Electricity supplied is 220V/50Hz and power sockets are of different types.
NO-SMOKING POLICY
VeniceArrhythmias 2015 is a NO SMOKING workshop; therefore, smoking is not allowed in the meeting rooms, exhibition spaces and restrooms. Smoking is permitted in the outdoor spaces. Your compliance is appreciated.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS
Venice is as safe as any other European cities and delegates are advised to take the usual sensible precautions. All hotels have security facilities for valuables.
Important Dates

Mark Your Agenda!

April 30th, 2015
Deadline for abstract transmission

May 31st, 2015
Deadline for early registration fees and hotel accommodation

June 16th, 2015
Notification of acceptance for oral communication and poster

June 30th, 2015
Deadline for registration of abstract presenters

September 09th, 2015
Deadline for discounted registration fee