Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to join us in Venice on October 25-27, 2017 at the 15th edition of the International Workshop on Cardiac Arrhythmias, VeniceArrhythmias 2017.

VeniceArrhythmias is a well-established event on the world congress calendar for the cardiac arrhythmia community. Over the past three decades, hundreds of physicians, scientists, allied professionals, and industry partners from all around the world have chosen this prestigious Workshop to meet up and discuss the latest science, and innovations in clinical arrhythmology, cardiac electrophysiology and pacing.

As in the previous editions, the most widely recognized and internationally accredited experts have been appointed to prepare a top-quality scientific program to foster the exchange of scientific knowledge and research at the highest level.

The scientific agenda of VeniceArrhythmias 2017 will cover all the relevant aspects of cardiac arrhythmias, from pathophysiology to diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy.

A special feature of the upcoming edition is represented by the wide range of interactive and practical sessions, including debates, case presentations, let’s discuss all together, and pre-recorded and live case sessions aimed at engaging the participants and encouraging the young and emerging leaders to be active protagonists of the event.

There will also be special initiatives, like Editors-in-chief on stage, meet the pioneers and coffee time with mentors, designed to offer faculty members and delegates an extraordinary opportunity to share their ideas and visions in a friendly atmosphere and to build professional relationships of great value.

As in the past, we will also have a series of joint sessions and geographic area sessions prepared in conjunction with the most important international societies in the field of Cardiac Electrophysiology and Pacing.

The congress will be held in the prestigious venue of the Giorgio Cini Foundation, on the magnificent island of San Giorgio Maggiore, right in front of San Marco Square.

Finally, you will have the possibility to visit and discover the wonderful city of Venice, one of the most evocative locations in the world, where art and history combine with the natural beauty of the place.

We look forward to welcoming you to VeniceArrhythmias 2017!

Yours Sincerely,

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- AIAC Associazione Italiana di Arritmologia e Cardiostimolazione
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- ANMCO Associazione Nazionale Medici Cardiologi Ospedalieri
- APHRS Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society
- ARCA Associazione Regionale Cardiologi Ambulatoriali
- CSPE Chinese Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology
- ECAS European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society
- FIC Federazione Italiana di Cardiologia
- GIEC Gruppo per l’Intervento nelle Emergenze Cardiologiche
- GITIC Gruppo Italiano Infermiere di Cardiologia
- IHR Indian Heart Rhythm Society
- ISHNE International Society for Holter & Noninvasive Electrocardiology
- JHRS Japanese Heart Rhythm Society
- MENA HRS Middle East and North Africa Heart Rhythm Society
- RSCE 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 Cardíacas
- SOLAECE Sociedad Latino Americana de Estimulación Cardiaca y Electrofisiología
- SOMECC Sociedad Mexicana de Electrofisiología y Estimulación Cardiaca
- STARS Syncope Trust and Reflex Anoxic Seizures
- StopAfib StopAfib Association
- TKD Turkish Society of Cardiology
- WHF World Heart Federation
- WSA World Society of Arrhythmias
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Featured Symposia

**AF management from A to Z: current issues**

Program Chairs:
- **Andrea Natale** / Austin, USA
- **Antonio Raviele** / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- **Sakis Themistoclakis** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- AF: classification, pathophysiology & clinical issues
- Bad habits and AF
- Predictors of AF
- "Lone" AF in 2017
- AF in inherited cardiac channelopathies
- AF management in special situations – Session 1
- AF management in special situations – Session 2
- AAD prophylaxis for AF
- To anticoagulate or not to anticoagulate: that is the question!
- Strategies to minimize bleeding on anticoagulation therapy
- Catheter ablation of AF: Hot topics / Controversies
- What to do after catheter ablation failure?
- Integrated AF management: importance of the different actors

**Role of standard ECG in the era of interventional arrhythmology**

Program Chairs:
- **Andrea Natale** / Austin, USA
- **Antonio Raviele** / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- **Sakis Themistoclakis** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Value of standard ECG in assessing the mechanism and site of origin of cardiac arrhythmias
- Value of standard ECG in stratifying the risk of SD in different clinical settings – Session 1
- Value of standard ECG in stratifying the risk of SD in different clinical settings – Session 2

**Core Curricula**

Antithrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias

Program Chairs:
- **A. John Camm** / London, UK
- **Gregory Y.H. Lip** / Birmingham, UK

- Screening for AF and device detected subclinical atrial tachyarrhythmias
- A registry of AF registries
- Stroke prevention in AF: hot topics
- Antithrombotic therapy in valvular AF
- AF ablation update, joint document with HRS

**Arrhythmias in the elderly**

Program Chairs:
- **Hugh Calkins** / Baltimore, USA
- **Win-Kuang Shen** / Phoenix, USA

- Challenges and advances of arrhythmia management in older populations: a state-of-the-art update

**Arrhythmogenic hereditary syndromes**

Program Chairs:
- **Sami Viskin** / Tel Aviv, Israel
- **Arthur A. Wilde** / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Brugada syndrome
- Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia
- Genotype specific therapy: focus on LQT3
- Sudden cardiac death in the young
- Brain or heart? Syncope or epilepsy?

**Cardiac arrhythmia surgery: where are we and where are we going**

Program Chairs:
- **Ralph J. Damiano Jr.** / St. Luis, USA
- **James J. Edgerton** / Dallas, USA
- **Domenico Mangino** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Session 1
- Session 2

**Controversies in arrhythmias ablation**

Program Chair:
- **Antonio Rossillo** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Long-lasting persistent AF
- Ventricular tachycardia

**Go back to the basic EP**

Program Chairs:
- **Warren M. Jackman** / Oklahoma City, USA
- **Melvin M. Scheinman** / San Francisco, USA

- Application of basic science to the clinical appraisal of mechanisms of tachycardias
- The role of electrogram analyses and anatomy in the ablation of complex arrhythmias
Core Curricula

HF, CRT and... more: evolution of technology and impact on the outcome

Program Chairs:
Giuseppe Boriani / Modena, Italy
Michael R. Gold / Charleston, USA

- Device based therapy for heart failure: the good, the bad and the ugly
- CRT in heart failure: quantifying the benefits
- CRT: can technology maximize the rate of responders?

How to predict and prevent sudden death in different clinical settings

Program Chairs:
Giovanni Luca Botto / Como, Italy
Eric N. Prystowsky / Indianapolis, USA

- How to predict and prevent sudden death in patients with normal hearts
- How to predict and prevent sudden death in patients with abnormal hearts

Lead extraction and device infection 2017 update

Program Chairs:
Maria Grazia Bongiorni / Pisa, Italy
Charles Kennergren / Gothenburg, Sweden

- Lead extraction today and in the future
- Taking lead extraction to the next level
- Case based lead extraction

Leadless pacemaker: pearls and pitfalls

Program Chairs:
Andrew E. Epstein / Philadelphia, USA
Maurizio Lunati / Milan, Italy

Lifestyle modification as treatment for AF

Program Chairs:
Michele Massimo Gulizia / Catania, Italy
Prash Sanders / Adelaide, Australia

PLACE Academy: the ECGs of my life

Program Chairs:
Leonardo Calò / Rome, Italy
Fiorenzo Gaita / Turin, Italy

Remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias/device

Program Chairs:
Cecilia Linde / Stockholm, Sweden
Renato Pietro Ricci / Rome, Italy

- Remote monitoring: how, for whom and where are we aiming in the future

Sport and arrhythmias

Program Chairs:
Franco Giada / Noale, Italy
Sanjay Sharma / London, UK

- Updates in sports cardiology
- Controversies in sports cardiology

Syncope summit

Program Chairs:
David G. Benditt / Minneapolis, USA
Brian Olshansky / Iowa City, USA

- Syncope in athletes and pseudosyncope / pseudoseizures
- Orthostatic hypotension: an update on diagnosis and treatment
- Differential diagnosis of POTS, IST, epileptic TLOC, and ictal asystole
- Pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment of VVS

Zoom in on VT ablation

Program Chairs:
Francis E. Marchlinski / Philadelphia, USA
William G. Stevenson / Boston, USA

- New tools, strategies, tricks for successful VT ablation
- Unusual variants focal VT ablation

Value of cardiac MRI in the management of cardiac arrhythmias

Program Chairs:
Cristina Basso / Padua, Italy
Henry R. Halperin / Baltimore, USA

Update on clinical trials on cardiac arrhythmias

Program Chairs:
Stuart J. Connolly / Hamilton, Canada
Stefan H. Hohnloser / Frankfurt, Germany

- Evidence-based decision making: controversial issues
- RCTs to prevent stroke and SD
Scientific Sessions

Practical interactive sessions

Live cases from Venice/Mestre EP lab
Meet the pioneers
Program Chairs:
Andrea Natale / Austin, USA
Antonio Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy
Sakis Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Pre-recorded complex cases of interventional arrhythmology
Program Chairs:
Luigi Di Biase / New York, USA
Gerhard Hindricks / Leipzig, Germany

VA and International Scientific Societies joint sessions

AA-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
A. John Camm / London, UK
Trudie C.A. Lobban / Stratford-upon-Avon, UK

• Patient involvement in AF

APHRS-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Yoshinori Kobayashi / Tokyo, Japan
Chu-Pak Lau / Hong Kong, China

• New CIED technology in the management of arrhythmias

CSPE-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Wei Hua / Beijing, China
He Huang / Wuang, China

• Treatment of AF: advances and challenges

ECAS-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Wyn Davies / London, UK
Thorsten Lewalter / Bonn, Germany

• Advancements in device technology are changing clinical practice

HRS-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Thomas F. Deering / Atlanta, USA
Andrea M. Russo / Camden, USA

• Controversies in stroke reduction among AF patients

ISHNE-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Jonathan S. Steinberg / New York, USA
Wojciech Zareba / Rochester, USA

• Advances in monitoring of devices and cardiac arrhythmias

JHRS-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Kenzo Hirao / Tokyo, Japan
Yuji Nakazato / Tokyo, Japan

• Revit to AV nodal reentry

MENA HRS-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Amin Al-Ahmad / Austin, USA
Marwan M. Refaat / Beirut, Lebanon

• Challenging cases in ablation of cardiac arrhythmias

RSCA-VA joint session
Program Chair:
Amiran Revishvili / Moscow, Russia

• Hybrid approaches for treatment of persistent AF

SOBRAC-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Eduardo Saad / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Mauricio Ibrahim Scanavacca / São Paulo, Brazil

• Hot topics in ventricular tachycardia ablation

SOLAECE-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
Guilherme Fenelon / São Paulo, Brazil
William Uribe / Medellín, Colombia

• Dilemmas in modern rhythmology

WSA-VA joint session
Program Chairs:
A. John Camm / London, UK
Robert Hatala / Bratislava, Slovak Republic

• International guidelines on stroke prevention in AF – a case of perfect harmony?
Abstract submission

Abstracts must be submitted electronically via the Abstract Submission System available at www.venicearrhythmias.org.

Deadline April 30th, 2017. Abstracts submitted after the deadline might not be accepted.

Notification of acceptance/non-acceptance will be e-mailed by June 16th.

For further details, please visit the abstract submission page on the VA2017 website.

The accepted abstracts (oral communications and posters) will be published in a special on-line issue of a prestigious international scientific journal after the event.

Official language

The official language of the Workshop is English. No translation will be provided during the scientific sessions except for the Allied Professionals Program.

Allied professionals sessions

Three sessions on the clinical and managing aspects of nursing in arrhythmology will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 in Italian or English (a simultaneous translation service will be available).
Registration Information

Registration Fees

The registration fee includes:
• For Delegates and Presenters: attendance to all scientific sessions (limited to seats availability)
• For Allied Professionals: attendance to Allied Professionals sessions only
• Entrance to the exhibition area
• Attendance certificate
• Badge and congress kit
• Local transportation (ACTV scheduled services)
• 22% Italian VAT (tax)

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Hotel Accommodation
As October is considered peak tourist season in Venice, it is recommended to book your accommodation in great advance and possibly within May 31st, 2017. The Organizing Secretariat will make every effort to confirm your reservation in the hotel category of your choice. Detailed information about the hotel accommodation can be found on www.venicearrhythmias.org

Mark Your Agenda!

April 30th, 2017
Deadline for abstract transmission and early registration fees

June 16th, 2017
Notification of acceptance for oral communication and poster

June 30th, 2017
Deadline for registration of abstract presenters

September 15th, 2017
Deadline for discounted registration fee

Stay Tuned!

Find more about the Workshop: www.venicearrhythmias.org

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