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14th Edition

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INCLUDING SESSIONS ON:

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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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General Scientific Overview



Featured Symposia



Zoom in on atrial fibrillation

October 16 – Arazzi Room

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- 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

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- Diet / beverage habits & AF: which relationship?

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- Proarrhythmic effects of energy drink and food



Antithrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias

October 17 – Arazzi Room

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- 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

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- State of the art in 2015

Arrhythmogenic genetic syndrome: what's new?

October 16 – Cenacolo Room

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

Contemporary and controversial issues in cardiac pacing

October 17 – Cipressi Room

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- Gaps in pacemaker guidelines



HF and CRT

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

ICD leads evolution

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

Lead extraction and device infection

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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

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- New technologies: mapping
- New technologies: ablation

Present your most challenging cases - rising stars and more

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- Supraventricular arrhythmias
- Ventricular arrhythmias

Remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias / device

October 18 – Consiglio Room

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Jonathan S. Steinberg / New York, USA



- Remote monitoring: how to remove barriers and implement advances

Role of cardiac imaging in electrophysiology

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



Sport and arrhythmias

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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

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- Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation
- Atrial fibrillation therapy trials

Sudden cardiac death and ICD

October 17 – Cenacolo Room

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- Primary prevention ICD: the “in-between” groups



Surgical vs electrophysiological interventions for cardiac arrhythmias

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- Does surgery have a role?
- Debates

Syncope 2015 update

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

International Scientific Societies Corners



APHRS Corner

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Jonathan M. Kalman / Melbourne, Australia

Young-Hoon Kim / Seoul, Korea



- Persistent atrial fibrillation: from prevention to ablation

CHRS Corner

October 17 – Borges Room

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Peter Guerra / Montreal, Canada

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- Novel collaborative trials in stroke preventions for AF

CSPE Corner

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- Prevention of sudden cardiac death in less developed countries

ECAS Corner

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David W. Davies / London, UK



- Current techniques used for AF ablation: focus on results



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HRS Corner

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

ISHNE Corners

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

JHRS Corner

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Yuji Nakazato / Tokyo, Japan

Ken Okumura / Hiroasaki, Japan



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

International Scientific Societies Corners



RSCA Corner

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Vitaly Sulimov / Moscow, Russia



- New strategy and technologies in the treatment of atrial fibrillation

SOLAECE Corner

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Carlos A. Morillo / Hamilton, Canada



- Top advances in the management of rhythm disorder

WSA Corner

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- Innovation in arrhythmia treatment



Brazilian Corner

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

French Corner

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- Controversial issues in devices and ablation

German Corner

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- Novel technology for pacing without leads

Gulf Corner

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- 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 Kiliçaslan / Istanbul, Turkey



- Controversial issues on management of arrhythmias in acute coronary syndromes



Satellite symposia and luncheon panels

Bayer Luncheon Panel

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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

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

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Heart failure and CRT: new topics and evidences in 2015

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Haemodynamic issues in cardiac pacing

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Arazzi Room





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

Ranolazine 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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Zoom in on atrial fibrillation

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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

Friday 16 afternoon - Arazzi Room



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

TBA

18.00-19.30

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail



Saturday 17 morning - Arazzi Room

08.30-10.30

Core Curriculum

Antithrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias

Program Chairmen: John A. Camm – Gregory Y.H. Lip

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

TBA

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



11.00-13.00

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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

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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
TBA

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

Saturday 17 afternoon - Arazzi Room



17.00-19.00

Scientific Societies Corner

HRS Corner

Program Chairmen: Hugh Calkins – Michael R. Gold

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

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Stroke prevention / AF therapy trial

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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

Sunday 18 afternoon - Arazzi Room



14.30-16.30

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







Detailed Scientific Program

Cenacolo Room

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



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 onsite 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

Arrhythmogenic genetic syndrome: what's new?

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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

Friday 16 afternoon - Cenacolo Room



16.15-18.00

Geographic Area Corner

Indian Corner

Program Chairmen: Calambur Narasimhan - Kamal K. Sethi

VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA IN NON-ISCHEMIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

Chairmen: **S. Saksena** / 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



Saturday 17 morning - Cenacolo Room

08.30-10.30

Geographic Area Corner

Brazilian Corner

Program Chairmen: Eduardo Saad – Mauricio Scanavacca

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

Saturday 17 morning - Cenacolo Room



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



Saturday 17 afternoon - Cenacolo Room

14.30-16.30

Sorin Satellite Symposium

Advances in cardiac pacing and arrhythmia management

Chairmen: **M.G. Bongiorno** / 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?

TBA

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

Sunday 18 morning - Cenacolo Room



08.30-10.30

Core Curriculum

Lead extraction and device infection

Program Chairmen: Maria G. Bongiorno – Charles Kennergren

CIED INFECTION

Chairmen: **M.G. Bongiorno** / 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

C. Kennergren / Gothenburg, Sweden

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: **C. Kennergren** / Gothenburg, Sweden – **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. Bongiorno / Pisa, Italy

Can all leads be made redundant in the future?

N. Linker / Middlesbrough, UK



Sunday 18 afternoon - Cenacolo Room

13.00-14.30

Core Curriculum

ICD leads evolution

Program Chairmen: Andrew E. Epstein - Seah Nisam

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?

C. Kennergren / Gothenburg, Sweden * - **P.P. Mitkowski** / Poznan, Poland -

F. Regoli / Lugano, Switzerland - **L. Van Erven** / Leiden, The Netherlands *

Sunday 18 afternoon - Cenacolo Room



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

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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

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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

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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



08.30-10.30

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?

TBA

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

Saturday 17 afternoon - Cipressi Room



17.00-19.00

Geographic Area Corner

German Corner

Program Chairmen: Johannes Brachmann – Werner Jung

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



Sunday 18 morning - Cipressi Room

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Core Curriculum

HF and CRT

Program Chairmen: Maurizio Gasparini – Michael R. Gold

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

11.00-13.00

Core Curriculum

HF and CRT

Program Chairmen: Maurizio Gasparini – Michael R. Gold

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

Sunday 18 afternoon - Cipressi Room



14.30-16.30

Scientific Societies Corner

ISHNE Corner

Program Chairmen: Jonathan S. Steinberg - Wojciech Zareba

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?

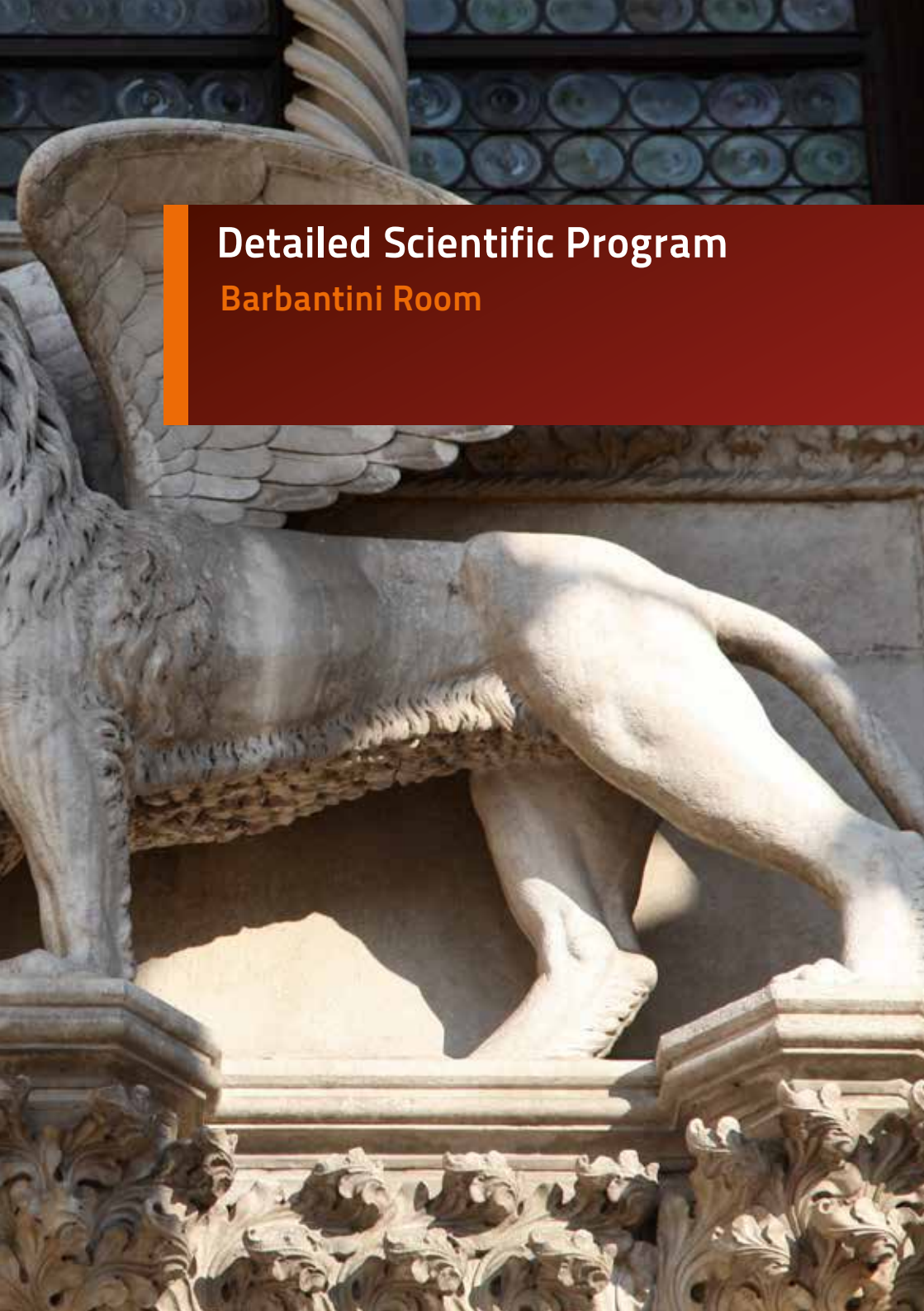
J.S. Steinberg / New York, USA

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. Marquez - TBA

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY OF CLINICAL ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairmen: **A. G. Hermosillo** / Mexico City, Mexico* - **P. Iturralde** / Mexico City, Mexico*

Algorithms for ECG identification of accessory pathways

Jorge Gómez / 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

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

S.M. Narayan / 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 *

Saturday 17 morning - Barbantini Room



8.30-10.30

Core Curriculum

New technologies and techniques in catheter ablation

Program Chairmen: Francis E. Marchlinski – Antonio Rossillo

NEW TECHNOLOGIES: ABLATION

Chairmen: **J. Kautzner** / Prague, Czech Republic – **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

11.00-13.00

Core Curriculum

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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



Saturday 17 afternoon - Barbantini Room

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



14.30-16.30

Core Curriculum

Surgical vs electrophysiological interventions for cardiac arrhythmias

Program Chairmen: James R. Edgerton - Gerhard Hindricks - Domenico Mangino

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

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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

Sunday 18 morning - Barbantini Room



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



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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. Marquez** / 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?

W. Uribe / Medellin, Colombia

Catheter ablation in Latin America: the SOLAECE registry

R. Keegan / Bahia Blanca, Argentina

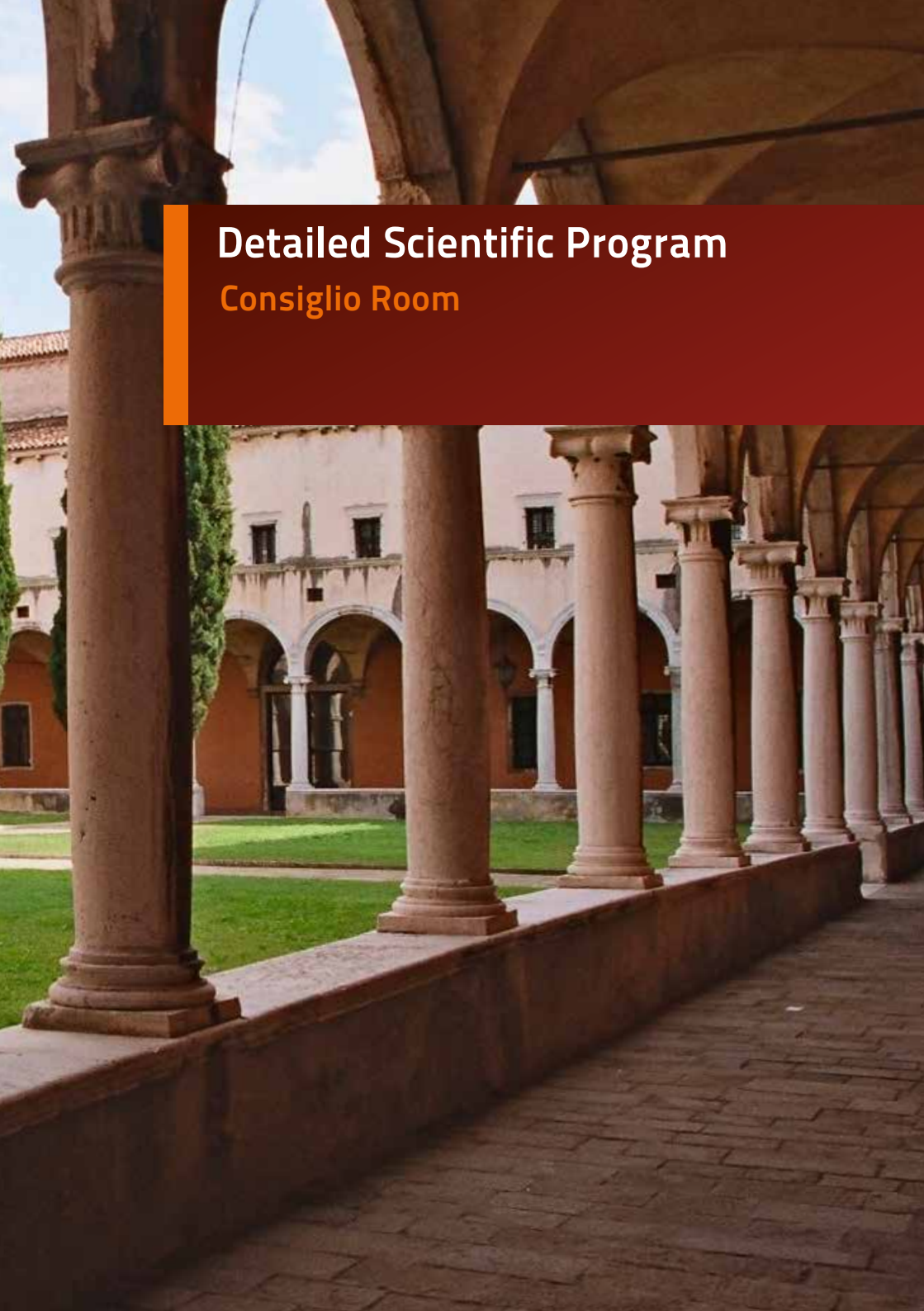
PVC ablation: when should be indicated?

L. Aguinaga / Tucumán, Argentina

Ventricular tachycardia ablation in Chagas heart disease

M. Scanavacca / Sao Paulo, Brazil





Detailed Scientific Program

Consiglio Room



08.30-10.15

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?

R. Marchioli / Pescara, Italy

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



14.00-15.45

Core Curriculum

Sport and arrhythmias

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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



16.15-18.00

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



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

11.00-13.00

Medico Luncheon Panel

Haemodynamic issues in cardiac pacing

Chairmen: **A. Capucci** / Ancona, Italy * – **TBA**

Pacing configuration and haemodynamic performance: what are the main features to deal with in the clinical practice?

TBA

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 *



14.30-16.30

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



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 temporary 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 - Borges Room

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Allied Professional Sessions





Saturday 17 morning - Borges Room

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 studies in less developed countries

J.L. Lin / Taipei, Taiwan

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

Saturday 17 morning - Borges Room



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: **TBA**

Brain AF

L. Rivard / Montreal, Canada

TBA

Ocean Trial

A. Verma / Toronto, Canada

TBA

Artesia Trial

J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada

TBA



Saturday 17 afternoon - Borges Room

14.30-16.30

Geographic Area Corner

Middle East Cardiopace-CADMOS

Program Chairmen: Charles Jazra - Jacques Mansourati

ALL ABOUT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

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

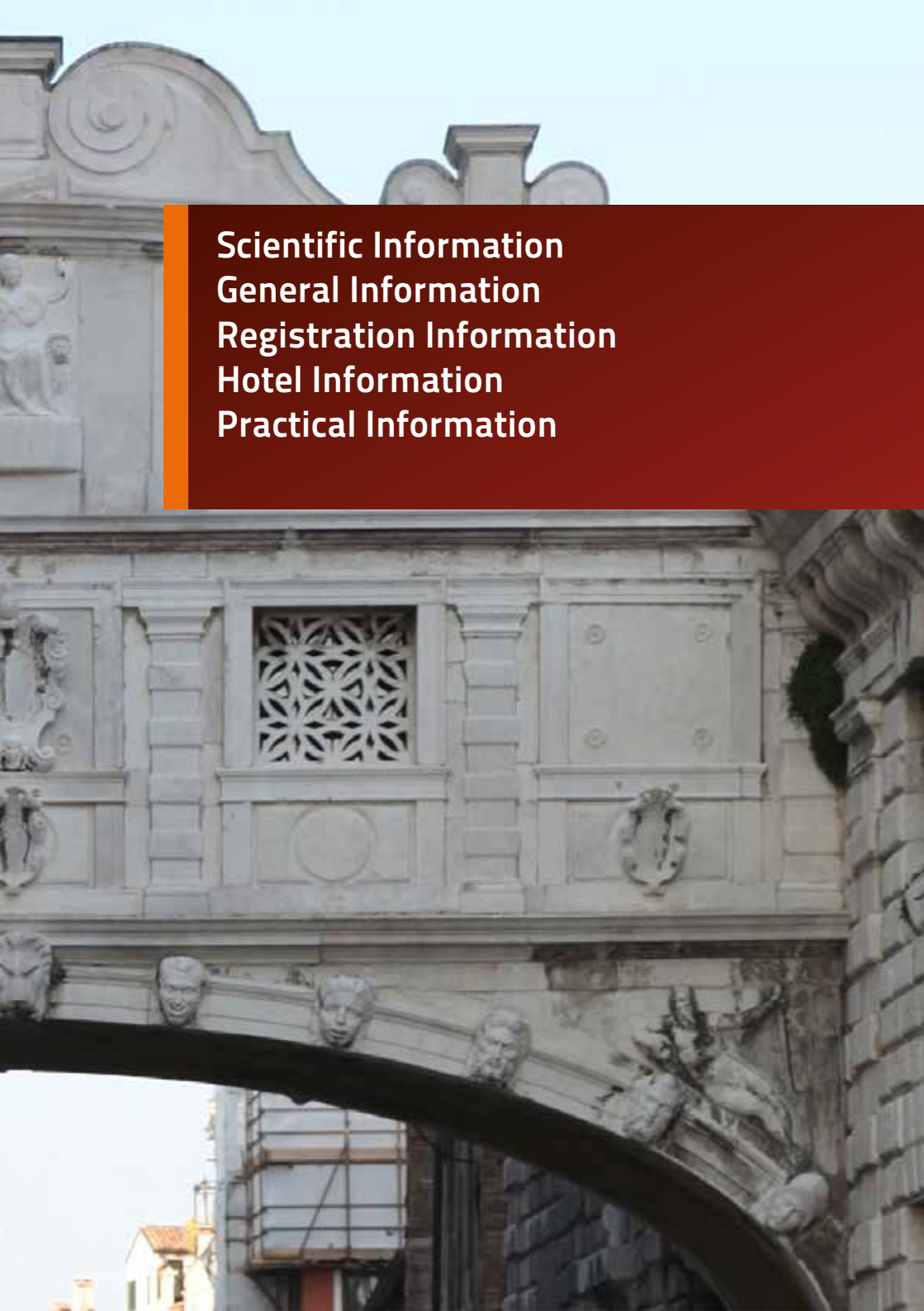
AF: the more you look, the more you find

C. Jazra / Beirut, Lebanon

Cardioversion of AF: the pill in the pocket ...

J. Mansourati / Brest, France





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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.

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During the Workshop the Organizing Secretariat will be at your disposal at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini.

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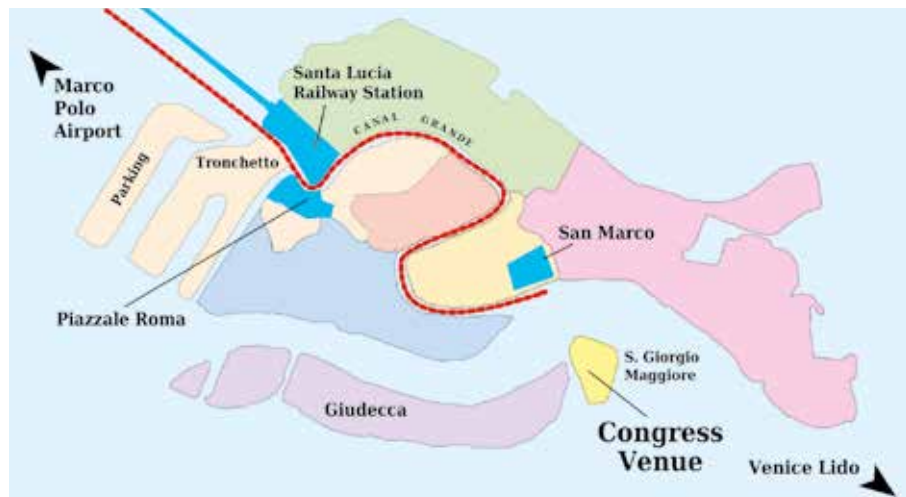




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From Marco Polo Airport of Venice

By water:

- a water taxi costs about Euro 90,00/100,00
- a motor boat which takes you from the airport via Murano Island and Lido to Piazza San Marco costs about Euro 25,00/30,00

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

	Before April 30th, 2015	From May 1st up to September 9th, 2015	From September 10th, 2015
Delegates	€ 800,00	€ 900,00	€ 1.000,00
Allied Professionals	€ 80,00	€ 90,00	€ 100,00

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.



Registration & Hotel Information

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.



Venice Hotel Map





Venice Hotel Map



Venice

Venice Lido



Venice Hotel List



N.	Hotel	CAT	DSO (€)	DBL (€)
Venice Center				
1	BAGLIONI	5*	645 720 (we)	670 746 (we)
2	BAUER	5*	440 - 670	
3	BELLE ARTI + DOMUS CAVANIS	3*		
4	BELLINI	4*	480	
5	BONVECCHIATI HOTEL	4*	425	483
6	BONVECCHIATI PALACE	4*	495	552
7	CA DEI CONTI	4*	380	460
9	CASANOVA	3*	250	270
10	CENTURION PALACE	5*	440 550 (we)	440 550 (we)
11	CONCORDIA	4*	350 - 495	380 - 495
12	DANIELI	5*	550	590
13	EUROPA REGINA	5*	470	506
14	HILTON	5*	495 - 660	
15	LA FENICE DES ARTISTES	4*	320	350
16	LUX	3*	175 230 (we)	260 270 (we)
18	MONACO	4*	480	
19	PALAZZO GIOVANELLI	4*		
20	PALAZZO SANT'ANGELO	4*	374 407 (we)	374 407 (we)
21	PALLADIO RESORT	5*	495 - 660	
22	SANTA MARINA	4*	460	
23	SANT'ELENA	4*	310	330
24	SATURNIA	4*	365 - 400 (we)	380 - 425 (we)

N.	Hotel	CAT	DSO (€)	DBL (€)
Venice Center				
25	SAVOIA & JOLANDA	4*	395	
26	SPLENDID	4*	470	
Venice San Clemente Island				
27	ST. REGIS SAN CLEMENTE	5*	736	770
Venice - Mestre				
28	LAGUNA PALACE	4*	150	165
Venice Lido				
29	BIASUTTI	4*	195	205
30	CA' DEL BORGO E CA' ALBERTI	4*	175	185
31	EXCELSIOR	5*	380 420 (Lux)	380 420 (Lux)
32	G.A. AUSONIA E HUNGARIA	4*	180	200
33	LE BOULEVARD	4*	140	150
34	PANORAMA	4*	190	200
35	PETIT PALAIS	4*		
36	QUATTRO FONTANE	4*		
37	RUSSO PALACE	4*		
38	VIKTORIA PALACE HOTEL	4*		
39	VILLA LAGUNA	4*	275	295
40	VILLA MABAPA	4*		
41	VILLA PANNONIA	4*	152 -172 142 -162 (we)	174 - 184 164 -174 (we)

CAT = category

DSO = double single occupancy room

DBL = double room

Lux = deluxe room

we = weekend rate (fri-sat)

Rates include breakfast and VAT tax 10%



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The Star Alliance member airlines are pleased to be appointed as the Official Airline Network for **VENICE ARRHYTHMIAS 2015**.

To obtain the Star Alliance Conventions Plus discounts please follow the below steps to access the Conventions Plus online booking tool:

- Visit www.staralliance.com/conventionsplus/delegates/
- Under 'Delegates login' enter conventions code **TK45S15**.
- The online booking tool opens in a separate window*

*Should the online booking tool not open, please ensure that your Pop-Up blocker is disabled.

Registered participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the event can qualify for a discount of up to 20%, depending on fare and class of travel booked.

The participating airlines for this event are: Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air India, Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Avianca, Brussels Airlines, Copa Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EgyptAir, Ethiopian Airlines, Eva Airways, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, SWISS International Air Lines, TAP Portugal, THAI, Turkish Airlines, United.

Discounts are offered on most published business and economy class fares, excluding website/internet fares, senior and youth fares, group fares and Round the World fares.

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[conventionsplus/delegates/](http://www.staralliance.com/conventionsplus/delegates/) and:

- Click on "Conventions Plus Booking Contacts" and enter the conventions code **TK45S15**.
- Choose one of the participating airlines listed
- Call the respective reservation contact listed and quote the conventions code **TK45S15** when requesting the special ticket.

When making your travel plans please present confirmation of your registration or proof of attendance for the Event/Convention.







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.



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





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