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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, Venice Arrhythmias 2017.

Venice Arrhythmias 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 Venice Arrhythmias 2017 will cover *all the relevant aspects of cardiac arrhythmias*, from pathophysiology to diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy.

A special feature of the up-coming 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 Venice Arrhythmias 2017!

Yours Sincerely,

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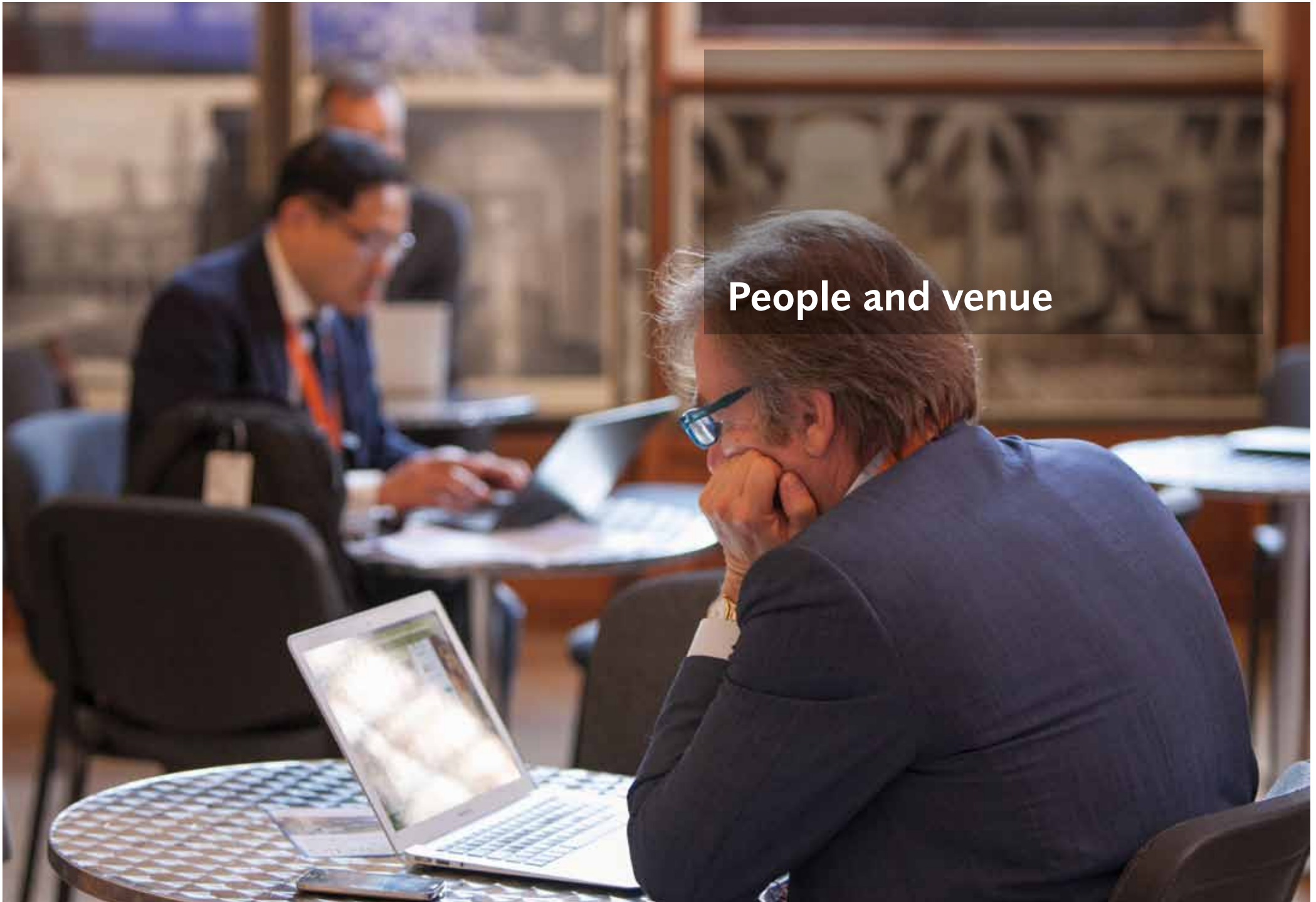
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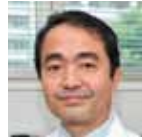
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General Scientific Overview



Featured Symposia

AF management from A to Z: current issues

October 25 - Cenacolo Room
 October 25 - Borges Room
 October 26 - Cenacolo Room
 October 27 - Cenacolo Room

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- 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 - Session 2
- What to do after catheter ablation failure?
- LAA closure / occlusion: controversial issues
- Integrated AF management: importance of the different actors

Role of standard ECG in the era of interventional arrhythmology

October 25 - Consiglio Room
 October 26 - Consiglio Room

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- 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

October 25 - Barbantini Room
 October 26 - Barbantini Room

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

October 26 - Borges Room

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

October 25 - Capriate Room
 October 26 - Photographs Room

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

October 26 - Borges Room

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Ralph J. Damiano Jr. / Saint Louis, USA
James J. Edgerton / Dallas, USA
Domenico Mangino / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Session 1
- Session 2

Controversies in arrhythmias ablation

October 27 - Cenacolo Room
 October 27 - Photographs Room

Program Chair:

Antonio Rossillo / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Catheter ablation of AF: hot topics / controversies - Session 1
- Ventricular tachycardia

Core Curricula

Go back to the basic EP

October 25 - Consiglio Room

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

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

October 25 - Cipressi Room

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

October 26 - Capriate Room

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

October 26 - Cipressi Room

October 27 - Cipressi Room

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Maria Grazia Bongiorno / 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

October 25 - Cipressi Room

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Lifestyle modification as treatment for AF

October 25 - Barbantini Room

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Prash Sanders / Adelaide, Australia

PLACE Academy: the ECGs of my life

October 25 - Consiglio Room

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Remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias/device

October 27 - Cipressi Room

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Renato Pietro Ricci / Rome, Italy

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

Simulation in electrophysiology: expectations and facts

October 27 - Photographs Room

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Sport and arrhythmias

October 25 - Photographs Room

Program Chairs:

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- Updates in sports cardiology
- Controversies in sports cardiology

Syncope summit

October 25 - Photographs Room

October 26 - Photographs Room

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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

Update on clinical trials on cardiac arrhythmias

October 26 - Barbantini Room

October 27 - Capriate Room

Program Chairs:

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

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

Value of cardiac MRI in the management of cardiac arrhythmias

October 26 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

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

Zoom in on VT ablation

October 27 - Capriate Room

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

Practical Interactive Sessions

Complex cases in competitive athletes

Editors-in-chief of arrhythmia journals

Live cases from Venice-Mestre EP lab

October 25 - Photographs Room

October 26 - Capriate Room

Program Chairs:

Andrea Natale / Austin, USA

Antonio Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Sakis Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Complex cases of interventional arrhythmology

October 26 - Photographs Room

Program Chairs:

Luigi Di Biase / New York, USA

Gerhard Hindricks / Leipzig, Germany

- Ventricular arrhythmias
- Supraventricular arrhythmias



International Scientific Societies - VA Joint Sessions

AA-VA Joint Session

October 25 - Borges Room

Program Chairs:

A. John Camm / London, UK

Trudie C.A. Lobban / Stratford-upon-Avon, UK

- Patient involvement in AF

APHRS-VA Joint Session

October 26 - Cipressi Room

Program Chairs:

Yoshinori Kobayashi / Tokyo, Japan

Chu-Pak Lau / Hong Kong, China

- New CIED technology in the management of arrhythmias

CSPE-VA Joint Session

October 27 - Barbantini Room

Program Chairs:

Wei Hua / Beijing, China

He Huang / Wuang, China

- Treatment of AF: advances and challenges

ECAS-VA Joint Session

October 27 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

Wyn Davies / London, UK

Thorsten Lewalter / Munchen, Germany

- Advancements in device technology are changing clinical practice

HRS-VA Joint Session

October 26 - Barbantini Room

Program Chairs:

Thomas Deering / Atlanta, USA

Andrea Russo / Camden, USA

- Controversies in stroke reduction among AF patients

ISHNE-VA Joint Session

October 27 - Cipressi Room

Program Chairs:

Jonathan S. Steinberg / New York, USA

Wojciech Zareba / Rochester, USA

- Advances in monitoring of devices and cardiac arrhythmias

JHRS-VA Joint Session

October 26 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

Kenzo Hirao / Tokyo, Japan

Yuji Nakazato / Tokyo, Japan

- Revisiting AV nodal reentry

MENA HRS-VA Joint Session

October 26 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

Amin Al-Ahmad / Austin, USA

Marwan M. Refaat / Beirut, Lebanon

- Challenging cases in ablation of cardiac arrhythmias

International Scientific Societies - VA Joint Sessions

RSCA-VA Joint Session

October 27 - Barbantini Room

Program Chair:

Amiran Revishvili / Moscow, Russia

- Hybrid approaches for treatment of persistent AF

SOBRAC-VA Joint Session

October 27 - Capriate Room

Program Chairs:

Eduardo Saad / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Mauricio Scanavacca / São Paulo, Brazil

- Hot topics in ventricular tachycardia ablation

SOLAECE-VA Joint Session

October 27 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

Guilherme Fenelon / São Paulo, Brazil

William Uribe / Medellin, Colombia

- Dilemmas in modern rhythmology

WSA-VA Joint Session

October 26 - Barbantini Room

Program Chairs:

A. John Camm / London, UK

Robert Hatala / Bratislava, Slovak Republic

- International guidelines on stroke prevention in AF - a case of perfect harmony?



Geographic Area Corners

Canadian Corner

October 26 - Barbantini Room

Program Chairs:

Peter Guerra / Montreal, Canada

Atul Verma / Newmarket, Canada

- Updates in Canadian and international trials

French Corner

October 27 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

Etienne Aliot / Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy, France

Jean-Jacques Blanc / Brest, France

- Challenges in electrophysiology in 2017

German Corner

October 27 - Cipressi Room

Program Chairs:

Johannes Brachmann / Coburg, Germany

Werner Jung / Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany

- Current status of telemedicine

Indian Corner

October 26 - Capriate Room

Program Chairs:

Sanjeev Saksena / New Brunswick, USA

Kamal K. Sethi / New Delhi, India

- Difficult ventricular tachycardias

Mexican Corner

October 27 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

Luis Colín Lizalde / Mexico City, Mexico

Manlio F. Marquez / Mexico City, Mexico

- Hot topics in electrophysiology in 2017

Spanish Corner

October 26 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

José Luis Merino / Madrid, Spain

Lluís Mont / Barcelona, Spain

- Lessons from tracings: challenging concepts discussed on EP recordings and images

Turkish Corner

October 27 - Barbantini Room

Program Chairs:

Kamil Adalet / Istanbul, Turkey

Dursun Aras / Ankara, Turkey

Ali Oto / Ankara, Turkey

- The new frontiers of AF



Program at a Glance

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Time	Cenacolo	Capriate	Cipressi	Barbantini
08.30 10.00	AF: classification, pathophysiology & clinical issues	Brugada syndrome	Device based therapy for heart failure: the good, the bad and the ugly	Lifestyle modification as treatment for AF
Stop and go				
10.15 11.45	Bad habits and AF	Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia	CRT in heart failure: quantifying the benefits	Screening for AF and device detected subclinical atrial tachyarrhythmias
12.00 13.30	OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME BUFFET			
14.00 15.30	Predictors of AF			A registry of AF registries
Stop and go				
15.45 17.15	"Lone" AF in 2017	Genotype specific therapy: focus on LQT3	CRT: can technology maximize the rate of responders?	Stroke prevention in AF: hot topics
Stop and go				
17.30 19.00	AF in inherited cardiac channelopathies	Sudden cardiac death in the young	Leadless pacemakers: pearls and pitfalls	Antithrombotic therapy in valvular AF

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	Core Curricula		Practical Interactive Sessions		Allied Professionals		

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Time	Consiglio	Photographs	Borges	Soffitto	Time
08.30 10.00	Application of basic science to the clinical appraisal of mechanisms of tachycardias	Updates in sports cardiology	Integrated AF management: importance of the different actors	Oral Communications Session	08.30 10.00
Stop and go					
10.15 11.45	The role of electrogram analyses and anatomy in the ablation of complex arrhythmias	Controversies in sports cardiology	Patient involvement in AF	Oral Communications Session	10.15 11.45
12.00 13.30					12.00 13.30
14.00 15.30	Place Academy: the ECGs of my life	Complex cases in competitive athletes: how to decide sport eligibility? Let's discuss together	Allied Professionals Session	Oral Communications Session	14.00 15.30
Stop and go					
15.45 17.15	Value of standard ECG in assessing the mechanism and site of origin of cardiac arrhythmias	Syncope in athletes and pseudosyncope / pseudoseizures	Allied Professionals Session	Oral Communications Session	15.45 17.15
Stop and go					
17.30 19.00	Value of standard ECG in stratifying the risk of SD in different clinical settings - Session 1	Orthostatic hypotension: an update on diagnosis and treatment	Allied Professionals Session	Oral Communications Session	17.30 19.00

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Time	Cenacolo	Capriate	Cipressi	Barbantini
08.30 10.00	AF management in special situations - Session 1	How to predict and prevent sudden death in patients with normal hearts	New CIED technology in the management of arrhythmias	Controversies in stroke reduction among AF patients
Stop and go				
10.15 11.45	AF management in special situations - Session 2	Live cases from Venice-Mestre EP lab		International guidelines on stroke prevention in AF - a case of perfect harmony?
Lunchbreak 12.00 - 13.30				
14.00 15.30	AAD prophylaxis for AF	How to predict and prevent sudden death in patients with abnormal hearts		AF ablation update, joint document with HRS
Stop and go				
15.45 17.15	To anticoagulate or not to anticoagulate: that is the question!	Editors-in-chief in the spotlight	Lead extraction today and in the future	Updates in Canadian and international trials
Stop and go				
17.30 19.00	Strategies to minimize bleeding on anticoagulation therapy	Difficult ventricular tachycardias	Taking lead extraction to the next level	Evidence based decision making: controversial issues

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	Core Curricula		Practical Interactive Sessions		Allied Professionals		

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Consiglio	Photographs	Borges	Soffitto	Time
Value of standard ECG in stratifying the risk of SD in different clinical settings - Session 2	Differential diagnosis of POTS, IST, epileptic TLOC, and ictal asystole	Cardiac arrhythmia surgery: where are we and where are we going? - Session 1	Oral Communications Session	08.30 10.00
Stop and go				
Value of cardiac MRI in the management of cardiac arrhythmias	Pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment of VVS	Cardiac arrhythmia surgery: where are we and where are we going? - Session 2	Oral Communications Session	10.15 11.45
Lunchbreak 12.00 - 13.30				
Lessons from tracings: challenging concepts discussed on EP recordings and images	Brain or heart? Syncope or epilepsy?	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	14.00 15.30
Stop and go				
Revisiting AV nodal reentry	Complex cases of interventional arrhythmology: ventricular arrhythmias	Challenges and advances of arrhythmia management in older populations: a state-of-the-art update	Oral Communications Session	15.45 17.15
Stop and go				
Challenging cases in ablation of cardiac arrhythmias	Complex cases of interventional arrhythmology: supraventricular arrhythmias	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	17.30 19.00

Friday, October 27, 2017

Time	Cenacolo	Capriate	Cipressi	Barbantini
08.30 10.00	Catheter ablation of AF: hot topics / controversies - Session 1	RCTS to prevent stroke and SD	Case based lead extraction	The new frontiers of AF
Stop and go				
10.15 11.45	Catheter ablation of AF: hot topics / controversies - Session 2	New tools, strategies, tricks for successful VT ablation	Remote monitoring: how, for whom and where are we aiming in the future	Treatment of AF: advances and challenges
Stop and go				
12.00 13.30	What to do after catheter ablation failure?	Unusual variants focal VT ablation	Advances in monitoring of devices and cardiac arrhythmias	Hybrid approaches for treatment of persistent AF
Stop and go				
14.00 15.30	LAA closure / occlusion: controversial issues	Hot topics in ventricular tachycardia ablation	Current status of telemedicine	Oral communications session

Friday, October 27, 2017

Consiglio	Photographs	Borges	Soffitto	Time
Advancements in device technology are changing clinical practice	Controversies in arrhythmias ablation: ventricular tachycardia	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	08.30 10.00
Stop and go				
Hot topics in electrophysiology in 2017	Simulation in electrophysiology: expectations and facts	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	10.15 11.45
Stop and go				
Challenges in electrophysiology in 2017	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	12.00 13.30
Stop and go				
Dilemmas in modern rhythmology	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	14.00 15.30

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Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00**Featured Symposium****AF: CLASSIFICATION, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY & CLINICAL ISSUES**

Chairs: **S. Lévy** / Marseille, France -
L. Padeletti / Milan, Italy

- Classification of AF: time to change?
TBA
- Role of rotors in the pathogenesis of paroxysmal and persistent AF
M. Scaglione / Asti, Italy
- Does AF burden influence stroke risk?
M.P. Turakhia / Stanford, USA
- Management of AF: are women treated differently from men?
S. Ernst / London, UK

Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45**Featured Symposium
BAD HABITS AND AF**

Chairs: **O. Oseroff** / Buenos Aires, Argentina -
TBA

- Too much sitting and too much exercise
E.G. Vester / Dusseldorf, Germany
- Coffee & energy drinks
M. Santomauro / Naples, Italy
- Licit & illicit drugs
I. Van Gelder / Groningen, Netherlands
- Smoking
TBA

Wednesday 25 October | 12.00-13.30**OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME BUFFET**

Greetings of Political and Administrative Authorities and Representatives of International Scientific Societies, Lectures and Awards.

Wednesday, October 25 | 14.00-15.30**Featured Symposium
PREDICTORS OF AF**

Chairs: **M.M. Gulizia** / Catania, Italy - **TBA**

- Clinical / laboratory predictors
I. Savelieva / London, UK
- Electrocardiographic predictors
A. Baranchuck / Kingston, Canada
- Echocardiographic predictors
V. Cutaia / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- MRI & other imaging predictors
N. Marrouche / Salt Lake City, USA

Wednesday 25 October | 15.45-17.15**Featured Symposium
"LONE" AF IN 2017**

Chairs: **Y.H. Kim** / Seoul, Korea -
G. Stabile / Maddaloni, Italy

- Risk factors & electrophysiological features
P. Sanders / Adelaide, Australia
- "Lone" AF & occult cardiomyopathy: which came first, the egg or the hen?
TBA
- Prognosis & natural history: always benign?
L. Mont / Barcelona, Spain
- How to prevent and treat it
J. Kautzner / Prague, Czech Republic

Wednesday 25 October | 17.30-19.00**Featured Symposium
AF IN INHERITED CARDIAC CHANNELOPATHIES**

Chairs: **C. Antzelevitch** / Wynnewood, USA -
TBA

- Long QT syndrome
W. Zareba / Rochester, USA
- Short QT syndrome
M. Borggreffe / Mannheim, Germany
- Brugada syndrome
P. Delise / Peschiera del Garda, Italy
- Catheter ablation of PVT
TBA

Thursday 26 October | 08.30-10.00**Featured Symposium
AF MANAGEMENT IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS - SESSION 1**

Chairs: **L. Mont** / Barcelona, Spain -
R. Verlato / Camposiero, Italy

- Overweight / Obesity
T.J. Bunch / Murray, USA
- Athletes
TBA
- Pregnancy / Breastfeeding
P. Dorian / Toronto, Canada
- Thyroid dysfunction
R. Hatala / Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Thursday 26 October | 10.15-11.45**Featured Symposium
AF MANAGEMENT IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS - SESSION 2**

Chairs: **D. Callans** / Philadelphia, USA -
A. Proclemer / Udine, Italy

- Frail & elderly patients
W.K. Shen / Phoenix, USA
- Obstructive sleep apnoea / COPD
A. Baranchuck / Kingston, Canada
- Chronic kidney disease / Hemodialysis
T. Potpara / Belgrade, Serbia
- After cardiac surgery
S. Benussi / Milan, Italy

Thursday 26 October | 14.00-15.30**Featured Symposium
AAD PROPHYLAXIS FOR AF**

Chairs: **P. Alboni** / Ferrara, Italy -
S.H. Hohnloser / Frankfurt, Germany

- Short-term AAD therapy after CV for AF: does it work?
TBA
- AAD therapy after AF ablation: when, how, and why?
L. Calò / Roma, Italy
- Proarrhythmia due to AAD: can we predict it?
G. Turitto / New York, USA
- New AADs: what expectations for the future?
I. Savelieva / London, UK

Thursday 26 October | 15.45-17.15**Featured Symposium
TO ANTICOAGULATE OR NOT TO ANTICOAGULATE: THAT IS THE QUESTION!**

Chairs: **C.W. Israel** / Bielefeld, Germany -
A. Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Silent AF
T.V. Glotzer / Hackensack, USA
- CHA₂DS₂-VASc of 1 (men) and of 2 (women)
L. Fauchier / Tours, France
- After ICH
TBA
- After successful AF ablation
A. Corrado / Venice-Mestre, Italy

Thursday 26 October | 17.30-19.00**Featured Symposium
STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE BLEEDING ON ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY**

Chairs: **M. Del Greco** / Rovereto, Italy -
J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada

- Previous bleeding event (GI, IC,...)
G. Di Pasquale / Bologna, Italy
- Percutaneous & surgical interventions
F. Caprioglio / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- Need for concomitant therapy with antiplatelet agents
TBA
- Falls & dementia
R.A. Kenny / Dublin, Ireland



Friday 27 October | 08.30-10.00

Core Curriculum

CATHETER ABLATION OF AF: HOT TOPICS / CONTROVERSIES - SESSION 1

Chairs: **A. Bonso** / Feltre, Italy -
K.H. Kuck / Hamburg, Germany

- Controversy #1
Should LAA isolation be performed routinely in long lasting persistent AF ablation?
Pros: **A. Natale** / Austin, USA
Cons: **F. Marchlinski** / Philadelphia, USA
- Controversy #2
Should long-lasting persistent AF ablation be performed by AF team?
Pros: **M. La Meir** / Maastricht, The Netherlands
Cons: **TBA**

Friday 27 October | 10.15-11.45

Featured Symposium

CATHETER ABLATION OF AF: HOT TOPICS / CONTROVERSIES - SESSION 2

Chairs: **A. Dello Russo** / Milan, Italy -
J.M. Kalman / Melbourne, Australia

- Rotors ablation (alone) is effective to prevent AF
Yes: **P. Sommer** / Leipzig, Germany
No: **TBA**
- Ablation of persistent AF: do we really need additional lesions beyond PVI?
Yes: **S. Themistoclakis** / Venice-Mestre, Italy
No: **A. Verma** / Newmarket, Canada
- Adenosine-guided PVI is useful to increase success rate after AF ablation
Yes: **L. Macle** / Montreal, Canada
No: **A. Kobori** / Kobe, Japan

Friday 27 October | 12.00-13.30

Featured Symposium

WHAT TO DO AFTER CATHETER ABLATION FAILURE?

Chairs: **A. Rossillo** / Vicenza, Italy -
J. Sanchez / Austin, USA

- Add a previously ineffective or unproven AAD
E. Bertaglia / Padua, Italy
- Repeat catheter ablation procedure
L. Di Biase / New York, USA
- Shift to surgical ablation
J. Edgerton / Dallas, USA
- Accept a rate control strategy
A. Capucci / Ancona, Italy

Friday 27 October | 14.00-15.30

Featured Symposium

LAA CLOSURE / OCCLUSION: CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Chairs: **D. Lakkireddy** / Kansas City, USA - **TBA**

- Controversy:
LAA closure device indications in the NOACs era: restricted or enlarged?
Restricted: **S.H. Hohnloser** / Frankfurt, Germany
Enlarged: **P. Neuzil** / Prague, Czech Republic
- How to choose LAA closure device in the single patient
R. Horton / Austin, USA
- Anti-platelet therapy after LAA closure / occlusion: can it be avoided?
G. Grassi / Venice, Italy



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Core Curriculum

BRUGADA SYNDROME

Chairs: **A.A. Wilde** / Amsterdam, The Netherlands - **TBA**

- Brugada syndrome, risk stratification
V. Probst / Nantes, France
- Brugada syndrome, the pathophysiological substrate
P.G. Postema / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Brugada syndrome, the genetic substrate
M.J. Ackerman / Rochester, USA
- Brugada syndrome, therapeutic choices
TBA

Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45

Core Curriculum

CATECHOLAMINERGIC POLYMORPHIC VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA

Chairs: **P.J. Schwartz** / Milan, Italy - **TBA**

- The genetic basis of CPVT
A. Medeiros Domingo / Bern, Switzerland
- CPVT, pathophysiological mechanisms
TBA
- CPVT, the spectrum of Ryanodine receptor related disease
A.A. Wilde / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- CPVT, should every asymptomatic patient be treated?
C. van der Werf / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Wednesday 25 October | 15.45-17.15

Core Curriculum

GENOTYPE SPECIFIC THERAPY: FOCUS ON LQT3

Chairs: **C. Antzelevitch** / Wynnewood, USA - **S.G. Priori** / Pavia, Italy

- Beta-blockers: contraindicated or treatment of choice for LQT3
A.A. Wilde / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Flecainide for LQT3
TBA
- Mexiletine for LQT3
A. Mazzanti / Pavia, Italy
- Ranolazine for LQT3
R. Rosso / Tel Aviv, Israel

Wednesday 25 October | 17.30-19.00

Core Curriculum

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG

Chairs: **C. Napolitano** / Pavia, Italy - **G. Thiene** / Padua, Italy

- The follow-up after SCD in a young individual
C. van der Werf / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Interpretation of genetic variants in SCD victims
M.J. Ackerman / Rochester, USA
- Molecular autopsy in very SCD victim?
TBA
- Pathological investigation, what to look for
C. Basso / Padua, Italy

Thursday 26 October | 08.30-10.00

Core Curriculum

HOW TO PREDICT AND PREVENT SUDDEN DEATH IN PATIENTS WITH NORMAL HEARTS

Chairs: **G.L. Botto** / S. Fermo della Battaglia, Italy - **A. Raviele** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Long-QT syndrome
S.G. Priori / Pavia, Italy
- Brugada ECG - asymptomatic
E.N. Prystowsky / Indianapolis, USA
- WPW pattern - asymptomatic
TBA
- Early repolarization ECG
S. Viskin / Tel Aviv, Israel

Thursday 26 October | 10.15-11.45

Practical Interactive Session

LIVE CASES FROM VENICE-MESTRE EP LAB

Thursday 26 October | 14.00-15.30

Core Curriculum

HOW TO PREDICT AND PREVENT SUDDEN DEATH IN PATIENTS WITH ABNORMAL HEARTS

Chairs: **N. El Sherif** / New York, USA - **E.N. Prystowsky** / Indianapolis, USA

- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
TBA
- ARVD/C
D. Corrado / Padua, Italy
- Sarcoidosis
M.R. Gold / Charleston, USA
- Non-ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy / myocarditis
C.P. Lau / Hong Kong, China

Thursday 26 October | 15.45-17.15

Practical Interactive Session

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Chairs: **A.J. Camm** / London, UK - **TBA**

The editors-in-chief of the following journals will be invited to attend:

- **Arrhythmia & Electrophysiology Review**
- **Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology**
- **Europace**
- **Heart Rhythm Journal**
- **International Journal of Heart Rhythm**
- **JACC: Clinical Electrophysiology**
- **Journal of Arrhythmia**
- **Journal of Atrial Fibrillation**
- **Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology**
- **Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology**
- **PACE - Pacing and Clinical Electrophysiology**

Thursday 26 October | 17.30-19.00

Indian Corner

DIFFICULT VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIAS

Chairs: **S. Saksena** / New Brunswick, USA - **K.K. Sethi** / New Delhi, India

- Ventricular arrhythmias in peri-infarction and post-infarction period: role of catheter ablation
A. Nogami / Tsukuba, Japan
- Neuraxial modulation in VT storm
H. Tandri / Baltimore, USA
- Ventricular tachycardia in granulomatous myocarditis
C. Narasimhan / Hyderabad, India
- Transmural substrate in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, cardiac tumours and non-entry left ventricle
T. Nitta / Tokyo, Japan



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Core Curriculum

RCTS TO PREVENT STROKE AND SD

Chairs: **S.J. Connolly** / Hamilton, Canada -
S.H. Hohnloser / Frankfurt, Germany

- LAAOS trial: randomized trial of Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion at the time of routine cardiac surgery - an update on design and study progress
TBA
- The VANISH trial: is VT ablation better than antiarrhythmic drug therapy?
J. Sapp / Halifax, Canada
- MADIT S-ICD: Multicenter Automatic Defibrillator Implantation Trial with subcutaneous implantable cardioverter defibrillator: rationale and design
TBA
- PRAETORIAN trial: efficacy and safety of the S-ICD versus the transvenous ICD
TBA

Friday 27 October | 10.15-11.45

Core Curriculum

NEW TOOLS, STRATEGIES, TRICKS FOR SUCCESSFUL VT ABLATION

Chairs: **F.E. Marchlinski** / Philadelphia, USA -
M. Scanavacca / São Paulo, Brazil

- Ablation of the substrate for Brugada syndrome
TBA
- Bipolar ablation
V.Y. Reddy / New York, USA
- Core isolation
W. Tzou / Aurora, USA
- High density mapping
TBA

Friday 27 October | 12.00-13.30

Core Curriculum

UNUSUAL VARIANTS FOCAL VT ABLATION

Chairs: **W.G. Stevenson** / Boston, USA - **TBA**

- VT from papillary muscle and moderator band
TBA
- Epicardial focal VT ablation
P. Santangeli / Philadelphia, USA
- VPD/VT ablation from the adjacent right atrium
F.C. Garcia / Philadelphia, USA
- VPD/VT ablation from the coronary venous system
S.E. Mountantonakis / New York, USA

Friday 27 October | 14.00-15.30

SOBRAC-VA Joint Session

HOT TOPICS IN VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA ABLATION

Chairs: **E. Saad** / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - **TBA**

- Voltage maps performed with a standard ablation catheter are becoming obsolete? Impact of high-density mapping
A. Al-Ahmad / Austin, USA
- Influence of pacing site on voltage maps and EGM recordings
R. Tung / Chicago, USA
- Neuromodulation for VT control - state of the art
TBA
- How to optimize epicardial ablation?
M. Scanavacca / São Paulo, Brazil



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Core Curriculum

DEVICE BASED THERAPY FOR HEART FAILURE: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Chairs: **C. Linde** / Stockholm, Sweden -
M. Lunati / Milan, Italy

- Implantable hemodynamic sensors: CHAMPION, LAPTOP and beyond
TBA
- Who should be considered for cardiac contractility modulation
M. Borggrefe / Mannheim, Germany
- Device based autonomic modulation for HF: is there still hope?
M.R. Gold / Charleston, USA
- Renal denervation for HFrEF and HFpEF
TBA

Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45

Core Curriculum

CRT IN HEART FAILURE: QUANTIFYING THE BENEFITS

Chairs: **C.P. Lau** / Hong Kong, China -
E.I. Ovsyshcher / Beer-Sheva, Israel

- The benefit of CRT on HF hospitalizations: how large is the effect and what is the impact of co-morbidities?
G. Boriani / Modena, Italy
- CRT and reverse remodeling: how many patterns of response / non response can we expect?
TBA
- Predicting the reduction of ventricular tachyarrhythmias with CRT: are there subgroups in whom defibrillation can be avoided?
TBA
- The benefit of CRT on neuro-hormonal activation: what can be expected and what clinical implications?
W. Zareba / Rochester, USA

Wednesday 25 October | 15.45-17.15

Core Curriculum

CRT: CAN TECHNOLOGY MAXIMIZE THE RATE OF RESPONDERS?

Chairs: **M.R. Gold** / Charleston, USA - **TBA**

- How much can we improve the rate of responders through multipoint and multi-lead LV pacing?
F. Zanon / Rovigo, Italy
- The role of endocardial LV pacing?
C.A. Rinaldi / London, UK
- Optimizing LV lead position for CRT
TBA
- Is there still a role of device programming CRT outcomes?
H.F. Tse / Hong Kong, China

Wednesday 25 October | 17.30-19.00

Core Curriculum

LEADLESS PACEMAKERS: PEARLS AND PITFALLS

Chairs: **A.E. Epstein** / Philadelphia, USA -
M. Lunati / Milan, Italy

- What leadless pacemakers are available or in clinical trials?
V.Y. Reddy / New York, USA
- Implantation of the leadless pacemaker
M. Lloyd / Atlanta, USA
- Outcomes of patients with leadless pacemakers
C. Tondo / Milan, Italy
- What leadless systems are in the future?
TBA

Thursday 26 October | 08.30-10.00

APHRS-VA Joint Session

NEW CIED TECHNOLOGY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **Y. Kobayashi** / Tokyo, Japan -
C.P. Lau / Hong Kong

- Initial experience of leadless pacemaker
K. Soejima / Tokyo, Japan
- Future aspect of leadless pacemaker including LV device
A. Auricchio / Lugano, Switzerland
- Subcutaneous ICD in Asia-Pacific region
H.F. Tse / Hong Kong, China
- Comparison of clinical outcome and QOL of patients with S-ICD versus transvenous system
P. Neuzil / Prague, Czech Republic

Thursday 26 October | 15.45-17.15

Core Curriculum

LEAD EXTRACTION TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE

Chairs: **A. Auricchio** / Lugano, Switzerland -
M.G. Bongiorno / Pisa, Italy

- Lead extraction in Europe - lessons from the ELECTRA registry
TBA
- Why is an update on presently recommended indications for lead extraction urgently needed?
TBA
- Preventing mortality: a key reason for better lead extraction acceptance
C. Kennergren / Gothenburg, Sweden
- Extraction in the era of S-ICDs and leadless pacing
S. Viani / Pisa, Italy

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Core Curriculum

TAKING LEAD EXTRACTION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Chairs: **C.A. Rinaldi** / London, UK -
B. Osswald / Düsseldorf, Germany

- Optimal prevention and treatment of infected devices
H. Burri / Geneva, Switzerland
- Why are not all patients with CIED infection (Class 1) referred for extraction
A. Rao / Liverpool, UK
- Using the optimal technique and lead extraction method for every lead and patient. Two points of view:
M.G. Bongiorno / Pisa, Italy
C. Kennergren / Gothenburg, Sweden
- Timing of extraction and reimplantation and treatment of device dependent patients during and after extraction
P. Defaye / Grenoble, France



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Core Curriculum

CASE BASED LEAD EXTRACTION

Chairs: **A. Curnis** / Brescia, Italy - **B. Wilkoff** / Cleveland, USA

- A case of damaged and fragile leads
E. Soldati / Pisa, Italy
- A case of venous occlusion; a nice solution
C. Iorgulescu / Bucharest, Romania
- A case with large lead vegetations
A. Kutarski / Lublin, Poland
- Perioperative use of 3D TEE for risk assessment
TBA
- Extraction of recalled leads - special considerations?
TBA
- A case best treated by surgical extraction
C. Starck / Berlin, Germany

Friday 27 October | 10.15-11.45

Core Curriculum

REMOTE MONITORING: HOW, FOR WHOM AND WHERE ARE WE AIMING IN THE FUTURE

Chairs: **C. Linde** / Stockholm, Sweden - **R.P. Ricci** / Rome, Italy

- Remote monitoring of CIEDs - usefulness and guidelines
TBA
- Remote monitoring of heart failure patients - CRTD, central pressures
F. Braunschweig / Stockholm, Sweden
- Integrating device and other health data mobile app data
N. Varma / Cleveland, USA
- How to set up a remote monitoring clinic
M.E. Landolina / Crema, Italy

Friday 27 October | 12.00-13.30

ISHNE-VA Joint Session

ADVANCES IN MONITORING OF DEVICES AND CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **A.E. Epstein** / Philadelphia, USA - **R. Piotrowicz** / Warsaw, Poland

- Ambulatory ECG monitoring for cardiac arrhythmias
J.S. Steinberg / New York, USA
- ICD and pacemaker remote monitoring: benefits and challenges
S. Dubner / Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Remote heart failure monitoring
N. Varma / Cleveland, USA
- AF and VT burden from devices as a clinical trial endpoint
W. Zareba / Rochester, USA

Friday 27 October | 14.00-15.30

German Corner

CURRENT STATUS OF TELEMEDICINE

Chairs: **W. Jung** / Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany - **T. Lewalter** / Munich, Germany

- Heart failure
TBA
- Syncope
M. Brignole / Lavagna, Italy
- ESUS
J. Brachmann / Coburg, Germany
- Post PVI
E.A. Pokushalov / Nowosibirsk, Russia



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Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00

Core Curriculum
LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION AS TREATMENT FOR AF

Chairs: **M.M. Gulizia** / Catania, Italy -
P. Sanders / Adelaide, Australia

- Alcohol and AF: is there a limit?
G. Zuin / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- Weight and other risk factors modification in the management of AF
D. Lau / Adelaide, Australia
- Physical activity and Mediterranean diet: do they reduce AF burden?
F. Colivicchi / Rome, Italy
- Sleep apnea and AF: lifestyle modification, CPAP or more?
E. Anter / Boston, USA

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Core Curriculum
SCREENING FOR AF AND DEVICE DETECTED SUBCLINICAL ATRIAL TACHYARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **G.H. Mairesse** / Arlon, Belgium -
B. Sassone / Cento, Italy

- Rationale for screening
A. Banerjee / London, UK
- Tools for screening
G.L. Botto / San Fermo della Battaglia, Italy
- Screening strategies
J. Brachmann / Coburg, Germany
- Can we reach a consensus?
TBA

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Core Curriculum
A REGISTRY OF AF REGISTRIES

Chairs: **P. Dorian** / Toronto, Canada -
G.Y.H. Lip / Birmingham, UK

- EORP-AF and the INTER-AF collaboration
G. Boriani / Modena, Italy
- The Danish nationwide cohort studies
TBA
- ORBIT-AF and GARFIELD-AF
A.J. Camm / London, UK
- GLORIA-AF and more
M.G. Huisman / Groningen, The Netherlands

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Core Curriculum
STROKE PREVENTION IN AF: HOT TOPICS

Chairs: **T. Potpara** / Belgrade, Serbia - **TBA**

- 'Real world' data for NOACs - what do they tell us?
I. Savelieva / London, UK
- What's the latest for antidotes to NOACs?
TBA
- Appropriate use and misuse of bleeding risk scores in patients with AF
TBA
- Anticoagulation during ablation or devices: interrupted or continuous? To bridge or not?
J.M. Kalman / Melbourne, Australia

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Core Curriculum
ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY IN VALVULAR AF

Chairs: **A.J. Camm** / London, UK -
G. Di Pasquale / Bologna, Italy

- Evidence for antithrombotic therapy from trials
T. Potpara / Belgrade, Serbia
- Evidence for antithrombotic therapy from observational cohorts
L. Fauchier / Tours, France
- Mechanical heart valves, bioprostheses, TAVI
TBA
- What the guidelines say
G.Y.H. Lip / Birmingham, UK



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**HRS-VA Joint Session
CONTROVERSIES IN STROKE
REDUCTION AMONG AF PATIENTS**

Chairs: **T.F. Deering** / Atlanta, USA -
A.M. Russo / Camden, USA

- Should patients with AF and a CHA₂DS₂-VASC of 0-1 ever be anticoagulated?
Consideration of other risk factors
M. Rienstra / Groningen, The Netherlands
- Atrial arrhythmias detected by implantable devices: when should anticoagulation be initiated?
M.P. Turakhia / Stanford, USA
- Which patients with cryptogenic stroke should be anticoagulated?
J. Brachmann / Coburg, Germany
- Choosing between left atrial appendage closure and oral anticoagulation
D. Lakkireddy / Kansas City, USA

Thursday 26 October | 10.15-11.45

**WSA-VA Joint Session
INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES ON
STROKE PREVENTION IN AF - A CASE OF
PERFECT HARMONY?**

Chairs: **A.J. Camm** / London, UK -
R. Hatala / Bratislava, Slovak Republic

- Europe - ESC guidelines
TBA
- US - ACC/AHA
H. Calkins / Baltimore, USA
- China
TBA
- Canada - CCS guidelines
J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada
- Japan
TBA
- Taiwan
S.A. Chen / Taipei, Taiwan

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**Core Curriculum
AF ABLATION UPDATE, JOINT
DOCUMENT WITH HRS**

Chairs: **H. Calkins** / Baltimore, USA -
G. Hindricks / Leipzig, Germany

- Indications for AF ablation
Y.H. Kim / Seoul, South Korea
- Strategies, techniques, and endpoints
A. Natale / Austin, USA
- Follow-up and other technical aspects including anticoagulation
F.E. Marchlinski / Philadelphia, USA
- Training requirements, and clinical trial design recommendations
B.D. Lindsay / Cleveland, USA
- Key take-home messages
H. Calkins / Baltimore, USA

Thursday 26 October | 15.45-17.15

**Canadian Corner
UPDATES IN CANADIAN AND
INTERNATIONAL TRIALS**

Chairs: **D.J. Callans** / Philadelphia, USA -
C. Morillo / Calgary, Canada

- ARTESiA trial - Should we anticoagulate short AF episodes?
J. Healey / Hamilton, Canada
- BRAIN-AF - OAC for "low risk" patients?
L. Rivard / Montreal, Canada
- OCEAN trial - Can we stop OAC post-AF ablation?
D.H. Birnie / Ottawa, Canada
- EAST trial - Can early ablation be of benefit?
TBA

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**Core Curriculum
EVIDENCE BASED DECISION MAKING:
CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

Chairs: **A. Natale** / Austin, USA -
A.L. Waldo / Cleveland, USA

- Debate #1 Randomized trials of anticoagulation in patients with sub-clinical AF detected by pacemakers are not only ethical but required
Pros: **TBA**
Cons: **B. Wilkoff** / Cleveland, USA
- Debate #2 Balloon technology should be the preferred AF ablation modality in PAF
Pros: **K.H. Kuck** / Hamburg, Germany
Cons: **R. Cappato** / Rozzano, Italy
- Debate #3 A 75 year old man with persistent AF associated with symptoms of fatigue and palpitations
The case for offering him ablation
C. Morillo / Hamilton, Canada
The case for offering him amiodarone
S.J. Connolly / Hamilton, Canada
- Debate #4 Idarucizumab and Andexanet for management of NOAC-related bleeding / urgent surgery: will they make a difference in clinical outcomes?
Pros: **TBA**
Cons: **R. De Caterina** / Chieti, Italy





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Turkish Corner
THE NEW FRONTIERS OF AF

Chairs: **K. Adalet** / Istanbul, Turkey -
D. Aras / Ankara, Turkey -
A. Oto / Ankara, Turkey

- Different outcomes according to individually tailored strategies for AF ablation
Ö. Aslan / Izmir, Turkey
- Which is the best workflow for an efficient and effective AF procedure?
S. Köse / Ankara, Turkey
- Can we apply the "Pill in the pocket" technique to NOAC's for paroxysmal atrial fibrillation?
O. Erdogan / Istanbul, Turkey
- Anticoagulation in device detected AF: has the time come?
M. Özdemir / Ankara, Turkey

Friday 27 October | 10.15-11.45

CSPE-VA Joint Session
TREATMENT OF AF: ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES

Chairs: **W. Hua** / Beijing, China -
H. Huang / Wuang, China

- Remote monitoring of AF with cardiac implantable electronic devices
J. Yang / Beijing, China
- Substrate ablation in persistent AF
M. Chen / Nanjing, China
- Treatment of patients with AF and heart failure: ablation or CRT?
J. Yan / Hefei, China
- Clinical trial of left appendage closure with LAmbre™ device made in China
Y. Liu / Wuhan, China

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RSCA-VA Joint Session
HYBRID APPROACHES FOR TREATMENT OF PERSISTENT AF

Chairs: **A. Revishvili** / Moscow, Russia -
S. Themistoclakis / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- Long term results of one-staged hybrid ablation of persistent AF
M. La Meir / Maastricht, The Netherlands
- Two-staged hybrid ablation of persistent AF: single-centre experience
A. Bulava / Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic
- Long term results of MAZE III and MAZE IV procedures. How to reach best results?
R.J. Damiano Jr. / Saint Louis, USA
- The necessity of catheter ablation after MAZE V procedure
TBA



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Core Curriculum

APPLICATION OF BASIC SCIENCE TO THE CLINICAL APPRAISAL OF MECHANISMS OF TACHYCARDIAS

Chairs: **S.J. Asirvatham** / Rochester, USA -
W.M. Jackman / Oklahoma City, USA

- Basic mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias
TBA
- Mechanisms of atrial flutter and AF
A.L. Waldo / Cleveland, USA
- Use of entrainment for diagnoses of supraventricular tachycardia
M.M. Scheinman / San Francisco, USA
- Use of entrainment for diagnoses of mechanisms of VT
W.G. Stevenson / Boston, USA

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Core Curriculum

THE ROLE OF ELECTROGRAM ANALYSES AND ANATOMY IN THE ABLATION OF COMPLEX ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **M.M. Scheinman** / San Francisco, USA -
A.L. Waldo / Cleveland, USA

- Role of unipolar electrograms, bipolar electrograms and increasing electrode resolution in identifying local activation time for mapping and ablation
W.M. Jackman / Oklahoma City, USA
- Anatomic consideration in diagnoses and treatment of arrhythmias
S.J. Asirvatham / Rochester, USA
- Mechanisms and ablation of AFib
M. Haïssaguerre / Bordeaux, France
- Mechanisms and ablation of ventricular tachycardias
D.L. Packer / Rochester, USA

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Core Curriculum

PLACE ACADEMY: THE ECGS OF MY LIFE

Chairs: **L. Calò** / Rome, Italy -
F. Gaita / Turin, Italy

- A. Capucci** / Ancona, Italy
- P. China** / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- P. Delise** / Peschiera del Garda, Italy
- M.F. Marquez** / Mexico City, Mexico
- B. Olshansky** / Iowa City, USA
- P. Santangeli** / Philadelphia, USA

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Featured Symposium

VALUE OF STANDARD ECG IN ASSESSING THE MECHANISM AND SITE OF ORIGIN OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **L. Aguinaga** / Tucuman, Argentina -
TBA

- Atrial tachycardia / atrial flutter
M.M. Scheinman / San Francisco, USA
- WPW
TBA
- Wide QRS tachycardias
A. Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- Ventricular tachycardias
K. Soejima / Tokyo, Japan

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Featured Symposium

VALUE OF STANDARD ECG IN STRATIFYING THE RISK OF SD IN DIFFERENT CLINICAL SETTINGS - SESSION 1

Chairs: **A. Baranchuck** / Kingston, Canada -
S. Viskin / Tel Aviv, Israel

- General population
TBA
- Young adults / athletes
S. Sharma / London, UK
- Channelopathies
R. Rosso / Tel Aviv, Israel
- ARVC
R. Hauer / Utrecht, The Netherlands



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Featured Symposium

VALUE OF STANDARD ECG IN STRATIFYING THE RISK OF SD IN DIFFERENT CLINICAL SETTINGS - SESSION 2

Chairs: **P. Delise** / Peschiera del Garda, Italy - **J.S. Steinberg** / New York, USA

- AMI and ACS
A. Cutolo / Venice-Mestre
- POST-MI
TBA
- Hypertrophic CM
TBA
- Myocarditis / dilated CM
G. Sinagra / Trieste, Italy

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Core Curriculum

VALUE OF CARDIAC MRI IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **T.M. Dickfeld** / Baltimore, USA - **M. Perazzolo Marra** / Padua, Italy

- The arrhythmogenic substrate and tissue characterization with CMR
C. Basso / Padua, Italy
- Safe CMR of patients with all implanted arrhythmia devices
TBA
- Fusion of CMR with 3-dimensional electroanatomic mapping
TBA
- CMR for assessment of cardiac ablation
H. Halperin / Baltimore, USA

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Spanish Corner

LESSONS FROM TRACINGS: CHALLENGING CONCEPTS DISCUSSED ON EP RECORDINGS AND IMAGES

Chairs: **J.L. Merino** / Madrid, Spain - **L. Mont** / Barcelona, Spain

- ECG: still valid in the era of technological electrophysiology
L. Aguinaga / Tucuman, Argentina
- Intracardiac recordings: logical interpretation of unusual tachycardia mechanisms
TBA
- 3D mapping: is it always that easy?
TBA
- Device recordings: a systematic approach to odd recordings
J.M. Tolosana / Barcelona, Spain

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JHRS-VA Joint Session

REVISITING AV NODAL REENTRY

Chairs: **K. Hirao** / Tokyo, Japan - **Y. Nakazato** / Tokyo, Japan

- New concept of the AVN reentrant pathways
Y. Kaneko / Gunma, Japan
- Electro-anatomical mapping for ablation
S. Hilbert / Leipzig, Germany
- Retrograde AVN fast pathway ablation
Y. Yamauchi / Yokohama, Japan
- Implication of tachycardia circuit of AVNRT
W.M. Jackman / Oklahoma City, USA

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MENA HRS-VA Joint Session

CHALLENGING CASES IN ABLATION OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **A. Al-Ahmad** / Austin, USA - **M. Refaat** / Beirut, Lebanon

- Challenging case in SVT ablation
S. Khalid / Cairo, Egypt
- Challenging case in atypical atrial flutter ablation
A. Oto / Ankara, Turkey
- Challenging case in PVC ablation
A.K. Sultan Hamad / Muharraq, Bahrain
- Challenging case in VT ablation
A. Al Musaad / Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia





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ECAS-VA Joint Session
ADVANCEMENTS IN DEVICE TECHNOLOGY
ARE CHANGING CLINICAL PRACTICE

Chairs: **W. Davies** / London, UK -
T. Lewalter / Munich, Germany

- Leadless pacing - where are we now?
W. Jung / Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany
- "Leadless" defibrillation - current trial status and clinical indication for use
R. Cappato / Rozzano, Italy
- Real time MRI and catheter ablation
G. Hindricks / Leipzig, Germany
- Understanding complex arrhythmias - high density contact mapping or instantaneous far-field signals?
M. Hocini / Bordeaux, France
- Unmet needs in clinical electrophysiology - a wish list for technical developments
S. Saksena / New Brunswick, USA

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Mexican Corner
HOT TOPICS IN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY
IN 2017

Chairs: **L. Colín-Lizalde** / Mexico City, Mexico -
M.F. Márquez / Mexico City, Mexico

- Is there a role for cryoablation of persistent AFib?
G. Rodríguez-Díez / Mexico City, Mexico
- Should all patients submitted to atrial flutter ablation be treated with simultaneous pulmonary vein isolation?
J. Gómez-Flores / Mexico City, Mexico
- Arrhythmogenesis in CPVT. Which one is responsible: Sodium or Calcium?
H.H. Valdivia / Ann Arbor, USA
- Is RVOT pacing necessary for all patients with AV block?
L. Molina / Mexico City, Mexico

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French Corner
CHALLENGES IN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY
IN 2017

Chairs: **E. Aliot** / Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy, France -
J.J. Blanc / Brest, France

- ECG screening in individuals practicing sports: optional or mandatory?
F. Carré / Rennes, France
- Is the risk of sudden death in patients with mitral valve prolapse underestimated?
M. Perazzolo Marra / Padua, Italy
- What is the place of AV node ablation in 2017?
TBA
- Should an ICD at end of life be systematically replaced?
M. Santini / Rome, Italy

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SOLAECE-VA Joint Session
DILEMMAS IN MODERN RHYTHMOLOGY

Chairs: **L. Molina** / Mexico City, Mexico -
W. Uribe / Medellín, Colombia

- Paroxysmal AF ablation in low volume centers: cryoballoon or RF?
G. Fenelon / São Paulo, Brazil
- LV stimulation in CRT: when to go transseptal?
N.L. Cabanillas / Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Imaging methods for VT ablation: tool or toy?
L.C. Sáenz / Bogotá, Colombia
- CHA₂DS₂-VASc score of 1: oral anticoagulation, aspirin or nothing?
A.M. Lorga Filho / São José do Rio Preto, Brazil



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Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00**Core Curriculum****UPDATES IN SPORTS CARDIOLOGY**Chairs: **F. Giada** / Noale, Italy - **TBA**

- Cardiovascular adaptation in adolescent athletes
A. Malhotra / London, UK
- Cardiovascular adaptation in veteran athletes
S. Sharma / London, UK
- Managing AF in athletes
L. Mont / Barcelona, Spain
- Interpretation of repolarisation changes in athletes
D. Corrado / Padua, Italy

Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45**Core Curriculum****CONTROVERSIES IN SPORTS CARDIOLOGY**Chairs: **D. Corrado** / Padua, Italy - **S. Sharma** / London, UK

- Management of athletes with implantable cardiac electronic devices
F. Giada / Noale, Italy
- Management of gene positive, phenotype negative athletes with cardiomyopathies and ion channel diseases
TBA
- Significance of left ventricular non-compaction in athletes
S. Caselli / Rome, Italy
- Can too much exercise damage a normal heart?
P.D. Thompson / Hartford, USA

Wednesday 25 October | 15.45-17.15**Core Curriculum****SYNCOPE IN ATHLETES AND PSEUDOSYNCOPE / PSEUDOSEIZURES**Chairs: **D.G. Benditt** / Minneapolis, USA - **B. Olshansky** / Iowa City, USA

- **Case #1** A case of exercise-induced syncope: what to do?
TBA
- Genetics and epidemiology of exercise-related cardiovascular collapse in the athlete
A. Krahn / Vancouver, Canada
- Is screening effective for preventing collapse in student athletes? If so, what kind?
C.A. Morillo / Hamilton, Canada
- What is the appropriate evaluation of the student athlete with syncope during competitive sport?
A. Corrado / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- **Case #2** A difficult case of psychogenic pseudosyncope
F. Giada / Noale, Italy
- Psychogenic pseudosyncope and pseudoseizures: how can we recognize and treat them?
TBA

Wednesday 25 October | 17.30-19.00**Core Curriculum****ORTHOSTATIC HYPOTENSION: AN UPDATE ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT**Chairs: **D. Hachul** / São Paulo, Brazil - **J.G. van Dijk** / Leiden, The Netherlands

- **Case #1** A case of orthostatic hypotension: what is the cause?
TBA
- Non-epileptic neurological diseases associated with transient loss of consciousness
S. Parry / Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK
- Cardiovascular causes of orthostatic hypotension and falls in the elderly
A. Ungar / Florence, Italy
- **Case #2** A case of orthostatic hypotension: how to treat it?
A. Bartoletti / Florence, Italy
- Managing the supine hypertension and orthostatic hypotension duo: falls vs stroke risks
J.J. Blanc / Brest, France
- Efficacy of non-pharmacologic strategies for preventing orthostatic hypotension
TBA

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Core Curriculum

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF POTS, IST, EPILEPTIC TLOC, AND ICTAL ASYSTOLE

Chairs: **P. Alboni** / Ferrara, Italy -
R. Sutton / Montecarlo, Monaco

- **Case #1** A difficult case of IST: differential diagnosis and treatment
P. China / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- Differentiating among postural orthostatic tachycardia, inappropriate sinus tachycardia and cristal (atrial) tachycardias
W.K. Shen / Phoenix, USA
- Is Ivabradine an improvement for treatment of POTS and IST?
TBA
- **Case #2** A difficult case of TLOC with seizures: syncope or epilepsy?
A. Moya / Barcelona, Spain
- What is the role of the video-EEG laboratory in evaluating TLOC?
J.G. van Dijk / Leiden, The Netherlands
- Ictal asystole and SUDEP: clinical presentations and key risk factors
D.G. Benditt / Minneapolis, USA

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Core Curriculum

PHARMACOLOGICAL AND NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT OF VVS

Chairs: **R.A. Kenny** / Dublin, Ireland -
A. Moya / Barcelona, Spain

- **Case #1** To treat or not to treat and how to treat
D. Hachul / São Paulo, Brazil
- Pharmacological vasoconstrictors in syncope: effectiveness and appropriate use
B. Olshansky / Iowa City, USA
- Beta-blockers and fludrocortisone for treatment of VVS: lessons learnt from POST studies
R.S. Sheldon / Calgary, Canada
- **Case #2** To treat or not to treat and how to treat
J.C. Deharo / Marseille, France
- When to implant a pacemaker? Do we have the final answer?
M. Brignole / Lavagna, Italy
- "Cardioneuroablation" for treatment of VVS: whom, how, and why?
J.C. Pachon / São Paulo, Brazil
- *Closing remarks:*
D.G. Benditt / Minneapolis, USA -
B. Olshansky / Iowa City, USA

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Core Curriculum

BRAIN OR HEART? SYNCOPE OR EPILEPSY?

Chairs: **M.J. Ackerman** / Rochester, USA -
TBA

- Was it syncope or epilepsy? A neurologist perspective
J.G. van Dijk / Leiden, The Netherlands
- Was it syncope or epilepsy? A cardiologist perspective
S. Viskin / Tel Aviv, Israel
- Atypical syncope: adenosine sensitive syncope
M. Brignole / Lavagna, Italy

Thursday 26 October | 15.45-17.15

Practical Interactive Session

COMPLEX CASES OF INTERVENTIONAL ARRHYTHMOLOGY: VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **L. Di Biase** / New York, USA -
W.J. Stevenson / Boston, USA

- A difficult case of PVCs
Presenter: **U.B. Tedrow** / Boston, USA
Discussant: **M. Scanavacca** / São Paulo, Brazil
- A difficult case of VT in non-ischemic cardiomyopathy
Presenter: **R.H. Tung** / Chicago, USA
Discussant: **TBA**
- A difficult case of VA in ischemic cardiomyopathy
Presenter: **P. Santangeli** / Philadelphia, USA
Discussant: **K. Soejima** / Tokyo, Japan
- A difficult case of idiopathic VT
Presenter: **M. Tritto** / Castellanza, Italy
Discussant: **F.E. Marchlinski** / Philadelphia, USA
- A difficult case of appropriate ICD shock in a patient implanted with a subcutaneous ICD
Presenter: **E. Anter** / Boston, USA
Discussant: **M.R. Gold** / Charleston, USA

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Practical Interactive Session

COMPLEX CASES OF INTERVENTIONAL ARRHYTHMOLOGY: SUPRAVENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS

Chairs: **L. Di Biase** / New York, USA -
G. Hindricks / Leipzig, Germany

- A difficult case of SVT
Presenter: **P. Sommer** / Leipzig, Germany
Discussant: **W.M. Jackman** / Oklahoma City, USA
- A difficult case of atrial tachycardia / left atrial flutter
Presenter: **J.F. Viles Gonzalez** / Miami, USA
Discussant: **TBA**
- A difficult case of AF
Presenter: **TBA**
Discussant: **D.J. Callans** / Philadelphia, 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 inappropriate shock due to atrial arrhythmias in a patient implanted with a subcutaneous ICD
Presenter: **R. Wakili** / Munich, Germany
Discussant: **R. Cappato** / Rozzano, Italy



Friday 27 October | 08.30-10.00

Core Curriculum

**CONTROVERSIES IN ARRHYTHMIAS
ABLATION: VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA**

Chairs: **J. Kautzner** / Prague, Czech Republic -
TBA

- **Controversy #1** Substrate-based ablation is better than ablation guided by activation and entrainment mapping for VT
Pros: **L. Di Biase** / New York, USA
Cons: **W.G. Stevenson** / Boston, USA
- **Controversy #2** Is substrate ablation the best option for the symptomatic patients with Brugada syndrome?
Pros: **TBA**
Cons: **TBA**

Friday 27 October | 10.15-11.45

Core Curriculum

**SIMULATION IN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY:
EXPECTATIONS AND FACTS**

Chairs: **R. De Ponti** / Varese, Italy -
R. Schilling / London, UK

- Simulation in cardiovascular medicine: state of the art
L. Rossi / Piacenza, Italy
- Simulation in interventional electrophysiology: what have we learned?
R. De Ponti / Varese, Italy
- Simulation in interventional electrophysiology: how did it change training in my center
R. Schilling / London, UK
- Simulation in EP training: is it really needed?

The master's perspective:

H. Calkins / Baltimore, USA

The perspective of a former trainee:

W. Ullah / Southampton, UK



Detailed Scientific Program
Borges Room

Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00

Featured Symposium

INTEGRATED AF MANAGEMENT: IMPORTANCE OF THE DIFFERENT ACTORS

Chairs: **G.Y.H. Lip** / Birmingham, UK -
E.N. Prystowsky / Indianapolis, USA

- *Introduction:*
What is the evidence of its value?
G.Y.H. Lip / Birmingham, UK
- Importance of patients' information, education & self-management
TBA
- Role of nurses and other non-medical healthcare professionals
J. Hendriks / Adelaide, Australia
- Role of mass media, internet & smart-phone apps
TBA
- Role of Medical Societies & Charity Organizations
T.C.A. Lobban / Stratford-upon-Avon, UK
- *Closing remarks:*
Different approaches in different clinical scenarios?
E.N. Prystowsky / Indianapolis, USA

Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45

AA-VA Joint Session

PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN AF

Chairs: **S. Benussi** / Milan, Italy -
R. Cappato / Rozzano, Italy

- Involving the patient in AF Guidelines
A.J. Camm / London, UK
- Patient surveys about AF, what do they reveal?
E. Aliot / Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy, France
- Screening for AF - what do the consensus papers say?
G.Y.H. Lip / Birmingham, UK
- Lobbying to bring about change in patient care of AF
T.C.A. Lobban / Stratford-upon-Avon, UK

Wednesday 25 October | 14.00-15.30

Wednesday 25 October | 15.45-17.15

Wednesday 25 October | 17.30-19.00

ALLIED PROFESSIONALS SESSIONS

Thursday 26 October | 08.30-10.00

Core Curriculum

CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA SURGERY: WHERE ARE WE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING? - SESSION 1

Chairs: **D. Mangino** / Venice-Mestre, Italy -
A. Verma / Newmarket, Canada

- Debate on hybrid AF ablation:
A procedure without an indication!
D.L. Packer / Rochester, USA
Procedure of choice for stand alone ablation
M. La Meir / Maastricht, The Netherlands
Comment: TBA
Discussion
- Maze/CABG, Maze/Mitral, Maze/AVR: where are we, where are we going?
C. Muneretto / Brescia, Italy
- Update on new STS Guideline Statement and surgical aspects of HRS 2017
Consensus Statement
J.R. Edgerton / Dallas, USA
Discussion

Thursday 26 October | 10.15-11.45

Core Curriculum

CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA SURGERY: WHERE ARE WE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING? - SESSION 2

Chairs: **J.R. Edgerton** / Dallas, USA - **TBA**

- Debate on substrate ablation:
PVI alone is adequate to treat long-standing persistent AF
A. Verma / Newmarket, Canada
PVI alone is not adequate to treat long-standing persistent AF
J.L. Cox / Saint Louis, USA
Comment: A. Raviele / Venice-Mestre, Italy
Discussion
- Current status of totally thorascopic Maze
D. Mangino / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- Ablation of AF 2028: where will we be?
R.J. Damiano Jr. / Saint Louis, USA
Discussion

Thursday 26 October | 15.45-17.15

Core Curriculum

CHALLENGES AND ADVANCES OF ARRHYTHMIA MANAGEMENT IN OLDER POPULATIONS: A STATE-OF-THE-ART UPDATE

Chairs: **R. Sutton** / Montecarlo, Monaco - **TBA**

- Syncope in the elderly: how do you differentiate cardiac vs. non-cardiac causes?
W.K. Shen / Phoenix, USA
- Silent AF: role of routine screening in older patients
L. Santini / Rome, Italy
- Recurrent and symptomatic persistent AF in patients ≥ 75 years old: drugs, ablation or pacemaker and AVN ablation?
H. Calkins / Baltimore, USA
- Recurrent ICD shocks in patients ≥ 75 years old: drugs, ablation, or turning off device?
TBA



**Registration, Hotel
& Practical Information**

Scientific Information

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Abstract guidelines and online submission

Abstracts can only 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. Detailed information for authors submitting abstracts can be found at www.venicearrhythmias.org/abstract_submission

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

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the submission process, please contact us at scientific@venicearrhythmias.org

Acceptance

Notification of Acceptance/Non-acceptance: announcements will be e-mailed by **June 16th, 2017.**

Registration of abstract presenters

Abstract presenters are required to register for the Scientific Sessions by June 30th, 2017. 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 included in the special online journal issue.

Slides

Only PC data projection will be available in every room. All slides must be worded in English only; please copy your work - prepared in PowerPoint - 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.

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

Three sessions on 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).

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.

Special events

Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 - 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.

Best Abstract Awards

Wednesday, October 25th, 2017

Venice Arrhythmias 2017 will give two special awards in Euro to those authors who have presented the "Best Oral Communication" and the "Best Poster". An Abstract Award Committee will select the best work among the accepted oral communications and posters. The winners will be announced during the Opening Ceremony.

Raffaella Pieri

Breakthrough Communication Award
Wednesday, October 25th, 2017

The VA 2017 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 2017 exhibitors in terms of strength, efficacy and innovative power. This award was established in memory of Ms. Raffaella Pieri, in appreciation for her outstanding contribution over many years in managing the relations with Venice Arrhythmias' exhibitors and supporting companies on behalf of the Organizing Secretariat, and for her ever-helpful approach and highly missed sensibility. The award winner will receive a plaque, and a charitable donation to a primary cancer research foundation will be made in their name.

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During the Workshop the Organizing Secretariat will be at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini to provide all necessary assistance to VA 2017 participants.

How to reach the congress venue Fondazione Giorgio Cini

FONDAZIONE GIORGIO CINI Isola San Giorgio Maggiore - 30124 Venice - Italy
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The Fondazione Giorgio Cini is located on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore, right in front of St. Mark's Square, in the heart of Venice.

ACTV public waterbus no. 2 takes you directly to the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore. It is just 1 stop away from San Zaccaria (near St. Mark's Square).
 Approximate duration of the journey:
 From San Zaccaria: 3 minutes
 From Tronchetto: 25 minutes
 From Piazzale Roma: 35 minutes
 From Santa Lucia Railway station: 45 minutes

From Marco Polo Airport:

Venice has a modern airport situated in the mainland at Venice-Tessera.

You may choose among the following transportation options:

- ATVO Line no. 35: bus service to Piazzale Roma, 20 minute-journey, one-way ticket € 8,00
- Alilaguna service: blue and red motor boat lines to San Marco Square,

60 minute journey,
 one way ticket €15,00

- private water taxi to your hotel, 45-minute journey, € 110,00 one way

From Venice Santa Lucia Railway Station:

Venice has two railway stations: Venice-Mestre and Venice Santa Lucia. From Venice Santa Lucia station you can use the ACTV waterbuses that offer different transportation schedules all day long. Private taxis are available at the main exit of the station.

From A4 Motorway exit:

Follow the indications to Venice parking areas of Tronchetto and/or Piazzale Roma where you can find a variety of parking lots. From there, you can reach San Marco Square by waterbus no. 2.

Registration & Hotel

Registration Fees	Before April 30 th , 2017	From May 1st up to September 15 th , 2017	From September 16 th , 2017
Delegates	€ 700,00	€ 800,00	€ 900,00
Young Physicians and Students**	€ 500,00	€ 600,00	€ 700,00
Allied Professionals	€ 80,00	€ 90,00	€ 100,00

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)

** To be able to register as a Young Physician, you must be max. 35 years old. Proof of age (i.e. copy of your ID or passport) must be provided during the registration process. To be able to register as a Student, you will be required to send a proof of your status (i.e. copy of a valid student card).

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, 2017. 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 rooms for single occupancy (DSO) will be assigned once the single rooms are no longer available. The majority of the hotels pre-booked for Venice Arrhythmias 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, 2017.

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 Venice Arrhythmias 2017 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, 2017
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, 2017
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 list

	Hotel Venice Center	CAT	SGL (€)	DSO (€)	DBL (€)
1	Centurion Palace	5		484,00	484,00
2	Bellini	4		380,00	400,00
3	Ca Pisani	4		350,00	350,00
4	Concordia	4		360,00	390,00
5	Monaco	4		460,00	470,00
6	Palazzo Sant'angelo	4		385,00	385,00
7	Papadapoli	4		335,00	365,00
8	Sant'Elena	4	270,00	280,00	280,00
9	Saturnia	4	275,00	340,00	360,00
10	Savoia & Jolanda	4		385,00	385,00
11	Splendid	4		470,00	490,00
12	La Fenice et Des Artis	3		310,00	340,00
13	Pausania	3	200,00	240,00	250,00

	Hotel Venice Lido	CAT	SGL (€)	DSO (€)	DBL (€)
14	Excelsior	5		330,00	350,00
15	Biasutti	4		205,00	215,00
16	Grande Albergo Ausonia e Hungaria	4		205,00	215,00
17	Le Boulevard	4		205,00	215,00
18	Panorama	4		200,00	220,00
19	Petit Palais	4		160,00	170,00
20	Russo Palace	4		205,00	215,00
21	Villa Mabapa	4	270,00	205,00	215,00
22	Villa Pannonia	4	275,00	205,00	215,00

CAT Star Category

SGL Single room

DSO Double room for single occupancy

DBL Double room

Rates include breakfast and VAT tax 10%



Practical Information

Fly to Venice Arrhythmias 2017 Save up to 20% on travel with the Star Alliance Network

The Star Alliance member airlines are pleased to be appointed as the Official Airline Network for Venice Arrhythmias 2017.

STAR ALLIANCE 

To obtain the Star Alliance Conventions Plus discounts please visit Conventions Plus online booking tool: <http://bit.ly/TK30S17>

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

The participating airlines for this event are: ANA, Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air India, Air New Zealand, Asiana Airlines, Avianca, Croatia Airlines, EVA Airways, EgyptAir, Ethiopian Airlines, LOT Polish Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, 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 Star Alliance Round the World fares.

When making your travel plans, please present confirmation of your registration or proof of attendance for Venice Arrhythmias 2017.

Special offers for travel to/from Japan are available from LOT Polish Airlines, Air New Zealand, Turkish Airlines.

To obtain these discounts, please contact the respective carriers' booking office. Contact details can be found on <http://www.staralliance.com/en/convention-delegates/> Please quote the following Event code **TK30S17** for ticket reservation.

Further benefits for VA participants: discounted airfares with Lufthansa Group Airlines

The Official Congress Travel Agency appointed by the Organizing Secretariat for Venice Arrhythmias 2017 is pleased to provide discounted airfares to the registered event participants who would like to travel with Lufthansa Group Airlines: Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Eurowings, Deutsche Lufthansa, and Swiss International Air Lines. For further information, please contact the Organizing Secretariat at booking@venicearrhythmias.org

Practical Information



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

Venice Arrhythmias 2017 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, 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

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