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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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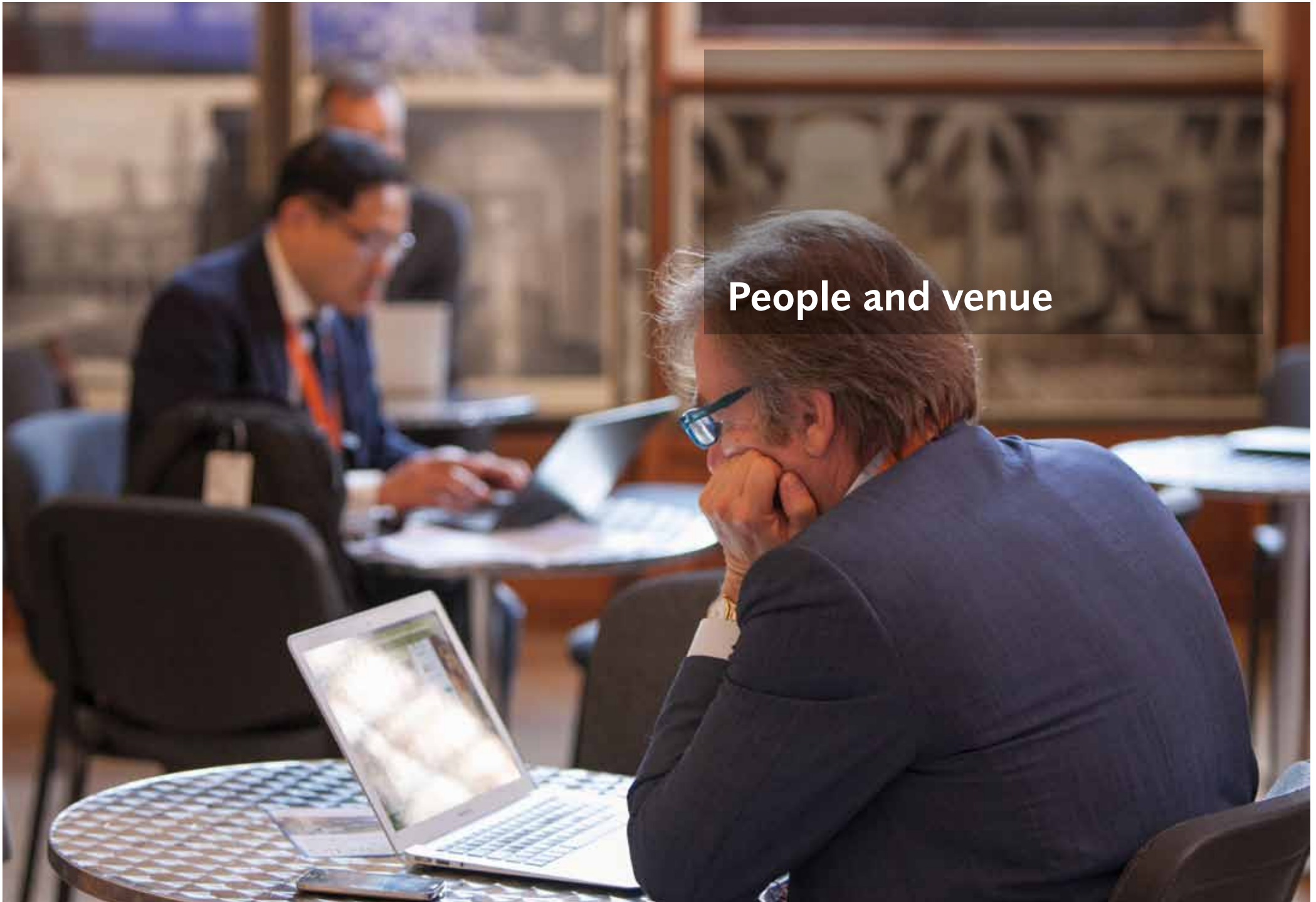
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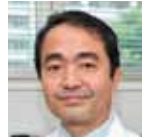
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**S. Viskin** / Tel Aviv, Israel  
**R. Wakili** / Munich, Germany  
**A.L. Waldo** / Cleveland, USA  
**R. Wijesurendra** / Oxford, UK  
**A.A. Wilde** / Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
**B. Wilkoff** / Cleveland, USA  
**C. Wolpert** / Ludwigsburg, Germany  
**Y. Yamauchi** / Yokohama, Japan  
**J. Yan** / Hefei, China  
**J. Yang** / Beijing, China  
**F. Zanon** / Rovigo, Italy  
**G. Zanotto** / Legnago, Italy  
**W. Zareba** / Rochester, USA  
**M. Zecchin** / Trieste, Italy  
**M. Zoni Berisso** / Genova, Italy  
**F. Zoppo** / Mirano, Italy  
**A. Zorzin Fantasia** / Trieste, Italy  
**G. Zuin** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

*Preliminary list of invited Faculty waiting for all confirmations of participation*



## 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

Program Chairs:

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

- AF: classification, pathophysiology & clinical issues
- Bad habits and AF
- Predictors of AF
- "Lone" AF in 2017
- AF in inherited cardiac channelopathies
- AF management in special situations - Session 1
- AF management in special situations - Session 2
- AAD prophylaxis for AF
- To anticoagulate or not to anticoagulate: that is the question!
- Strategies to minimize bleeding on anticoagulation therapy
- Catheter ablation of AF: hot topics / controversies - 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

Program Chairs:

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

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

## Core Curricula

### Antithrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias

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

Program Chairs:

**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** / San Fermo della Battaglia, 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

Program Chairs:

**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

Program Chairs:

**Andrew E. Epstein** / Philadelphia, USA  
**Maurizio Lunati** / Milan, Italy

### Lifestyle modification as treatment for AF

October 25 - Barbantini Room

Program Chairs:

**Michele Massimo Gulizia** / Catania, Italy  
**Prash Sanders** / Adelaide, Australia

### New therapeutic solutions for the arrhythmic patient: promises and challenges

October 26 - Cipressi Room

### PLACE Academy: the ECGs of my life

October 25 - Consiglio Room

Program Chairs:

**Leonardo Calò** / Rome, Italy  
**Fiorenzo Gaita** / Turin, Italy

### Remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias/device

October 27 - Cipressi Room

Program Chairs:

**Cecilia Linde** / Stockholm, Sweden  
**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

Program Chairs:

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

### Sport and arrhythmias

October 25 - Photographs Room

Program Chairs:

**Franco Giada** / Noale, Italy  
**Sanjay Sharma** / London, UK

- Updates in sports cardiology
- Controversies in sports cardiology

### Strategies in stroke prevention: what's new?

October 26 - Cenacolo Room

### Syncope summit

October 25 - Photographs Room

October 26 - Photographs Room

Program Chairs:

**David G. Benditt** / Minneapolis, USA  
**Brian Olshansky** / Iowa City, USA

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

### 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

## Satellite Symposia and Luncheon Panels

### Abbott Satellite Symposium

October 25 - Cipressi Room

- Contact Force Sensing: guidelines and experiences

### Livanova Satellite Symposium

October 26 - Cipressi Room

- Improving patients care: when technology makes the difference

### Medico Luncheon Panel

October 26 - Consiglio Room

- Getting detailed electrocardiographic information in standard pacemaker implants: the iECG option

### Medtronic Satellite Symposium

October 25 - Capriate Room

- Treating more AF patients with a sustainable approach



**Program at a Glance**

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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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				
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12.00 13.30	OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME BUFFET			
14.00 15.30	Predictors of AF	Treating more AF patients with a sustainable approach	CRT: can technology maximize the rate of responders?	A registry of AF registries
Stop and go				
15.45 17.15	"Lone" AF in 2017	Genotype specific therapy: focus on LQT3	Contact Force Sensing: guidelines and experiences	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		Satellite Symposia and Luncheon Panels

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Consiglio	Photographs	Borges	Soffitto	Time
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				
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
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				
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				
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	New therapeutic solutions for the arrhythmic patient: promises and challenges	International guidelines on stroke prevention in AF - a case of perfect harmony?
12.00 13.30	Strategies in stroke prevention: what's new?			
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Stop and go				
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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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Stop and go				
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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







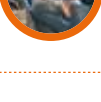

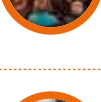

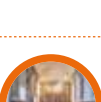



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Consiglio	Photographs	Borges	Soffitto	Time
Advancements in device technology are changing clinical practice	Controversies in arrhythmias ablation: ventricular tachycardia	Oral Communications Session	Oral Communications Session	08.30 10.00
Stop and 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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## Suggested clinical update pathway

Do you want to have a comprehensive update on clinical arrhythmology during the 3-day VA meeting?  
Follow the below suggested pathway

- **Brugada syndrome**  
Capriate Room 
- **Bad habits and AF**  
Cenacolo Room 
- **Complex cases in competitive athletes: how to decide sport eligibility? Let's to discuss together**  
Photographs Room 
- **Value of standard ECG in assessing the mechanism and site of origin of cardiac arrhythmias**  
Consiglio Room 
- **Antithrombotic therapy in valvular AF**  
Barbantini Room 
- **Cardiac arrhythmia surgery: where are we and where are we going?**  
Borges Room 
- **Pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment of vaso-vagal syncope**  
Photographs Room 
- **AF ablation update: joint document with HRS**  
Barbantini Room 
- **Challenges and advances of arrhythmia management in older patients: a state-of-the-heart update**  
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- **Strategies to minimize bleeding on anticoagulation therapy**  
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- **RCTs to prevent stroke and SD**  
Capriate Room 
- **Remote monitoring: how, for whom, and where are we aiming in the future**  
Cipressi Room 
- **What to do after catheter AF ablation failure?**  
Cenacolo Room 
- **Current status of telemedicine**  
Cipressi Room 

## Suggested device & interventional EP update pathway

Do you want to have a comprehensive update on device therapy and interventional EP during the 3-day VA meeting?  
Follow the below suggested pathway

- **Device-based therapy for HF: the good, the bad and the ugly**  
Cipressi Room 
- **Screening for AF and device-detected subclinical atrial tachyarrhythmias**  
Barbantini Room 
- **Visit Exhibition Area and Technology Innovation Line**  
Arazzi and White Rooms 
- **CRT: can technology maximize the rate of responders?**  
Cipressi Room 
- **Leadless pacemakers: pearls and pitfalls**  
Cipressi Room 
- **New CIED technology in the management of arrhythmias**  
Cipressi Room 
- **Value of cardiac MRI in the management of cardiac arrhythmias**  
Consiglio Room 
- **Lessons from tracings: challenging concepts discussed on EP recordings and images**  
Consiglio Room 
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Cenacolo Room 
- **Unusual variants focal VT ablation**  
Capriate Room 
- **LAA closure / occlusion: controversial issues**  
Cenacolo Room 



**Detailed Scientific Program**  
Cenacolo Room

**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?  
**J.Y. Le Heuzey** / Paris, France
- 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
- Management of AF at the ER: immediate cardioversion versus wait-and-see  
**C. Jazra** / Beirut, Lebanon

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

Chairs: **C. Jazra** / Beirut, Lebanon -  
**O. Oseroff** / Buenos Aires, Argentina

- 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  
**S. Lévy** / Marseille, France

**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: **A. Bayes de Luna** / Barcelona, Spain -  
**M.M. Gulizia** / Catania, Italy

- 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, South 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?  
**R. Wijesurendra** / Oxford, UK
- 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 -  
**A.D. Krahn** / Vancouver, Canada

- Long QT syndrome  
**W. Zareba** / Rochester, USA
- Short QT syndrome  
**C. Wolpert** / Mannheim, Germany
- Brugada syndrome  
**P. Delise** / Ludwigsburg, Germany
- Catecholaminergic PVT  
**C. Napolitano** / Pavia, Italy

**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  
**B. Olshansky** / Iowa City, USA
- Pregnancy / Breastfeeding  
**P. Dorian** / Toronto, Canada
- Thyroid dysfunction  
**E. Bertaglia** / Padua, Italy

**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 | 12.00-13.30****Luncheon Panel**  
**STRATEGIES IN STROKE PREVENTION: WHAT'S NEW?**

Chairs: **A.J. Camm** / London, UK\* -  
**S. Themistoclakis** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- NOACs new data in cardiology, from trial to real world  
**G. Boriani** / Modena, Italy
  - New development in AF ablation techniques and antithrombotic therapy  
**M. Antz** / Oldenburg, Germany
  - Pros and cons on detection AF with implantable devices  
**G.L. Botto** / San Fermo della Battaglia, Italy - **D. Toni** / Roma, Italy
- This session is supported by an unconditional educational grant from Bayer*

**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?  
**A. Capucci** / Ancona, Italy
- 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
- CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc of 1 (men) and of 2 (women)  
**L. Fauchier** / Tours, France
- After ICH  
**P.B. Nielsen** / Aalborg, Denmark
- 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  
**T. Potpara** / Belgrade, Serbia
- 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: **S. Ernst** / London, UK

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: **J.S. Steinberg** / New York, USA
- 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 -  
**C. Tondo** / Milan, Italy

- 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



**Detailed Scientific Program**  
Capriate Room

**Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00****Core Curriculum****BRUGADA SYNDROME**

Chairs: **C. Pappone** / San Donato Milanese, Italy -  
**A.A. Wilde** / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- 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  
**C. Giustetto** / Turin, Italy

**Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45****Core Curriculum****CATECHOLAMINERGIC POLYMORPHIC VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA**

Chairs: **V. Probst** / Nantes, France -  
**P.J. Schwartz** / Milan, Italy

- The genetic basis of CPVT  
**A. Medeiros Domingo** / Bern, Switzerland
- CPVT, pathophysiological mechanisms  
**S.G. Priori** / Pavia, Italy
- 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 | 14.00-15.30****Medtronic Satellite Symposium****TREATING MORE AF PATIENTS WITH A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH**

Chairs: **R. Mantovan** / Conegliano Veneto, Italy\* -  
**C. Tondo** / Milan, Italy\*

- Cryoablation of Atrial Fibrillation: what do the Guidelines say?  
**C. De Asmundis** / Brussels, Belgium\*
- Economic data from FIRE AND ICE trial: which advantages beyond the cost  
**R. Verlato** / Camposampiero, Italy\*
- The RF "OneShot" technologies: what do we know?  
**G. Rovaris** / Monza, Italy\*
- Clinical evidences of the new non-invasive cardiac mapping system  
**M. Hocini** / Bordeaux, France\*

**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  
**E. Chorin** / Tel Aviv, Israel
- 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: **F. Zoppo** / Mirano, 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?  
**G. Sarquella Brugada** / Barcelona, Spain
- Pathological investigation, what to look for  
**C. Basso** / Padua, Italy

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**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  
**J.M. Kalman** / Melbourne, Australia
- 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  
**F. Cecchi** / Florence, Italy
- 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 -  
**M.M. Scheinman** / San Francisco, USA\*

The editors-in-chief / associates editors 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**

Round Table among:

**C. Antzelevitch** / Wynnewood, USA  
**S.J. Asirvatham** / Rochester, USA  
**S.A. Chen** / Taipei, Taiwan  
**L. Di Biase** / New York, USA  
**G. Hindricks** / Leipzig, Germany  
**D.G. Katritsis** / Boston, USA  
**C.P. Lau** / Hong Kong, China  
**A. Natale** / Austin, USA  
**E.N. Prystowsky** / Indianapolis, USA  
**S. Saksena** / New Brunswick, USA  
**A. Verma** / Cleveland, USA

**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 no-entry left ventricle  
**T. Nitta** / Tokyo, Japan




**Friday 27 October | 08.30-10.00**
**Core Curriculum**
**RCTS TO PREVENT STROKE AND SD**

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

- SPRITELY 3: Syncope: Pacing or Recording in the Later Years in patients with bifascicular block  
**R.S. Sheldon** / Calgary, Canada
- The VANISH trial: is VT ablation better than antiarrhythmic drug therapy?  
**J. Sapp** / Halifax, Canada
- MADIT diabetes: final protocol of the newest MADIT trial  
**D.S. Cannom** / Los Angeles, USA
- PRAETORIAN trial: efficacy and safety of the S-ICD versus the transvenous ICD  
**R.E. Knops** / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**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  
**C. Pappone** / San Donato Milanese, Italy
- Bipolar ablation  
**V.Y. Reddy** / New York, USA
- Core isolation  
**W. Tzou** / Aurora, USA
- High density mapping  
**M. Hocini** / Bordeaux, France

**Friday 27 October | 12.00-13.30**
**Core Curriculum**
**UNUSUAL VARIANTS FOCAL VT ABLATION**

Chairs: **J. Kautzner** / Prague, Czech Republic -  
**W.G. Stevenson** / Boston, USA

- VT from papillary muscle and moderator band  
**E. Anter** / Boston, USA
- 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 -  
**R.A. Schweikert** / Akron, USA

- 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  
**J. Bradfield** / Los Angeles, USA
- How to optimize epicardial ablation?  
**M. Scanavacca** / São Paulo, Brazil



## Detailed Scientific Program Cipressi Room

**Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00****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  
**K. Heist** / Boston, USA
- Who should be considered for cardiac contractility modulation  
**C. Butter** / Brandenburg, Germany\*
- Device based autonomic modulation for HF: is there still hope?  
**M.R. Gold** / Charleston, USA
- Renal denervation for HFrEF and HFpEF  
**C. Di Mario** / Florence, Italy

**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. Ovshysher** / 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?  
**J.C. Daubert** / Rennes, France
- Predicting the reduction of ventricular tachyarrhythmias with CRT: are there subgroups in whom defibrillation can be avoided?  
**D.S. Cannom** / Los Angeles, USA
- The benefit of CRT on neuro-hormonal activation: what can be expected and what clinical implications?  
**W. Zareba** / Rochester, USA

**Wednesday 25 October | 14.00-15.30****Core Curriculum****CRT: CAN TECHNOLOGY MAXIMIZE THE RATE OF RESPONDERS?**

Chairs: **M.R. Gold** / Charleston, USA - **L. Padeletti** / Florence, Italy

- 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  
**K. Heist** / Boston, USA
- Is there still a role of device programming CRT outcomes?  
**H.F. Tse** / Hong Kong, China

**Thursday 25 October | 15.45-17.45****Abbott Satellite Symposium****CONTACT FORCE SENSING: GUIDELINES AND EXPERIENCES**

- Contact Force and Lesion Index: in vitro and experimental models
- AF Ablation with Contact Force Technology
- Contact Force Technology and non-AF Ablations
- Contact Force Technology with 3D Navigation System

**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?  
**H.F. Tse** / Hong Kong, China

**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 | 10.15-11.45****Core Curriculum****NEW THERAPEUTIC SOLUTIONS FOR THE ARRHYTHMIC PATIENT: PROMISES AND CHALLENGES**

Chairs: **S. Favale** / Bari, Italy - **V. Y. Reddy** / New York, USA

- MRI Conditional devices: what have we learned so far?  
**T. Mela** / Boston, USA
- DX technology and single chamber ICD: the clinical experience  
**J. Cooper** / Philadelphia, USA
- DX technology and CRT-D: why and when  
**G.L. Botto** / San Fermo della Battaglia, Italy
- Does single chamber ICD with atrial sensing fit all needs?  
**A. Sagone** / Milano, Italy
- Home Monitoring and mortality reduction in ICD/CRT-D patients: how to carry on the clinical evidence on the daily clinical practice?  
**G. Zanotto** / Verona, Italy
- BIOMONITOR technology: AF detection and insertable devices  
**M. Bedi** / Wheeling, USA

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**Thursday 26 October | 14.00-15.30****Livanova Satellite Symposium****IMPROVING PATIENTS CARE: WHEN TECHNOLOGY MAKES THE DIFFERENCE**

- Evidence based CRT optimization
  - Insights into Respond-CRT: new clinical perspectives in CRT
  - SonR optimization and Multipoint pacing: steps ahead in CRT
- Discussion*
- Sleep Apnea and Cardiac Arrhythmias: final call for cardiologists
  - Caring Sleep Apnea to improve AF patients outcomes
  - New tools to combine Sleep Apnea and Arrhythmia diagnosis

**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  
**M.G. Bongiorno** / Pisa, Italy
- Why is an update on presently recommended indications for lead extraction urgently needed?  
**B. Wilkoff** / Cleveland, USA
- 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

Thursday 26 October | 17.30-19.00

**Core Curriculum  
TAKING LEAD EXTRACTION TO THE  
NEXT LEVEL**Chairs: **B. Osswald** / Düsseldorf, Germany -  
**C.A. Rinaldi** / London, UK

- Optimal prevention and treatment of infected devices  
**H. Burri** / Geneva, Switzerland
- Why are not all patients with CIED infection (Class 1) referred for extraction  
**P.G. Golzio** / Turin, Italy
- 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

Friday 27 October | 08.30-10.00

**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  
**M. Fredholm** / Gothenburg, Sweden
- Extraction of recalled leads - special considerations?  
**L. Van Erven** / Leiden, The Netherlands
- 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  
**H. Burri** / Geneva, Switzerland
- 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  
**M.E. Landolina** / Crema, Italy
- 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

Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45

**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?  
**T.V. Glotzer** / Hackensack, USA

Wednesday 25 October | 14.00-15.30

**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  
**P.B. Nielsen** / Aalborg, Denmark
- ORBIT-AF and GARFIELD-AF  
**A.J. Camm** / London, UK
- GLORIA-AF and more  
**M.G. Huisman** / Groningen, The Netherlands

Wednesday 25 October | 15.45-17.15

**Core Curriculum**  
**STROKE PREVENTION IN AF: HOT TOPICS**

Chairs: **R. De Caterina** / Chieti, Italy -  
**T. Potpara** / Belgrade, Serbia

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

Wednesday 25 October | 17.30-19.00

**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  
**G. Mairesse** / Arlon, Belgium
- What the guidelines say  
**G.Y.H. Lip** / Birmingham, UK



## Thursday 26 October | 08.30-10.00

**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 CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-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
- Canada - CCS guidelines  
**J. Healey** / Hamilton, Canada
- Japan  
**K. Hirao** / Hong Kong, China
- Taiwan  
**S.A. Chen** / Taipei, Taiwan

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## Thursday 26 October | 14.00-15.30

**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?  
**J. Kautzner** / Prague, Czech Republic

## Thursday 26 October | 17.30-19.00

**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: **G. Mairesse** / Arlon, Belgium  
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





Friday 27 October | 08.30-10.00

#### 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

Friday 27 October | 12.00-13.30

#### 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
- Epicardial ablation alone vs. hybrid ablation for long-standing persistent AF  
**D. Gupta** / Liverpool, UK
- 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  
**M. Mohanty** / Austin, USA





Detailed Scientific Program  
Consiglio Room

Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00

### 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

- Mechanism underlying the J wave syndrome  
**C. Antzelevitch** / Wynnewood, USA
- 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

Wednesday 25 October | 10.15-11.45

### 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

Wednesday 25 October | 14.00-15.30

### 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
- J.L. Merino** / Madrid, Spain
- B. Olshansky** / Iowa City, USA
- P. Santangeli** / Philadelphia, USA
- M.M. Scheinman** / San Francisco, USA

Wednesday 25 October | 15.45-17.15

### Featured Symposium

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

Chairs: **L. Aguinaga** / Tucuman, Argentina -  
**K.H. Kuck** / Hamburg, Germany

- Atrial tachycardia / atrial flutter  
**M.M. Scheinman** / San Francisco, USA
- WPW  
**D.G. Katritsis** / Boston, USA
- Wide QRS tachycardias  
**A. Raviele** / Venice-Mestre, Italy
- Ventricular tachycardias  
**A. Ueda** / Tokyo, Japan

Wednesday 25 October | 17.30-19.00

### 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  
**A. Bayes de Luna** / Barcelona, Spain
- Young adults / athletes  
**S. Sharma** / London, UK
- Channelopathies  
**R. Rosso** / Tel Aviv, Israel
- ARVC  
**R. Hauer** / Utrecht, The Netherlands



Thursday 26 October | 08.30-10.00

### 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, Italy
- POST-MI  
**M. Zoni Berisso** / Genova, Italy
- Hypertrophic CM  
**F. Cecchi** / Firenze, Italy
- Myocarditis / dilated CM  
**G. Sinagra** / Trieste, Italy

Thursday 26 October | 10.15-11.45

### 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  
**W. Jung** / Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany
- Fusion of CMR with 3-dimensional electroanatomic mapping  
**N.F. Marrouche** / Salt Lake City, USA
- CMR for assessment of cardiac ablation  
**H. Halperin** / Baltimore, USA

Thursday 26 October | 12.00-13.30

### Medico Luncheon Panel GETTING DETAILED ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN STANDARD PACEMAKER IMPLANTS: THE iECG OPTION

- What benefits are expected from electrogram recording by an implanted pacemaker?
- The iECG system and its application in tachycardia diagnosis
- Daily-life iECG acquisition and transmission by remote communication
- Fine control of the actual stimulation target in advanced pacing solutions: clinical experience on Hisian pacing

Thursday 26 October | 14.00-15.30

### 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
- "EP Study with no catheters": the value of proper interpretation of surface recordings  
**A. Baranchuck** / Kingston, Canada
- 3D mapping: is it always that easy?  
**C. Gianni** / Austin, USA
- Device recordings: a systematic approach to odd recordings  
**J.M. Tolosana** / Barcelona, Spain

Thursday 26 October | 15.45-17.15

### 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

Thursday 26 October | 17.30-19.00

### 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  
**G. Shaban** / Cairo, Egypt
- Challenging case in atypical atrial flutter ablation  
**A. Oto** / Ankara, Turkey
- Challenging case in PVC ablation  
**A.K. Sultan Hamad** / Muharraaq, Bahrain
- Challenging case in VT ablation  
**A. Al MUSAAD** / Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia





Friday 27 October | 08.30-10.00

**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 Arbour, 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?  
**Eli I. Ovsyshcher** / Beer-Sheva, Israel
- Should an ICD at end of life be systematically replaced?  
**M. Santini** / Rome, Italy

Friday 27 October | 14.00-15.30

**SOLAECE-VA Joint Session**  
**DILEMMAS IN MODERN RHYTHMOLOGY**

Chairs: **L. Molina** / Mexico City, Mexico -  
**W. Uribe** / Medellin, 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
- ICE for VT ablation: tool or toy?  
**F.C. Garcia** / Philadelphia, USA
- CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score of 1: oral anticoagulation, aspirin or nothing?  
**A.M. Logra Filho** / São José do Rio Preto, Brazil



**Detailed Scientific Program**  
Photographs Room

## Wednesday 25 October | 08.30-10.00

## Core Curriculum

## UPDATES IN SPORTS CARDIOLOGY

Chairs: **F. Giada** / Noale, Italy - **S. Viskin** / Tel Aviv, Israel

- 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  
**F. Carré** / Rennes, France
- 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 | 14.00-15.30

## Practical Interactive Session

## COMPLEX CASES IN COMPETITIVE ATHLETES: HOW TO DECIDE SPORT ELIGIBILITY? LET'S DISCUSS TOGETHER

Chairs: **G. Inama** / Crema, Italy - **P.D. Thompson** / Hartford, USA

- Heart rate dependent left bundle branch block  
**P. Delise** / Peschiera del Garda, Italy
- Normal rest QTc with lack of adaptation during exercise  
**A. Krahn** / Vancouver, Canada
- Frequent ventricular ectopic beats and small scar at MRI  
**H. Halperin** / Baltimore, USA
- Severe nocturnal bradycardia <30 bpm with sinus pauses >5 seconds  
**A. Biffi** / Rome, Italy

## 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?  
**R. Hauer** / Utrecht, The Netherlands
- 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?  
**R. Sutton** / London, UK

## 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?  
**A. Moya** / Barcelona, Spain
- 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  
**R.A. Kenny** / Dublin, Ireland

Thursday 26 October | 08.30-10.00

**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?  
**R. Cappato** / Rozzano, Italy
- **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

Thursday 26 October | 10.15-11.45

**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

Thursday 26 October | 14.00-15.30

**Core Curriculum****BRAIN OR HEART? SYNCOPE OR EPILEPSY?**Chairs: **M.J. Ackerman** / Rochester, USA -  
**J.C. Deharo** / Marseille, France

- 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:* **K.H. Kuck** / Hamburg, Germany
- 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:* **J.M. Kalman** / Melbourne, Australia
- A difficult case of AF  
*Presenter:* **F.C. Garcia** / Philadelphia, USA  
*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 -  
**E. Saad** / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- **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: **G. Ciconte** / Milan, Italy  
Cons: **C. De Asmundis** / Brussels, Belgium

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  
**I.C. van Gelder** / Groningen, The Netherlands
- Role of nurses and other non-medical healthcare professionals  
**J. Hendriks** / Adelaide, Australia
- Role of mass media, internet & smart-phone apps  
**N.F. Marrouche** / Salt Lake City, USA
- 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

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**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  
*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 -  
**A. Raviele** / Venice-Mestre, Italy

- 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  
*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: **T.M. Munger** / Rochester, USA -  
**R. Sutton** / Montecarlo, Monaco

- 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  $\geq 75$  years old: drugs, ablation or pacemaker and AVN ablation?  
**H. Calkins** / Baltimore, USA
- Recurrent ICD shocks in patients  $\geq 75$  years old: drugs, ablation, or turning off device?  
**L. Padeletti** / Florence, Italy



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**Allied Professionals Sessions**  
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Wednesday 25 October | 14.00 - 19.00

## Allied Professionals Sessions

### Sessioni infermieristiche

Program Chairs: S. Beheiry, C. Grasso, G. Scaboro, B. Thomas

Opening remarks and closing remarks: S. Beheiry, C. Grasso, G. Scaboro

14:00 - 15:30

#### The care pathway of the patient with complex arrhythmias

Il percorso assistenziale del paziente affetto da aritmia complessa

Chairs: S. Beheiry / San Francisco, USA - M. Gura / Akron, USA

- **How useful is the ECG in the differential diagnosis between supraventricular arrhythmia and ventricular arrhythmia?**  
Quanto è utile l'ECG nella diagnosi differenziale tra aritmia sopraventricolare ed aritmia ventricolare?  
C. Gianni / Austin, USA\*
- **The patient with atrial fibrillation in Emergency Room**  
Il paziente con fibrillazione atriale in Pronto Soccorso  
T. Tauzin / Austin, USA\*
- **The patient with implantable defibrillator affected by electrical storm**  
Il paziente con defibrillatore impiantabile affetto da tempesta elettrica  
G. Ghezzo / Mestre, Italy
- **The educational role of the nurse in a complex arrhythmia ablation**  
La funzione educativa dell'infermiere nell'ablazione di un aritmia complessa  
C. Giannessi / Pisa, Italy\*

15:45 - 17:15

#### Insights into the management of complex arrhythmias in the EP Lab

La gestione di aritmie complesse nel laboratorio di Elettrofisiologia

Chairs: C. Grasso / Mestre, Italy - J. Cunningham / Austin, USA\*

- **Ablation of ventricular arrhythmias (study, mapping, ablation)**  
Ablazione delle aritmie ventricolari (studio, mappaggio, ablazione)  
L. Mandile / Milano, Italy\*
- **Atrial Fibrillation Ablation (mapping, ablation)**  
Ablazione della fibrillazione atriale (mappaggio, ablazione)  
C. Robinson / Austin, USA\*
- **The management of the patient undergoing complex ablation: acute complications.**  
La gestione del paziente sottoposto ad ablazione complessa: complicanze acute.  
S. Frost / Austin, USA\*
- **Guidelines for the management of electrophysiology**  
Linee guida per la gestione delle sale di elettrofisiologia  
S. Beheiry / San Francisco, USA

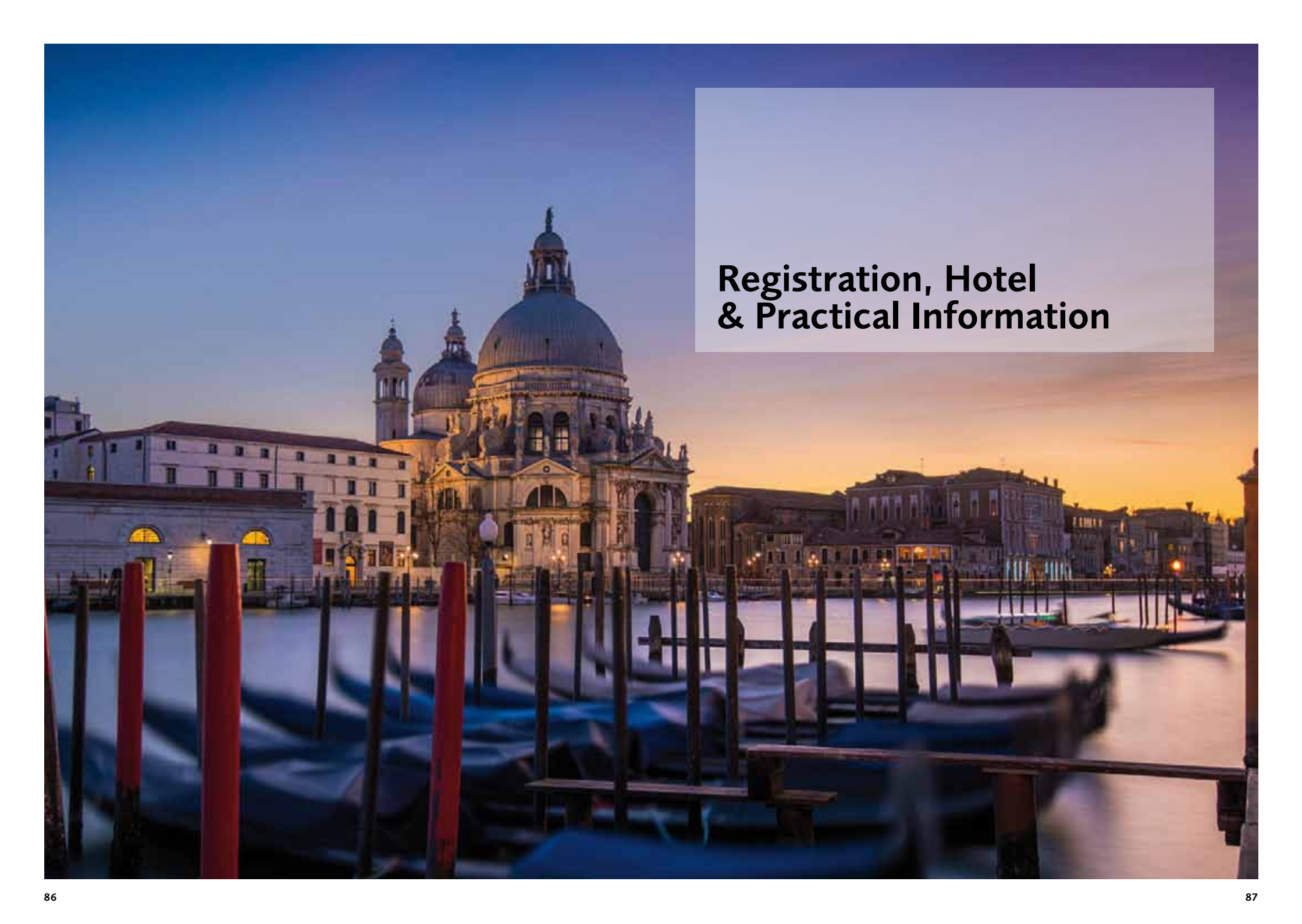
17:30 - 19:00

#### Hot Topics in 2017 Temi caldi nel 2017

Chairs: G. Scaboro / Mestre, Italy - C. Teckenbrock / Austin, USA

- **Pacemaker wireless and AV node ablation for atrial fibrillation**  
Pacemaker senza fili ed ablazione del Nodo AV per il trattamento della FA  
P. Raffagnato / Rovigo, Italy\*
- **AF and oral anticoagulant therapy: what nurse needs to know to educate the patient**  
FA e terapia anticoagulante orale: quello che l'infermiere deve conoscere per educare al meglio il paziente.  
S. Seever / Austin, USA
- **AF and implantable devices: the importance of remote monitoring.**  
FA e device impiantabili: l'importanza del controllo remoto  
A. Zorzin Fantasia / Trieste, Italy\*
- **Patient safety: nurse in the prevention and diagnosis of infections**  
La sicurezza del paziente: l'infermiere nella prevenzione e diagnosi delle infezioni  
L. Morichelli / Roma, Italy\*

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## Registration, Hotel & Practical Information

## Scientific Information

### Scientific Secretariat

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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](http://www.venicearrhythmias.org)

**Deadline: May 20th, 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](http://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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	From May 1st up to September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	From September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
<b>Delegates</b>	€ 700,00	€ 800,00	€ 900,00
<b>Young Physicians and Students**</b>	€ 500,00	€ 600,00	€ 700,00
<b>Allied Professionals</b>	€ 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. 40 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](mailto: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](mailto:booking@venicearrhythmias.org)

## Practical Information



### How to arrive in Venice

Please visit [www.venicearrhythmias.org](http://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!

**NEW!**

**May 20th, 2017**

Abstract submission  
deadline

**June 16th, 2017**

Notification of acceptance  
for oral communication  
and poster

**June 30th, 2017**

Deadline for registration  
of abstract presenters

**September 15th, 2017**

Deadline for discounted  
registration fee

## Stay Tuned!

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