

# VENICE 2013 ARRHYTHMIAS

Venice, Italy

October 27-29, 2013

13<sup>th</sup> Edition



*Presidents*  
**Antonio Raviele**  
**Andrea Natale**  
**Sakis Themistoclakis**



# Invitation Letter

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce the 13th edition of VeniceArrhythmias that will be held at Fondazione Giorgio Cini in Venice, Italy on October the 27th through the 29th, 2013.

VeniceArrhythmias, a biannual meeting started in 1989 and, year after year, has become one of the most important international congresses in the field of arrhythmology with almost 3000 attendees and with more than 350 invited speakers.

This year, we are keen on further increasing the number of participants by proposing an even more attractive, innovative and focused scientific program that handles all the aspects of cardiac arrhythmias. The main topics of the upcoming edition will be: anatomy of the heart for electrophysiologists, atrial fibrillation from A to Z, AF clinical trials update 2013, anti-thrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias, arrhythmias in the elderly, pediatric aspects of arrhythmias, sport and arrhythmias, hereditary arrhythmogenic syndromes, contemporary and controversial issues in cardiac pacing, syncope, heart failure and cardiac resynchronization therapy, remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias/devices, sudden death, ICD and surroundings, new technologies and techniques in catheter ablation, cardiac arrhythmias surgery. The program will be organized in different sessions: from main symposia to debates, lectures, practical sessions, satellite events, oral and poster communications and allied professionals program.

As in the past, one of the main features of Venice Arrhythmias is the precious and valuable cooperation with the main Scientific Societies in the field of cardiac electrophysiology and pacing - like HRS and EHRA- whose representatives will offer their expertise aiming at preparing stimulating and multidisciplinary sessions on the most updated and controversial topics.

Special focus will be given also to the Geographic Area corners prepared directly by leading cardiologists from different countries who will have the chance to express and expose their growing research and competence.

Last but not least, Venice will offer the perfect setting to this workshop and its natural, architectural and historical beauty will create a spectacular stage where to forge new relations and strengthen old friendships.

Our goal is to meet every participant's needs and we would be more than pleased to have you taking part in an event that is expected to be wonderful and unforgettable.

We look forward to welcoming you in Venice.

Sincerely,

Antonio Raviele  
MD, FESC, FHRS

Andrea Natale  
MD, FACC, FESC, FHRS

Sakis Themistoclakis  
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SYMPOSIA



# Presidents / Congress Venue



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**ALliance to Fight  
Atrial fibrillation  
- ALFA -**  
Venice-Mestre, Italy



ANDREA NATALE

**Texas Cardiac  
Arrhythmia Institute**  
St. David's Medical Center  
Austin, USA



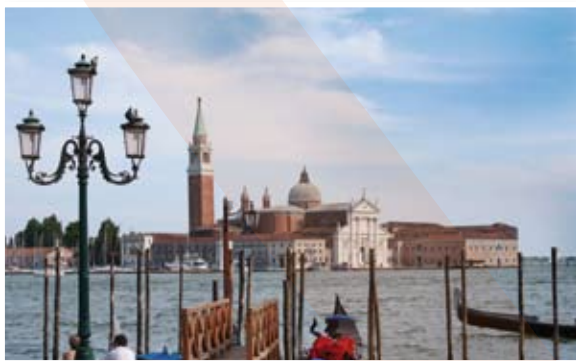
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**Azienda  
ULSS 12 Veneziana**

## Congress Venue



Fondazione Giorgio Cini | Isola San Giorgio Maggiore | Venice - Italy

# Endorsements & Auspices

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**AIAC**  
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di Aritmologia e  
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**CHRS**  
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Heart Rhythm Society



**CSPE**  
Chinese Society of Pacing and  
Electrophysiology



**FIC**  
Federazione Italiana  
di Cardiologia



**IRHRS**  
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Heart Rhythm Society



**JHRS**  
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Rhythm Society



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de Cardiología



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Sociedad Mexicana  
de Cardiología



**SOLAECE**  
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de Estimulación Cardíaca  
y Electrofisiología



**StopAfib**  
StopAfib Association



**WSA**  
World Society  
of Arrhythmias



**AFA**  
Atrial Fibrillation  
Association



**ANCE**  
Associazione Italiana  
Cardiologi Extraospedaliere



**APHRS**  
Asia Pacific  
Heart Rhythm Society



**ECAS**  
European Cardiac  
Arrhythmia Society



**GITIC**  
Gruppo Italiano Infermieri  
di Cardiologia



**IHRS**  
Indian Heart  
Rhythm Society



**ISHNE**  
International Society for Holter &  
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**RSCA**  
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of Arrhythmology,  
Electrophysiology and Pacing



**SHRS**  
Saudi  
Heart Rhythm Society



**SOBRAC**  
Sociedade Brasileira  
de Arritmias Cardíacas



**STARS**  
Syncope Trust and  
Reflex Anoxic Seizures



**WHF**  
World Heart Federation



**TKD**  
Turkish Society of Cardiology



# Program Committee

## Chairmen

Andrea Natale, *USA*

Antonio Raviele, *Italy*

## Members

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Etienne Aliot, *France*

Andrey Ardashev, *Russia*

Angelo Auricchio, *Switzerland*

Cristina Basso, *Italy*

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Joachim Hebe, *Germany*

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# Program Committee

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Shu Zhang, *China*





# Scientific Sessions

## Featured Symposia

Atrial fibrillation from A to Z

Andrea Natale, USA  
Antonio Raviele, Italy

## Main Symposia/Core Curricula

AF clinical trial update 2013

Stuart J. Connolly, Canada  
Stefan H. Hohnloser, Germany

Anatomy of the heart for electrophysiologists

Cristina Basso, Italy  
Siew Yen Ho, UK

Anti-thrombotic therapy for cardiac arrhythmias

John A. Camm, UK  
Gregory Y.H. Lip, UK

Arrhythmias in adults with congenital heart disease: beyond evidence-based medicine

Joachim Hebe, Germany  
Rodolfo Ventura, Germany

Arrhythmias in the elderly

Andrew E. Epstein, USA  
Win-Kuang Shen, USA

Arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy

Richard N.W. Hauer, The Netherlands

Asymptomatic AF

Sanjeev Saksena, USA

Cardiac arrhythmias surgery

Ralph J. Jr. Damiano, USA  
Domenico Mangino, Italy

Contemporary and controversial issues in cardiac pacing

Andrew E. Epstein, USA  
Eli I. Ovsyshcher, Israel



## Program Chairs

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# Scientific Sessions

CRT: pre-implant, implant & post-implant issues

Sanjeev Saksena, USA

Heart failure and cardiac resynchronization therapy

Angelo Auricchio, Switzerland  
Michael R. Gold, USA

Hereditary arrhythmogenic syndromes

Sami Viskin, Israel  
Arthur A. Wilde, The Netherlands

Lead extraction and device infection

Maria Grazia Bongiorni, Italy  
Charles Kennergren, Sweden

Mechanisms and ablation of cardiac arrhythmias

Warren M. Jackman, USA  
Melvin M. Scheinman, USA

Modern management of AF

Stuart J. Connolly, Canada  
Paul Dorian, Canada

New technologies and techniques in catheter ablation

Francis E. Marchlinski, USA  
Sakis Themistoclakis, Italy

Non-invasive evaluation of arrhythmias

Nabil E. El Sherif, USA  
Maria Teresa La Rovere, Italy

Pediatric aspects of arrhythmias

Bulent Gorenek, Turkey  
Margaret J. Strieper, USA

Present your most challenging cases  
Rising stars and more

Luigi Di Biase, USA  
Antonio Rossillo, Italy

Remote monitoring of cardiac arrhythmias / devices

Jonathan S. Steinberg, USA  
Bruce L. Wilkoff, USA

Role of cardiac imaging in electrophysiology

David Callans, USA  
Sabino Iliceto, Italy

Sport and arrhythmias

Franco Giada, Italy  
Barry J. Maron, USA

Sudden death, ICD and surroundings

Gunter Breithardt, Germany  
Eric N. Prystowsky, USA

Syncope 2013 update

David G. Benditt, USA  
Brian Olshansky, USA

Value of ICE for the electrophysiologists

Sanjeev Saksena, USA

Vasovagal syncope

Paolo Alboni, Italy  
Jean Jacques Blanc, France



# Scientific Sessions

## International Scientific Societies Corners

### Program Chairs

APHRS Corner	Shih-Ann Chen, Taiwan Young-Hoon Kim, Korea
CHRS Corner	Peter Guerra, Canada Atul Verma, Canada
ECAS Corner	Riccardo Cappato, Italy Dipen Shah, Switzerland
EHRA Corners	Andreas Goette, Germany John M. Morgan, UK
HRS Corners	Hugh Calkins, USA Anne M. Gillis, Canada
ISHNE Corner	Peter H. Stone, USA Wojciech Zareba, USA
JHRS Corner	Kenzo Hirao, Japan Yuji Nakazato, Japan
SOLAECE Corner 1	Luis Aguinaga, Argentina Guilherme Fenelon, Brazil
SOLAECE Corner 2	Luis Molina, Mexico Diego Vanegas, Colombia
WSA Corner	Massimo Santini, Italy Panos E. Vardas, Greece



# Scientific Sessions

## Geographic Area Corners

### Program Chairs

Argentinian Corner	Nestor Galizio, Argentina Oscar Oseroff, Argentina
Brazilian Corner	Eduardo Saad, Brazil Mauricio Scanavacca, Brazil
Chinese Corner	Chu-Pak Lau, China Shu Zhang, China
French Corner	Etienne Aliot, France Jean Jacques Blanc, France
German Corner	Martin Borggrefe, Germany Werner Jung, Germany
Indian Corners	Sanjeev Saksena, USA Kamal K. Sethi, India
Japanese Corner	Hiroshi Nakagawa, USA Yuji Nakazato, Japan
Mexican Corner	Luis Molina, Mexico Nicolas Reyes, Mexico
Middle-East Corner	Charles Jazra, Lebanon Maurice Khoury, Lebanon
Persian Corner	Ali Massumi, USA Mohammad Shenasa, USA
Polish Corner	Jerzy K. Wranicz, Poland Wojciech Zareba, USA
Portuguese Corner	Pedro Adragao, Portugal Carlos Moraes, Portugal
Russian Corner	Andrey Ardashev, Russia Amiran Revishvili, Russia
Spanish Corner	José L. Merino, Spain Lluís Mont, Spain
Turkish Corner	Bulent Gorenek, Turkey Ali Oto, Turkey

## Other Corners

### Program Chairs

Allied professionals program	Stefania Damiani, Italy Barbara Thomas, USA
Patients association program	Trudie Lobban, UK





## SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT

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## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES AND ONLINE SUBMISSION

Abstract must be submitted electronically only via the Abstract Submission System available at [www.venicearrhythmias.org](http://www.venicearrhythmias.org)

### Deadline April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013

Abstracts submitted after the deadline might not be accepted.  
For all the information for the abstract submission, please check the website [www.venicearrhythmias.org/abstract\\_submission/](http://www.venicearrhythmias.org/abstract_submission/)

## QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about submitting an abstract, please contact [scientific@venicearrhythmias.org](mailto:scientific@venicearrhythmias.org)

## ACCEPTANCE

Notification of Acceptance/Non-acceptance: announcements will be e-mailed by **June 16<sup>th</sup> 2013**.

## REGISTRATION OF ABSTRACT PRESENTERS

Abstract presenters are required to register for the Scientific Sessions by **June 30<sup>th</sup> 2013**. 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 published on the Abstract Book.

## SLIDES

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

## 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.

## Special Events

### OPENING CEREMONY

*Sunday October 27, 2013 - included in the registration fee*

The Workshop will be inaugurated by the Congress President and Co-President, by Representatives of the Italian and International Scientific Societies and Study Groups that have granted their patronage, by the City Mayor and other Authorities.

### GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SPECIAL BEST ABSTRACT AWARDS

*Monday October 27, 2013*

VeniceArrhythmias 2013, following the great success of the last edition, will give six special awards in Euros - for the "Best Communication" according to the presenter's area of origin (Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Northern America, Western Europe). There will be an Abstract Award Committee that will select the best works among accepted oral communications and posters. The winners will be announced during the Opening Ceremony.

### ALLIED PROFESSIONALS SESSIONS

Three sessions on clinical and managing aspects of nursing in arrhythmology will be held on October 27 2013 in Italian or English language (with simultaneous translation).

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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



# General Information

## ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT

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

## CONGRESS VENUE

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# Registration Information

## REGISTRATION FEES

	Before May 31, 2013	From June 1 up to October 9, 2013	From October 10, 2013
Delegates	€ 950,00	€ 1.050,00	€ 1.100,00
Accompanying Persons	€ 250,00	€ 300,00	€ 370,00
Exhibitors	€ 425,00	€ 475,00	€ 525,00
Allied			
Professionals	€ 95,00	€ 95,00	€ 120,00

Registration fee for Delegates and Presenters includes:

- Attendance to all scientific sessions (limited to seats availability)
- Entrance to the exhibition area
- Attendance certificate
- Badge and congress kit
- 21% Italian VAT (tax)

Registration fee for Accompanying Persons includes:

- Entrance to the exhibition area
- Half-day excursion
- 21% Italian VAT (tax)

Registration fee for Exhibitors includes:

- Entrance to the exhibition area
- Badge and congress kit
- 21% Italian VAT (tax)

The registration fee for Allied Professionals includes:

- Attendance to scientific sessions (limited to Allied Professionals sessions)
- Entrance to the exhibition area
- Attendance certificate
- Badge and congress kit
- 21% Italian VAT (tax)

For any information please contact [booking@venicearrhythmias.org](mailto:booking@venicearrhythmias.org)

## 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 31, 2013.

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

Confirmation documents will be sent starting from July 31, 2013.

Please note that hotels are listed per categories/rate ranges and rooms will be assigned according to availability on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

## PAYMENT TERMS

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

All costs to transmitters' charge. Please indicate clearly your name and VeniceArrhythmias 2013 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 (21% 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 31, 2013

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 1, 2013

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.

## Mark Your Agenda!

**April 30, 2013**

Deadline for abstract submission

**May 31, 2013**

Deadline for early registration fees  
and hotel accommodation

**June 16, 2013**

Notification of acceptance  
for oral communications and posters

**June 30, 2013**

Deadline for registration of abstract presenters

**October 10, 2013**

Deadline for discounted registration fees

