

EUROPE AF 2014

Sunday 9th and Monday 10th November 2014
Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Sunday 9th November

08:55 - 09:00	Opening	Wyn Davies and Riccardo Cappato
09:00 - 10:30	AF IN 2014. ARE WE NEARER TO POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEMS? Chairs: Albert L Waldo and Nicholas Peters	
09:00 – 09:20	I now have Atrial Fibrillation, just like my grandfather. What is different 45 years on?	Hein Wellens
09:20 – 09:40	Approaching the patient with newly diagnosed AF	Mark O'Neill
09:40 – 10:00	Treating hypertension better will reduce my AF problem How can that best be achieved?	Neil Poulter/Peter Sever
10:00 – 10:20	AF and Congestive Heart Failure – one year after insights from sub study analyses of AF-CHF	Denis Roy
10:20 – 10:40	Will treating my indigestion help my AF?	James Aisenberg
10:40 – 11:00	The importance of managing sleep apnoea in the AF patient: should we be looking for this in all our AF patients?	
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee and visit the Exhibition</i>	
11:30 – 13:10	HAS THE PROPER ROLE OF CATHETER ABLATION FOR TREATING AF BEEN DEFINED? Chairs: Andrea Natale and Dipen Shah	
11:30 – 11:50	Catheter Ablation is an accepted therapy of paroxysmal AF. What are the “real” outcome data?	Doug Packer
11:50 – 12:10	Catheter Ablation for persistent AF. Is it justified?	George Klein
12:10 – 12:30	A systematic unified approach to ablation of paroxysmal and persistent/long-standing persistent AF	Dipen Shah
12:30 – 12:50	Avoiding all the possible complications of AF ablation: What is best practice?	Hugh Calkins
12:50 – 13:10	Can Catheter Ablation now be offered as first line therapy for AF?	Richard Schilling
13:10 – 14:00	<i>Lunch and visit the Exhibition</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	DRUG THERAPY OF AF Chairs: Samuel Levy and David Haines	
14:00 – 14:20	Rate control in 2014: Does digoxin still have a place?	Albert L Waldo
14:20 – 14:40	The latest on the rate v rhythm control debate	Isabelle van Gelder
14:40 - 15:00	Antiarrhythmic drugs about to arrive. What are they and do we need them?	John Camm

15:00 – 17:00 **THROMBO-PROPHYLAXIS IN THE ERA OF NOVEL ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS (NOACs)**

Chairs: Michael Ezekowitz and Hans-Christof Diener

15:00 – 15:20 Are the incidence and severity of stroke reducing after the introduction of NOACs?

15:20 - 15:40 Catheter Ablation of AF in the NOAC era

Hans-Christof Diener

Andrea Natale

15:40 – 16:10 *Tea Break & Visit the Exhibition*

16:10 – 16:30 NOACs for AF in special conditions:

ischaemic heart disease, renal dysfunction, concurrent surgery...

16:30 – 16:50 NOACs for cardioversion in naïve and untreated AF patients: the x-Vert study

16:50 – 17:10 Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion; is it catching on?

Andrea Rubboli

Michael Ezekowitz

Tim Betts

17:30 – 19:00 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

20:00 – 23:00 **CONFERENCE DINNER**

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Day 2 – Monday 10th November

08:30 – 10:00 THE MECHANISMS OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Chairs: Nicholas Peters and Jose Jalife

08:30 – 09:00 Is Atrial remodeling inevitable in AF and does it correlate to clinical behavior?

Jose Jalife

09:00 – 09:30 Causes of AF and how they might influence response to therapy

Stanley Nattel

09:30 – 10:00 From a 3D perspective what electrophysiological mechanisms are possible to sustain AF?

Maurits Allessie

10:00 – 11:30 HOW ARE NEW MAPPING TOOLS HELPING IN THE ABLATION OF AF?

Chairs: David Wilber and Richard Schilling

10:00 – 10:15 CardioInsight

Michel Haissaguerre

10:00 – 10:30 Rhythmia

Warren Jackman

10:30 – 10:45 Carto-Sound

David Haines

10:45 – 11:00 NavX

11:00 – 11:15 Ripple Mapping

Prapa Kanagaratnam

11:15 – 11:30 Carto LAT mapping

David Wilber

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee & Visit the Exhibition*

12:00 – 13:00 WHERE ARE WE WITH CATHETER ABLATION OF AF IN 2014?

Chairs: Doug Packer and Prapa Kanagaratnam

12:00 – 12:20 “Conventional” Radiofrequency Ablation

David Keane

12:20 – 12:40 Balloon based Ablation

Wyn Davies

12:40 – 13:00 Circumferential and multipolar RF ablation

Steve Furniss

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch and visit the Exhibition*

13:30 – 14:30 LUNCHTIME SYMPOSIUM

14:30 – 16:30 AF ABLATION: WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT?

Chairs: Hugh Calkins and Edward Rowland

14:30 – 14:50 An overview of trials of Catheter Ablation of AF

Doug Packer

14:50 – 15:10 Mediguide

Christopher Piorkowski

15:10 – 15:30 Pressure Sensing

Dipen Shah

15:30 – 15:50 Ultrasound imaging of ablation lesion growth

Matt Wright

15:50 – 16:10 Global LA mapping & Ablation

Hans Kottkamp

16:10 – 16:30 Is there more evidence to support renal denervation as part of an AF ablation strategy?

Dominik Linz

16:30 – 16:45 CONCLUSIONS

16:30 – 16:40 The Klein Conclusion

George Klein

16:40 – 16:55 Concluding Remarks

**Riccardo Cappato and
Wyn Davies**