



mediterranean cardiology meeting

TAORMINA APRIL 7-9
2005



Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology

President: Michele M. Gulizia

FINAL PROGRAM





Following the success obtained during previous edition of Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting held in Taormina (Italy) last April 2003, we decided to organize the second edition whose main target is to give *the state of the art* on the **Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology**.

Acute Coronary Syndromes, Sudden Cardiac Death, Heart Failure, Atrial Fibrillation, Syncope and Prevention of Global Cardiovascular Risk are some of the Emerging Pathologies which are involving investigators to develop many and more sophisticated pharmacological, electrical or mechanical therapies.

This three days cardiology meeting is intended to reach the objectives of giving the latest information about the epidemiology, the pathophysiology, the diagnosis and the novel treatment of these pathologies.

It is addressed to cardiologists, internists, first aid clinicians, physicians of general medicine, fellows and technicians with high interest in the whole management of the emerging cardiac pathologies.

A Faculty, selected between the leading experts on these fields, will provide the highest quality teaching highlighting the current state and limitation of scientific knowledge and presenting a detailed analysis of the most recent developments in the treatment of one, two or most of all the above mentioned cardiac pathologies.

The scientific program will be developed thorough courses, symposia, debates on controversial topics, luncheon panels, focus on, cases-review from Faculty and Attendance, Intercultural Exchanges and free communications.

I hope to meet you during the Meeting in Taormina 2005.

Michele M. Gulizia
President of the Meeting



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All the sessions will be translated from English to Italian.

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HRS - Heart Rhythm Society



**SOLAECE - Sociedad Latinoamericana de
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WHF - World Heart Federation



**AIAC - Associazione Italiana di
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 - M. Traina (Palermo, Italy)
 - L. Vasquez (Milazzo, Italy)

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8.00 - 9.00	Registration	Registration
9.00 - 10.30	Minicourse Doppler Echocardiography in the Management of Heart Failure	Minicourse Syncope: Practical Issues of Diagnosis and Treatment
10.30 - 11.00	P O S T E R S E S S I O N , E X H I B I T I O N	
11.00 - 12.30	Minicourse International Guidelines: Practical Applications for the Management of the Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology	Minicourse Latest Technologies in Cardiovascular Imaging: An Update for the Clinical Cardiologist
12.30 - 13.00	Lecture Dual Inhibition: A New Approach in Cholesterol Reduction	Lecture Spinal Cord Stimulation in Refractory Coronary Artery Disease: the Last Resort?
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel New Trends in Physiological Pacing and Optimal Pacing Sites	Luncheon Panel CRT: New Therapeutic and Diagnostic Perspectives in Heart Failure Management
15.00 - 17.00	Symposium Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: Present and Future	Intercultural Exchanges on Coronary Artery Disease Selected Communications Session
		Intercultural Exchanges on Coronary Artery Disease & Arrhythmias Selected Communications Session
17.00 - 18.00	Opening Ceremony	
18.00 - 18.30	Plenary Lecture Implantable Electrical Device Therapy: Past, Present and Future Considerations	
19.00	Welcome Cocktail	

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Programma Glance

CASTELMOLA room	ISOLA BELLA room	
BLS-D Course - part I	CHF-CRT Live Implantation	ECHO-CRT Course
VISIT & COFFEE BREAK		
BLS-D Course - part II	CHF-CRT Live Implantation	ECHO-CRT Course
LUNCH		
BLS-D Course - part III	CHF-CRT Live Implantation	ECHO-CRT Course

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8.00 - 9.00		Intercultural Exchanges on Arrhythmias, Cardiac Pacing and Defibrillation - part I Selected Communications Session	Intercultural Exchanges on Congestive Heart Failure Selected Communications Session
9.00 - 10.30		Symposium Protagonists of Global Cardiovascular Risk: role of PUFA n-3	Meet the Experts <i>Interactive Session on</i> Managing Sudden Death: the Selection of Patients, Drugs and Devices
10.30 - 11.00		POSTER SESSION , EXHIBITION	
11.00 - 13.00		Symposium State of the Art in High Energy Device Therapy for Sudden Cardiac Death and Heart Failure	Practical Issues on Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Hypertension and in Heart Failure
13.00 - 14.30		Luncheon Panel Hemodynamic Sensing in the Control of Pacing Function	Luncheon Panel Management of ACS: from Acute to Long Term
15.00 - 16.30		Symposium Advances in Managing Heart Failure and Sudden Cardiac Death	Symposium Drug-Eluting Stents. Current Practice and Major Challenge: but Are They an Alternative to Surgery?
16.30 - 17.00		EXHIBITION VISIT	
17.00 - 17.30		Lecture Lipid Lowering Treatment in Heart Failure	Lecture New Realities in the Angiotensin Receptor Blockers
17.30 - 19.00		MCM - AIAC Joint Session Non-Electric Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation	Symposium Tirofiban: New Therapeutical Perspectives

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& C O F F E E	BLS-D Course - part III	CHF-CRT Live Implantation	ECHO-CRT Course
	BLS-D Course - part IV	CHF-CRT Live Implantation	ECHO-CRT Course

	ETNA room	TAORMINA room
8.30 - 9.30	Intercultural Exchanges on Arrhythmias, Cardiac Pacing and Defibrillation - part II Selected Communications Session	Intercultural Exchanges on Clinical Management and Ablation of Atrial Arrhythmias Selected Communications Session
9.30 - 10.30	Meet the Experts <i>Interactive Session on</i> Emerging Concepts in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes: is all so clear?	Meet the Experts <i>Interactive Session on</i> Mapping and Ablation of Complex Arrhythmias
10.30 - 11.00	P O S T E R S E S S I O N , E X H I B I T I O N	
11.00 - 12.30	Symposium How to Approach CRT Today	Symposium Vaso-Vagal Syncope: Soft Treatment for a Soft Disease?
12.30 - 13.00	Lecture New Approach in the Prevention of New Onset of Atrial Fibrillation: Role of All-Antagonist	Lecture Aspirin and Cardiovascular Prevention in the Guidelines and in the Real World
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel Pharmacological Therapy of Atrial Fibrillation: from Guidelines to Real Life	
15.00 - 16.30	Symposium Future New Indications for PM/CRT/ICD	
16.30 - 17.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T	
17.00 - 18.00		



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Course Language: Italian

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Basic Life Support Defibrillation (BLS-D)

Director of the Courses: M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

	THURSDAY, April 7	FRIDAY, April 8	SATURDAY, April 9
9.00 – 13.00	BLS-D Course Part I Instructors: S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania) V.E. Rubino (Catania)	BLS-D Course Part I Instructors: S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania) V.E. Rubino (Catania)	BLS-D Course Part I Instructors: S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania) V.E. Rubino (Catania)
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch		
14.30 – 18.30	BLS-D Course Part II	BLS-D Course Part II	BLS-D Course Part II

- The "Basic Life Support Defibrillation Course" is accredited (7 credits with 8 hours of attendance) by the Italian Board for Continuous Education in Medicine (ECM).
- The Course duration is one day.



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CHF - Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Live Implantation Course Peer-to-Peer Training for the Implanting Physician

Directors: **A. Curnis (Brescia), M.M. Gulizia (Catania), G. Mascioli (Brescia)**

Tutors: **P. Diotallevi (Alessandria), D. Spaziani (Legnano), G. Zanotto (Verona)**

08.30 – 08.45 Welcome address

08.45 – 10.00 Theoretical approach to CRT
Ventricular Dyssynchrony:

Incidence and Prevalence,
Clinical Consequences

Cardiac Resynchronization:

Proposed Mechanisms of Benefit
Clinical Trial Results

How to Avoid a Non-Responder:

Patient selection and Echo criteria

Lead and Device Implantation:

- Prerequisites-
- Anatomical Considerations
- Implant Site and Access Route
- Sequence of Electrode Implant
- Threshold Measurements
- Assessing the CS
- Choosing, Placing, and Stabilizing the LV lead
- Removing the tools
- Challenging cases Device Optimization

Troubleshooting the Implant
Tips and Tricks:

	workshop 1	workshop 2
10.00 – 13.30	Close to Real-Life Simulator. CRT Implantation Training <i>(by group of 2 participants with 45 min on the 3d simulator)</i>	Path Model Instruction and Training <i>(by group of 2 participants with 30 min on the model)</i>

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

	workshop 1
15.00 – 17.30	Close to Real-Life Simulator. CRT Implantation Training <i>(by group of 2 participants with 45 min on the 3d simulator)</i>

17.30 – 18.00 Questions and Answers. ECM Questionnaire

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ECHO-CRT Course

**Advanced Training on Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy:
Echocardiographic Markers**

Directors: D. Mele (Ferrara), P. Søgaard (Hellerup)

Tutor: G. Pasanisi (Ferrara)

08.30 – 08.45 Welcome address

08.45 – 10.00 Ventricular Dyssynchrony: Incidence and Prevalence,
Clinical Consequences

Cardiac Resynchronization: Proposed Mechanisms of Benefit
Clinical Trial Results
Patient Indications

10.00 – 10.15 Implant procedure video

10.15 – 10.40 Device Optimization

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 11.45 Echo in Heart Failure: What is mandatory in the report?
How do you evaluate a Heart Failure Patient's Echocardiogram?
Mechanical Dyssynchrony: Conventional Echo Markers

11.45 – 14.00 Practical Experience using the GE EchoPac Workstation

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 15.15 Basic Principles of TDI

15.15 – 15.30 Mechanical Dyssynchrony: Regional Markers under Investigation (TDI)

15.30 – 17.00 Practical Experience using the GE EchoPac Workstation

17.00 – 17.30 Questions & Answers. ECM Questionnaire

- The "Advanced Teaching Course on Resynchronization Therapy : Echocardiographic Markers" is accredited (8 credits with 8 hours of attendance) by the Italian Board for Continuous Education in Medicine (ECM).
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8.00 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 10.30 Minicourse

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Doppler Echocardiography in the Management of Heart Failure and/or Atrial Fibrillation

Chairmen: D. Mele (Ferrara), P. Søgaard (Hellerup)

9.00 The Role of Echocardiography in the Management of AF patients.
F. Antonini-Canterin (Pordenone)

9.15 Which is the Role Played by Left Ventricular Dysfunction in patients
with Supraventricular Arrhythmias?
A. Arenal (Madrid)

9.30 Selection of Patients Candidate to Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy:
What to Know, what to Use, which Method to prefer.
P. Søgaard (Hellerup)

9.45 Impact of Biventricular Pacing on Cardiac Function, Remodelling
and Mitral Regurgitation.
D. Mele (Ferrara)

10.00 Assessment of Diastolic Function in HF and AF.
S. Carerj (Messina)

10.15 Questions and answers with televoter

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9.00 – 10.30 Minicourse

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Syncope: Practical Issues of Diagnosis and Treatment

Chairmen: M. Disertori (Trento), N. Galizio (Buenos Aires)

9.00 Role of Anamnesis: is it a Complete Tool?
P. Alboni (Cento)

9.15 Neurovegetative Functional Tests:
Which Choice in the Common Clinical Practice?
M. Brignole (Lavagna), C. Menozzi (R. Emilia)

9.30 Tilt Test: still Useful or Obsolete Tool?
F. Ammirati (Rome)

9.45 Implantable or Non-Implantable Loop Recorder:
Advantages and Limits.
A. Moya (Barcelona)

10.00 When do we need Permanent Pacemaker in Neuromediated Syncope?
F. Giada (Mestre-Venice)

10.15 Questions and answers with televoter

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11.00 – 12.30 Minicourse

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International Guidelines: Practical Applications for the Management of the Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology.

Chairmen: E. Geraci (Palermo), S. Nisam (Diegem)

- 11.00 Guidelines for the Management of Patients With ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction.
A. Mafrici (Milan)
- 11.15 Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Atrial Fibrillation.
E.N. Prystowsky (Indianapolis)
- 11.30 Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Heart Failure.
G. Sinagra (Trieste)
- 11.45 Guidelines for the Management of Syncope.
M. Brignole (Lavagna)
- 12.00 Guidelines for the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death.
C. Morillo (Hamilton)
- 12.15 Questions and answers with televoter

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Latest Technologies in Cardiovascular Imaging: An Update for the Clinical Cardiologist

Chairmen: S. Carerj (Messina), H. Theres (Berlin)

11.00 Intracardiac Echocardiography in Arrhythmology.
S. Themistoclakis (Mestre-Venice)

11.15 Nuclear Cardiology in the Assessment of Myocardial Viability in Coronary Artery Disease and Heart Failure.
P. Perrone-Filardi (Naples)

11.30 Multislices CT for the study of Aortic Aneurysms.
V. Magnano (Catania)

11.45 MRI in the Diagnosis of Right Ventricular Dysplasia.
M. Midiri (Palermo)

10.15 Questions and answers with televoter

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12.30 - 13.00 Lecture

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Dual Inhibition: A New Approach in Cholesterol Reduction

Chairman: A.C. Goldberg (St. Louis)

Speaker: A. Corsini (Milan)

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12.30 - 13.00 Lecture

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Spinal Cord Stimulation in Refractory Coronary Artery Disease: the Last Resort?

Chairman: G.A. Lanza (Rome)

Speaker: H. Theres (Berlin)

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13.00 – 14.30 Luncheon Panel

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New Trends in Physiological Pacing and Optimal Pacing Sites

Chairmen: E. Ovsyshcher (BeerSheva), R. Ricci (Rome)

- 13.00 How to Reduce AF Occurrence in Device Recipients:
Algorithms, Therapies or New Pacing Modalities?
G.L. Botto (Como)
- 13.15 Quality of Life of patients with Atrial Defibrillator:
Does Optimal Programming Achieve the Goal of Maintaining
Sinus Rhythm as well as Improve Quality of Life?
A. Quesada (Valencia)
- 13.30 Do Hybrid Therapies for Atrial Fibrillation still have a Role
in the Era of Pulmonary Veins?
D. Catanzariti (Rovereto)
- 13.45 Optimal Pacing Site in the Atrium and the Ventricle for patients
with Sino-Atrial Disease.
G. Senatore (Ciriè)
- 14.00 The Role of Hisian Pacing: Reliability and its Potential Role
to Avoid Ventricular Dyssynchrony.
F. Zanon (Rovigo)
- 14.15 Discussion

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CRT: New Therapeutic and Diagnostic Perspectives in Heart Failure Management

Chairmen: D. Igibashian (Gorizia), A.K. Pedersen (Aarhus)

13.00 How to Detect Asynchrony and How to Correct It.
L. Ascione (Napoli)

13.15 Is CRT Useful in patients with Atrial Fibrillation?
L. Paperini (Livorno)

13.30 Economic Benefits of CRT.
K. Seidl (Ludwigshafen)

13.45 Future New Indications for CRT: Which Patients Might Benefit?
B. Pezzulich (Orbassano)

14.00 Discussion

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15.00 – 17.00 Symposium

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Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: Present and Future

Chairmen: A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice), R. Schweikert (Cleveland)

15.00 The Balloon Paradigm: Is it about Shape or Energy Sources?
D. Packer (Rochester)

15.15 Pre- and Post Procedural Imaging to Detect Complications.
J. Kautzner (Prague)

15.30 3D Electroanatomical Image Integration for Treatment of AF.
N. Marrouche (Cleveland)

15.45 Management of Patients after Pulmonary Vein Isolation.
S. Themistoclakis (Mestre-Venice)

16.00 Anticoagulation Protocol Pre- and Post Atrial Fibrillation.
Ablation Procedure
C. Storti (Pavia)

16.15 Discussion

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15.00 – 16.00 Selected Communications Session

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Intercultural Exchange on Coronary Artery Disease

Chairmen: **G. Binetti (Pesaro), A. Mafrici (Milan)**

15.00 Spontaneous Platelet Aggregation and Elevated HS-CRP- PLASMA Level in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome
E. Vasilieva, O. Kasyanova, A. Shpector
Moscow, Russia

15.10 Facilitated PTCA with Tirofiban in Patients with in Hospital Resuscitation after Cardiac Arrest: is it an Optimal Strategy ?
E. Vinci, A. Carrubba, G. De Velli, C. Sgroi, G. Sicuso, M. Contarini, E. Mossuti
Siracusa, Italy

15.20 The Severity of Myocardial Ischemia can be Predicted by the Exercise Electrocardiogram
G. Polizos, M. Ellestad
Long Beach, USA

15.30 Abnormal Cortical Pain Processing in Patients With Cardiac Syndrome X
A. Sestito, F. Infusino, G.A. Sgueglia, M. Valeriani, D. Le Pera, L. De Armas, T. Malese, D. Restuccia, P.A. Tonali, F. Crea, G.A. Lanza
Rome, Italy

15.40 Effect of Spinal Cord Stimulation on Spontaneous and Stress-Induced Angina Episodes and “Ischemia-Like” ST-Segment Depression in Patients with Cardiac Syndrome X
A. Sestito, F. Infusino, G.A. Sgueglia, M. Valeriani, D. Le Pera, L. De Armas, T. Malese, D. Restuccia, P.A. Tonali, F. Crea, G.A. Lanza
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Intercultural Exchange on Coronary Artery Disease & Arrhythmias

Chairmen: P. Alboni (Cento), A. Bonso (Mestre-Venice)

- 15.00 Diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction
in the Presence of Left Bundle Branch Block
G. Polizos, R. Selvester
Long Beach, USA
- 15.10 Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in Octagenarians. Our Experience
**M. Gentile, A. Bartoloni, A. Pulvirenti, G. Scollo, S. Tolaro,
R. Fugà, L. Patanè**
Pedara, Italy
- 15.20 Can Left Atrial Appendage Emptying Flow Velocity Predict
Early Recurrence after Successful Biphasic Cardioversion
in Patients with Persistent Non Valvular Atrial Fibrillation?
**G. Calvari, G. Macchi, Y. Bertelli, S. Rogiani, N.C. Dajelli Ermolli,
M. Passera, C. Proserpio, L. Zoli, L. Saporiti, J.A. Salerno-Uriarte**
Varese, Italy
- 15.30 ECG Patterns of Isthmus-Dependent and Non Isthmus-Dependent
Atrial Flutter Patients in a Population without Significant
Structural Heart Disease
M. Ventura, L. Elvas, L. Providência
Coimbra Portugal
- 15.40 Novel Approach of Radiofrequency Catheter Ablation of Atrioventricular
Nodal Re-entry Tachycardia to Compare with Traditional Technique
A. Ardashev, E. Zhelyakov, A. Shavarov
Moscow, Russia

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18.00 – 18.30 *Plenary Lecture*

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Chairman: M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Implantable Electrical Device Therapy: Past, Present
and Future Considerations.

A.J. Moss (Rochester)

19.00 *Welcome Cocktail*

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Discussion: 10.30 - 11.00 14.30 - 15.00

Poster Session Area

- 1 Smokers and non-Smokers with CHD Demonstrate no Significant Differences in Chosen Clinical Parameters
W. Ruminski , T. Klecha, H. Klepacka, M. Skorski
Lublin, Poland
- 2 Semiquantitative Angiography and Inflammatory Markers in Patients with Stable CHD
W. Ruminski , T. Klecha, H. Klepacka, M. Skorski , T. Klecha, A. Jermak, R. Grzywna, B. Wojtysiak, J. Solski
Lublin, Poland
- 3 ARF in ICU: Predisposing Factors, Old and New Predicted Death and Comorbidity Index
G. Strano, G. Leonardi, G. Licciardello, F. Stimoli, G. Castiglione, V. Giustolisi
Catania, Italy
- 4 Blood Parameters and Semiquantitive Coronary Angiography in Patients with Stable CHD
W. Ruminski, M. Skorski, H. Klepacka, T. Klecha, A. Jermak, G. Grossmann, B. Wojtysiak, J. Solski
Lublin, Poland
- 5 Significance of Lead Strength During Exercise Testing
G. Polizos, M. Ellestad
Long Beach, USA
- 6 Novel Missense Mutation in LMNA Gene is a Cause of Dilated Cardiomyopathy.
E. Parmon, T. Treshkur, M. Ovetchkina, E. Zaklyazminskaya
Moscow, Russia

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Intercultural Exchange on Arrhythmias, Cardiac Pacing and Defibrillation – Part I

Chairmen: A. Quesada (Valencia), R. Ricci (Rome)

8.00 Pacing Therapy Improves Quality of Life in AV Conduction Disturbances Patients

**A. Ardashev, A. Dzhandzhava, A. Dvornikov, E. Zhelyakov,
A. Shavarov, T. Butaev**
St. Petersburg, Russia

8.10 Time Course of Pacemaker Dependency

**O.Onalan, E. Crystal, V. Khalameizer, C. Lau, D. Newman,
A. Pourdowlat, M. Lukomsky, I. Lashevsky**
Toronto, Canada

8.20 The Permanent Pacing of Right Ventricular Outflow Tract

G. Pizzimenti, F. Badessa, L. Vasquez
Milazzo, Italy

8.30 Sinus Rhythm begets Sinus Rhythm in Patients with

Brady-Tachy Syndrome Implanted with DDDRP Pacemakers.
**S. Orazi, M.M. Gulizia, M. Santini, S. Mangiameli, G. Chiarandà,
G. Piccione, A. Colletti, F. Lisi, I. Vaccaro, A. Tosto, D. Corrao,
G. Scardace, L. Padeletti**
Rieti, Italy

8.40 Initial Clinical Experience with a Dual-Sensor Hemodynamic Pacemaker

**F. Di Gregorio, F. Dorticos, N. Galizio, J. Gonzalez, A. Barbetta,
R. Chirife**
Rubano, Italy

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Intercultural Exchange on Congestive Heart Failure

Chairmen: M.G. Bongiorni (Pisa), O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires)

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8.00 Lusitropic Properties of Chronic Cardiac Therapy
I.P. Clements, D.O. Hodge, C.G. Scott
Rochester, USA

8.10 BNP,TWA and Stratification of Arrhythmic Risk in Patients
Eligible for CRT
**L. Barbonaglia, M. Falcone, S. Mazza, M. Bertolazzi,
R. Guida, M. Pollone, G. Rognoni**
Vercelli, Italy

8.20 Results of SCART Study: Selection of Candidates
to Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy
**S. Orazi, M. Sassara, F. Laurenzi, A. Cesario, G. Fratianni, E. Lombardo,
S. Valsecchi, A. Denaro, A. Puglisi**
Rieti, Italy

8.30 Predictors of response to CRT: a SCART Study analysis
**E. Lombardo, A. Achilli, F. Laurenzi, S. Orazi, G. Perego, A. Cesario,
A. Denaro, S. Valsecchi, A. Puglisi**
Palermo, Italy

Discussion: two minutes for each presentation.



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Protagonists of Global Cardiovascular Risk: role of PUFA n-3

Chairmen: R. Marchioli (S. Maria Imbaro), D. Mozaffarian (Boston)

9.00 Rational Basis of PUFA n-3 Drug Therapy.
S. Nodari (Brescia)

9.15 The Great PUFA n-3 Trials.
A.P. Maggioni (Florence)

9.30 PUFA n-3 and Arrhythmias.
E. Crystal (Toronto)

9.45 The Future Perspectives: Pluri-Metabolic Syndrome, Heart Failure.
F. Bernini (Parma)

10.00 Discussion

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9.00 – 10.30 *Meet the Experts*

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Interactive Session on Managing Sudden Death: the Selection of Patients, Drugs and Devices

Chairmen: S. Hammill (Rochester), A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)

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9.00 Risk Identification in Arrhythmic Athletes
with Fatal or Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest.
F. Furlanello (Trento, Milan)

9.15 ACC/ESC Recommendations for the Clinical Management
of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: A Practical Perspective.
P. Delise (Conegliano Veneto)

9.30 Management of Cardiac Arrhythmias in Post-PCI patients.
B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)

9.45 Short-QT: the novel Gaita Syndrome?
F. Gaita (Asti)

10.00 Sudden Death Prevention by BLSD:
Which Difference between Lay People and General Practitioners?
M. Santomauro (Naples)

10.15 Questions and answers with televoter

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**State of the Art in High Energy Device
Therapy for Sudden Cardiac Death and Heart Failure**

Chairmen: M. Lunati (Milan), C. Morillo (Hamilton)

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- 11.00 Does Minimal Ventricular Pacing Mode really Help to Better Manage ICD patients Avoiding AF and HF Development?
F.D. Murgatroyd (London)
- 11.15 From Treatment to Early Prevention of Acute Heart Failure:
the Role of Fluid Monitoring in Implantable Device for CRT.
G. Zanotto (Verona)
- 11.30 The Role of Painless Therapies for Fast Ventricular Tachycardia:
Painfree studies and the PITAGORA ICD study.
M.M. Gulizia (Catania)
- 11.45 MADIT II / SCD-HeFT results:
Have They already Achieved an Impact in Europe?
A. Arenal (Madrid)
- 12.00 MADIT II / SCD-HeFT results:
Have They already Achieved an Impact in USA?
S. Hammill (Rochester)
- 12.15 Cost Effectiveness of Primary Prevention
of Sudden Cardiac Death with ICD.
G. Vergara (Rovereto)
- 12.30 Discussion

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11.00 – 12.00 *Pratical Issues on*

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Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Hypertension.

Chairmen: A. Circo (Catania), A.C. Goldberg (St. Louis)

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Guidelines on AntiHypertensive Therapy:
the Debate on the Choice of AntiHypertensive Drugs.
A. Salvetti (Pisa)

11.15

Serial Changes in Left Ventricular Mass in Hypertension:
Prognostic Impact.
P. Verdecchia (Perugia)

11.30

Elderly in Cardiology: do we Treat all Patients in the Same Way?
M. Šebeštjen (Ljubljana)

11.45

Questions and answers with televoter

12.00 – 13.00 *Pratical Issues on*

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Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Heart Failure.

Chairmen: D. Packer (Rochester), R.M. Polimeni (Polistena)

12.00

The Natural History of Dilated Cardiomyopathy:
a review of the Heart Muscle Disease Registry of Trieste.
A. Di Lenarda (Trieste)

12.15

Which is the Optimal Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation
in patients with CHF?
E. Crystal (Toronto)

12.30

How much ICD Impact Primary vs Secondary Prevention
of Sudden Death in patients with Dilated Cardiomyopathy?
M. Lunati (Milan)

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Hemodynamic Sensing in the Control of Pacing Function

Chairmen: **O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires), A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)**

- 13.00 Advances in Pacemaker Automaticity.
O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires)
- 13.15 Hemodynamic Assessment by Trans-Valvular Impedance Recording.
M.G. Bongiorni (Pisa)
- 13.30 Rate-Responsive Pacing controlled by Trans-Valvular Impedance:
Preliminary Clinical Experience.
E. Occhetta (Novara)
- 13.45 Initial Experience of Implanted Pacemakers
with Hemodynamic Sensor. Evaluation of Sensor Safety.
N. Galizio (Buenos Aires)
- 14.00 Trans-Valvular Impedance in the Auto-Regulation
of a Cardiac Pacemaker.
F. Dorticós (Havana)
- 14.15 Discussion

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Management of ACS: from Acute to Long Term

Chairmen: A. Boccanelli (Rome), R. A. Harrison (Bolton)

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13.00 Clinical Evidence, Guidelines and Gaps.

L. Oltrona Visconti (Milan)

13.15 New Strategies for the Treatment of MI.

F. Chiarella (Pietra Ligure)

13.30 Role of the Antiplatelet Therapy in the Long Term Protection.

L. Bolognese (Arezzo)

13.45 Discussion



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Advances in Managing Heart Failure and Sudden Cardiac Death

Chairmen: A.J. Moss (Rochester), M. Santini (Rome)

15.00 Update on Most Recent and Ongoing Trials.
A. Auricchio (Magdeburg)

15.15 CRT Patient Selection: Who is the Patient At Risk?
L. Padeletti, M.C. Porciani (Florence)

15.30 Device Therapy for HF: Which Device?
M. Gasparini, P. Galimberti (Milan)

15.45 CRT Optimization: Enhancing Patient Benefits.
P. Søgaard (Hellerup)

16.00 Cost-Effectiveness of CRT in HF patients.
G. Mascioli, A. Curnis (Brescia)

16.15 Discussion

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**Drug-Eluting Stent. Current Practice and Major Challenge:
Are They an Alternative to Surgery?**

Chairmen: F. Bovenzi (Lucca), A. Fiscella (Catania)

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15.00 Left Main.
I. Sheiban (Turin)

15.15 Multivessel.
A.G. Galassi, C. Tamburino (Catania)

15.30 Diabetics.
G. Binetti (Pesaro)

15.45 Safety & Efficacy in Cypher complex case.
A. Marzocchi (Bologna)

16.00 Discussion



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Lipid Lowering Treatment in Heart Failure

Chairman: M. Šebeštjen (Ljubljana)

The Role of a Metabolic Strategy in Patients with Heart Failure.
A.P. Maggioni (Florence)

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New Realities in the Angiotensin Receptor Blockers

Chairman: E. Geraci (Palermo)

Speaker: F. Colivicchi (Rome)

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Non Electric Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation

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Chairmen: **M.M. Gulizia (Catania), M. Santini (Rome)**

- 17.30 Clinical Stratification of AF patients: the GISSI-AF Study.
M. Disertori (Trento)
- 17.45 When Not To Treat.
R. Pedretti (Tradate)
- 18.00 Pharmacological Treatment of Paroxysmal AF.
L. Bianconi (Rome)
- 18.15 Pharmacological Prevention of Arrhythmic Recurrences.
G. Chiarandà (Augusta)
- 18.30 Timing and Typology of Cardio-Embolic Prevention.
G. Di Pasquale (Bologna)
- 18.45 Surgical Therapy.
L. Patanè (Pedara)
- 19.00 Discussion



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Tirofiban: New Therapeutical Perspectives

Chairmen: **G. Montalescot (Paris), E. Mossuti (Siracusa)**

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17.30 Tirofiban and NSTE-ACS: The Current Perspective.
C. Cavallini (Treviso)

17.45 Tirofiban and STEMI: A Future Perspective.
G.B. Danzi (Brescia)

18.00 Discussion



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Discussion: 10.30 - 11.00 14.30 - 15.00

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- 1 Utility of the Realtime Position Management (RPM) System in the Radiofrequency Transcatheter Ablation of Typical Atrial Flutter
S. Iacopino, G. Ventura, F. Megna, M. Salierno, F. Cariello
Belvedere Marittimo, Italy
- 2 Comparison of Dual-Chamber and Single-Chamber Pacing Outcomes in AV Conduction Disturbances Patients
A. Ardashev, A. Dzhandzhava, A. Dvornikov
Moscow, Russia
- 3 Single-Lead VDD Pacing With Left Ventricular Stimulation: a Case Report
N. Veneziani, A. Veneziani, J. Christodoulakis, F. Di Gregorio
Bari. Italy
- 4 Pacing Therapy and Quality of Life in Sick Sinus Syndrome Patients
A. Ardashev, A. Dzhandzhava, A. Dvornikov
Moscow, Russia
- 5 A Case of Cardiomyopathy with Conduction Disturbances in Emery-Dreifuss Muscular Dystrophy.
S. Iacopino, G. Ventura, F. Megna, F. Cariello
Cosenza, Italy
- 6 Wenckebach Type Sinoatrial Block in Patients with Syncope
A. Dabrowski, E. Kramarz, L. Kubik
Warsaw, Poland
- 7 Bachmann's Bundle Stimulation Associated to Atrial Pacing Algorithms and Pharmacologic Therapy in the Prevention of Atrial Fibrillation
G. Meduri, A. Amato, R.M. Polimeni
Polistena, Italy

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8.30 – 9.30 Selected Communications Session

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Intercultural Exchange on Arrhythmias, Cardiac Pacing and Defibrillation – Part II

Chairmen: A. Arenal (Madrid), S. Sermasi (Rimini)

- 9 April
- 8.30 Clinical Outcomes After Pacemaker Implantation in Sick Sinus Syndrome Patients
A. Ardashev, A. Dzhandzhgava, A. Dvornikov, E. Zhelyakov, A. Shavarov, A. Makarenko, V. Kluzhev
Moscow, Russia
- 8.40 Ischemic Patients with ICD Implanted Increase More the QRS Duration than Similar Non-Ischemic Patients; this is Associated with more Severe Forms of Arrhythmias
M. Ventura, L. Elvas, L. Providência
Coimbra Portugal
- 8.50 Electrical Storm and Implanted Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD): our Experience on a Population of 250 Patients.
P. Devecchi, L. Plebani, M. Bortnik, A. Magnani, G. Francalacci, E. Occhetta, P. Marino
Novara, Italy
- 9.00 Anti-Tachycardia Pacing for Termination of Rapid Ventricular Tachycardia in Patients with Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators. The Pitagora ICD Trial.
G. De Fabrizio, M.M. Gulizia, S. Mangiameli, F. Mascia, V. Ciconte, A. Vincenzo, R. Polimeri, A. Capucci, V. Calogero, C. Puntello, S. Sammartano, M. Scherillo, O. Pensabene, M.C. Scianaro
Avellino, Italy
- 9.10 Clinical Outcomes after Percutaneous Transluminal Septal Myocardial Ablation.
S. Tolaro, D. Giannotta, A. Rocca
Pedara, Italy

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Intercultural Exchange on Clinical Management and Ablation of Atrial Arrhythmias

Chairmen: J. Kautzner (Prague), A.S. Montenero (Sesto San Giovanni)

8.30 Novel Method of AV Nodal Re-entry Tachycardia Ablation Guided by Simultaneous Unipolar and Bipolar Electrograms Targeting
A. Ardashev, E. Zhelyakov, A. Shavarov
Moscow, Russia

8.40 The Recurrence of Atrial Fibrillation Episodes in Patients with Concomitant Isthmus Dependent Atrial Flutter Documented, and Submitted to Successful Atrial Flutter Ablation is Lower in Younger Patients
M. Ventura, L. Elvas, L. Providência
Coimbra, Portugal

8.50 The Recurrence Rate of Successfully Ablated Patients with Isthmus-Dependent Atrial Flutter and Previously Medicated with Amiodarone is Higher
M. Ventura, L. Elvas, L. Providência
Coimbra, Portugal

9.00 Evaluation of Pulmonary Veins Morphology by Multislice CT in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation.
G. Mascioli, D. Farina, A. Curnis, L. Bontempi, T. Cordonali, I. Manildo, L. Dei Cas
Brescia, Italy

9.10 Day Ward Admission for Electrical Cardioversion in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation
E. Nobile, G. Mazzaglia, G. Romano, B. Maltese, G. Moruzzi, C. Siciliano, A.F. Grazioso, C. Sgroi, E. Mossuti
Siracusa, Italy

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9.30 – 10.30 *Meet the Experts*

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Interactive Session on Emerging Concepts in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes: is all so clear?

Chairmen: L. Bolognese (Arezzo), R.A. Harrison (Bolton)

- 9.30 Pathogenetic and Immunologic Paradigm of Atherosclerotic Plaque.
G. Calcara (Catania)
- 9.40 Are a Single Measurement of Troponin-I and C-reactive Protein
of Clinical Significance in Patients admitted
with Acute Coronary Syndromes?
L. Oltrona Visconti (Milan)
- 9.50 Acute Coronary Syndromes & Diabetes: How Much can we Intervene?
F. Bovenzi (Lucca)
- 10.00 Computed Tomography Coronary Angiography with a 16-row Multislice
Scanner: Do We Still Need Conventional Coronary Angiography?
F. Cademartiri (Rotterdam)
- 10.10 Questions and answers with televoter

Interactive Session with use of Televoter



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Interactive Session on Mapping and Ablation of Complex Arrhythmias

Chairmen: J. Kautzner (Prague), N. Marrouche (Cleveland)

- 9.30 Mapping of Pulmonary Veins in Atrial Fibrillation
A. Bonso (Mestre-Venice)
- 9.40 Atypical Atrial Flutter.
A.S. Montenero (Sesto San Giovanni)
- 9.50 Atypical Accessory Pathways.
R. Cappato (S. Donato Milanese)
- 10.00 Fast VTs, Epicardial VTs, and other VTs:
Is There a Role for Ablation as a First Line Therapy?
G. Vicedomini (Milan)
- 10.10 VF Ablation: Is it Possible and When?
R. Schweikert (Cleveland)
- 10.20 Questions and answers with televoter

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11.00 – 12.30 Symposium

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How to Approach CRT Today

Chairmen: F. Briand (Besançon), S. Mangiameli (Catania)

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| 11.00 | Intracardiac Impedance Monitoring: a Tool for CRT Optimization.
M.S. Bocchiardo (Asti) |
| 11.15 | Detection of Right and Left Ventricular Capture through Evoked Response Analysis.
E. Gostoli (Alessandria) |
| 11.30 | Different Left Ventricular Stimulation Sites for Biventricular Pacing: Which Influence in CRT Outcomes?
H. Poty (Lyon) |
| 11.45 | Advancement in “Over The Wire – Stylet” Guided Left Ventricular Leads.
S. Boveda (Toulouse) |
| 12.00 | Real Time Assessment of CRT Efficacy via Home Monitoring.
G. Lascault (Paris) |
| 12.15 | Right Ventricular Bifocal Pacing: An Alternate Approach to CRT?
P. Diotallevi (Alessandria) |
| 12.30 | Discussion |



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Vaso-Vagal Syncope: Soft Treatment for a Soft Disease?

Chairmen: C. Menozzi (Reggio Emilia), R. Sutton (London)

11.00 Who Doesn't Need Any Treatment?
P. Alboni (Cento)

11.15 Physical Manoeuvres.
A. Moya (Barcelona)

11.30 Is There Still a Role for Drug Therapy?
M.M. Gulizia, G.M. Francese (Catania)

11.45 Cardiac Pacing: Good for Few.
M. Brignole (Lavagna)

12.00 Questions and answers with televoter

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New Approach in the Prevention of New Onset of Atrial Fibrillation: Role of AII-Antagonist

Chairman: E. Alt (New Orleans)

Speaker: P. Verdecchia (Perugia)

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Aspirin and Cardiovascular Prevention in the Guidelines and in the Real World

Chairman: R. Sutton (London)

Speaker: G. Di Pasquale (Bologna)

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13.00 – 14.30 Luncheon Panel

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Pharmacological Therapy of Atrial Fibrillation: from Guidelines to Real Life

Chairmen: R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese), E.N. Prystowsky (Indianapolis)

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| 13.00 | Drug Therapy in Association/Propaedeutic to AF Ablation.
M. Scaglione (Asti) |
| 13.15 | Which Drug to Prefer in Different Situation?
G.L. Botto (Como) |
| 13.30 | Presentation of Clinical Cases
B. Gorenек (Eskisehir)
D. Caponi (Asti) |
| 13.45 | Questions and answers with televoter |

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Future New Indications for PM/CRT/ICD

Chairmen: E. Alt (New Orleans), G. Vergara (Rovereto)

15.00 Physiological Pacing Perspective.
E. Ovsyschcer (BeerSheva)

15.15 Why and When to Prefer CRT/ICD implantation to CRT alone in
Patients with Different Degree of HF?
S. Nisam (Diegem)

15.30 ICD Clinical Course after VT or VF.
A. Moss (Rochester)

15.45 Remote Patient Management of ICD:
What's the Value in the Clinical Practice?
S. Sermasi (Rimini)

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POSTER SESSION

Discussion: 10.30 - 11.00 14.30 - 15.00

Poster Session Area

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- 1 Role of Electrophysiologic Study in a Case of Tachycardia with Large QRS Complexes.
S. Iacopino, G. Ventura, F. Megna, F. Cariello
Cosenza, Italy
 - 2 Onpump Totally Endocardial Surgical Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation Combined with Mitral Valve Surgery. Our Monopolar
A. Cavallaro, M. Gentile, G. Di Stefano, A. Pulvirenti, A. Bartoloni, L. Patanè
Pedara, Italy
 - 3 Usefulness of Beta-Blocker Treatment before and after External Biphasic Cardioversion in Patients with Persistent Atrial Fibrillation
G. Meduri, A. Amato, F. Catananti, R.M. Polimeni
Polistena, Italy
 - 4 Ischemic and Nonischemic Ventricular Arrhythmia. Results of the Long-Term Follow-Up.
E. Pardon, T. Treshkur, M. Ovetchkina
St. Petersburg, Russia
 - 5 Recurrence of Atrial Fibrillation After Efficacious Radiofrequency Transcatheter Ablation of Regular Supraventricular Tachycardia
S. Iacopino, G. Ventura, F. Megna, F. Cariello
Cosenza, Italy
 - 5 Efficacy and Safety of the Radiofrequency Transcatheter Ablation of the Typical Atrial Flutter
S. Iacopino, G. Ventura, F. Megna, F. Cariello
Cosenza, Italy
 - 6 Radiofrequency Transcatheter Ablation of Nodal and Re-entry Atrioventricular Tachycardia
S. Iacopino, G. Ventura, F. Megna, F. Cariello
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INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGES

The presentation time will be 10 minutes, followed by 2 minutes for discussion. Presentation will be given in the **English Language only, supported by PC data projection**. All projections must be **worded in English only**.

All speakers are requested to keep to their allotted time. Please ensure that you are in your session room at least 10 minutes before the start of the session, and that you remain there until the end of the session.

During the opening ceremony the best abstract chosen among the ones submitted, will be awarded a prize.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The Meeting proceedings containing the texts of presentations of the different sessions included in the Scientific Program will be published by Springer - Verlag and distributed to all registrants, during the Meeting.

PROJECTION

PC data projection is available in all the rooms. Please copy your work (using Power Point) onto a CD ROM, and to be on the safe side, bring also your lap-top with you. All projections must be **worded in English only**.

The speaker ready room will be at disposal of presenters and faculty to give them the opportunity to preview the projection and become familiar with the audio-visual equipment. **All speakers must deliver the presentation in floppy disk or CD ROM at least 6 hours before the session at the slide centre.**

LUNCHEON PANELS

Attendance at all luncheon panels (limited to seat availability) is free for all registered participants.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be distributed to all registered delegates on Saturday, April 9, 2005.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

ECM: we have requested to be granted educational credits (C.E.M.) by the National Commission for Continuous Education. The Meeting has been appointed by **13 ECM credits**. *Only participants with a minimum of 18 hours of attendance will receive the ECM certificates.*

Technical courses: **BLS-D: 7 ECM credits** with a minimum **7 hours** of attendance.
ECHO-CRT: 8 ECM credits with a minimum **9 hours** of attendance.
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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is **English**. All the session will be translated from English to Italian language.

EXHIBITION

The technical and pharmaceutical exhibitions will be located at the Congress Venue, close to the Conference rooms. The exhibition opening hours will follow the timetable of the Scientific Sessions.

INTERNET POINT

There will be a free Internet point available to all participants.



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TELEPHONES and CELLPHONES

Several telephones are available at the Congress Venue. Please contact the Hotel Reception.

It is absolutely forbidden to keep cellphones switched on during Scientific Sessions.

INFORMATION DESK

An information desk will be available at the Congress Venue for restaurant reservations, travel services and general information about Taormina.

REGISTRATION

Delegate	€ 420,00 VAT incl.
BLS-D Course	€ 180,00 VAT incl.
CHF-CRT Live Implantation Course	€ 350,00 VAT incl.
ECHO-CRT Course	€ 250,00 VAT incl.
Accompanying person	€ 200,00 VAT incl.

The delegate registration fee includes:

Attendance at all scientific sessions including luncheon panels (limited to seat availability), entrance to the exhibition area, meeting proceedings, attendance certificate, ECM certificate, badge and congress kit, welcome cocktail, and the coffee breaks which will be taken at the Venue.

The BLS-D Course registration fee includes:

Participation to the Course (from 9.00 to 18.30), entrance to the exhibition area, BLS-D licence, ECM certificate, coffee breaks and light lunch taken at the Venue.

The CHF-CRT Live Implantation registration fee includes:

Participation at one day theoretical/practical course with live practice of biventricular pacemaker implantation (comprehensive of different leads for coronary sinus pacing on manikin that resembles the venous system of the heart provided with the highest technology and software simulating a real implantation of pacing leads), utilized materials, surgery kit, technical and scientific assistance by an individual tutor, entrance to the exhibition area, light lunch, attendance certificate, CME certificate, badge and congress kit.

The ECHO-CRT Course registration fee includes:

Participation at one day theoretical/practical course with practical training based on real clinical cases. The course foresees individual stations to perform echocolordoppler and TDI practice in a model simulating a patient with heart failure and CRT. It also includes: personal handbook of the course, utilized materials, technical and scientific assistance by an individual tutor, free practice on a last generation cardiac echographer, entrance to the exhibition area, light lunch, attendance certificate, CME certificate, badge and congress kit.

The accompanying person registration fee includes:

Entrance to the exhibition area, welcome cocktail and half day excursion.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Participants who have not made an advance reservation for accommodation may be able to do so at the Hotel Reservation Desk at the Congress Venue.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Payments accepted are: cheque written on Italian Banks and Bank transfer in Euro and payments with credit cards.

All costs to transmitters' charge.

CANCELLATION POLICY

No refund of any kind.

CHANGES OF PROGRAM

For scientific and/or technical reasons the Scientific Committee and the Organising Secretariat reserve the right to make any change in the Meeting program.



social events

SOCIAL EVENTS

TAORMINA SIGHTSEEING (HALF DAY) - for accompanying persons only

Friday April 8 2005

Settled on a hill of the Monte Tauro, Taormina dominates two grand, sweeping bays on the southern side, the top of Mount Etna, offering a breathtaking, dramatic and view over almost one hundred miles of Mediterranean sea.

This itinerary will give the possibility to discover the history and the magical atmosphere of Taormina walking through Corso Umberto I. It is a lively street that runs through the town, flanked on either side by elegant shop and café and it links Porta Messina to Porta Catania.

The civic and religious monuments are concentrated along and around Corso Umberto I: Vittorio Emanuele Square, Corvaja Palace, St. Caterina Church and the Roman Odeum, Roman Baths, Naumachie, IX Aprile Square, St. Agostino Church, Ciampoli Palace, Mother Church, Palace of the Dukes of St. Stephen.

The visit will continue to the Greek- Roman Theatre. It was built in Greek times, later enlarged and almost entirely rebuilt by Romans in the second century AD. From the caved, set in a bellow in Monte Tauro, is the view that is as famous as it is beautiful.

The visit will begin at 9.30 a.m. starting from Hotel Villa Diodoro, the Congress Venue.

PRESIDENT DINNER

Flavours & Tastes from Sicily at Palazzo Biscari € 100.00 Vat included, per person

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Ignatius Paternò Castello, the fifth Prince of Biscari, realized his dream of preserving his imperial baroque residence founded on the fifteenth century city walls of the city of Catania. The palace occupies an entire block and is kept as an exemplary abode, honouring the city of Catania.

Palazzo Biscari is kept as the most beautiful and well kept Palace in Catania, just as Prince Ignatius dreamed, a treasure to be enjoyed by all. Preliminary construction of the Palace itself began in 1702 after the catastrophic earthquake of 1693 that destroyed half of Sicily. The Biscari palace is composed by seven hundred rooms, it is located in the old quarter of Catania behind the popular down town area, overlooking the port on the famous marina arches, where trains still pass.

As a **limited number of places is available** for this **Gala Dinner**, only persons with advance bookings may be certain of being able to attend, once seats availability is over, no more reservations will be accepted.

Shuttle service leaves at 20.15 from the Congress Venue, with a return trip at about midnight.



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ELECTRICITY

The electric current in Italy is 220 Volts.

TIPPING

Service is generally included in the bill. However, tips are very welcome if you wish to show your appreciation for a good meal or special service.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.

Should you wish to use your credit card to pay for a taxi, please inform the driver before starting the journey.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Taormina is as safe as any other European tourist resort, delegates are simply advised to take the usual sensible precautions. All the hotels can offer security facilities for valuable goods.

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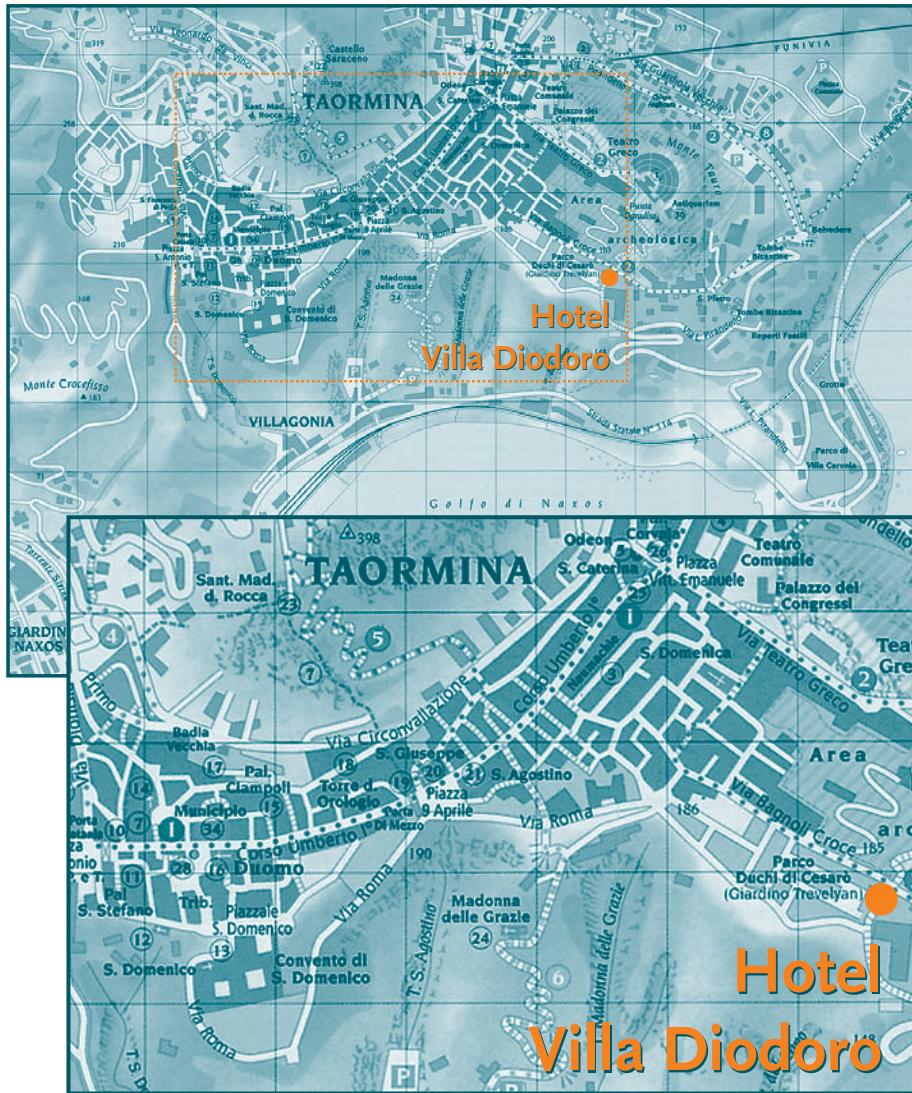
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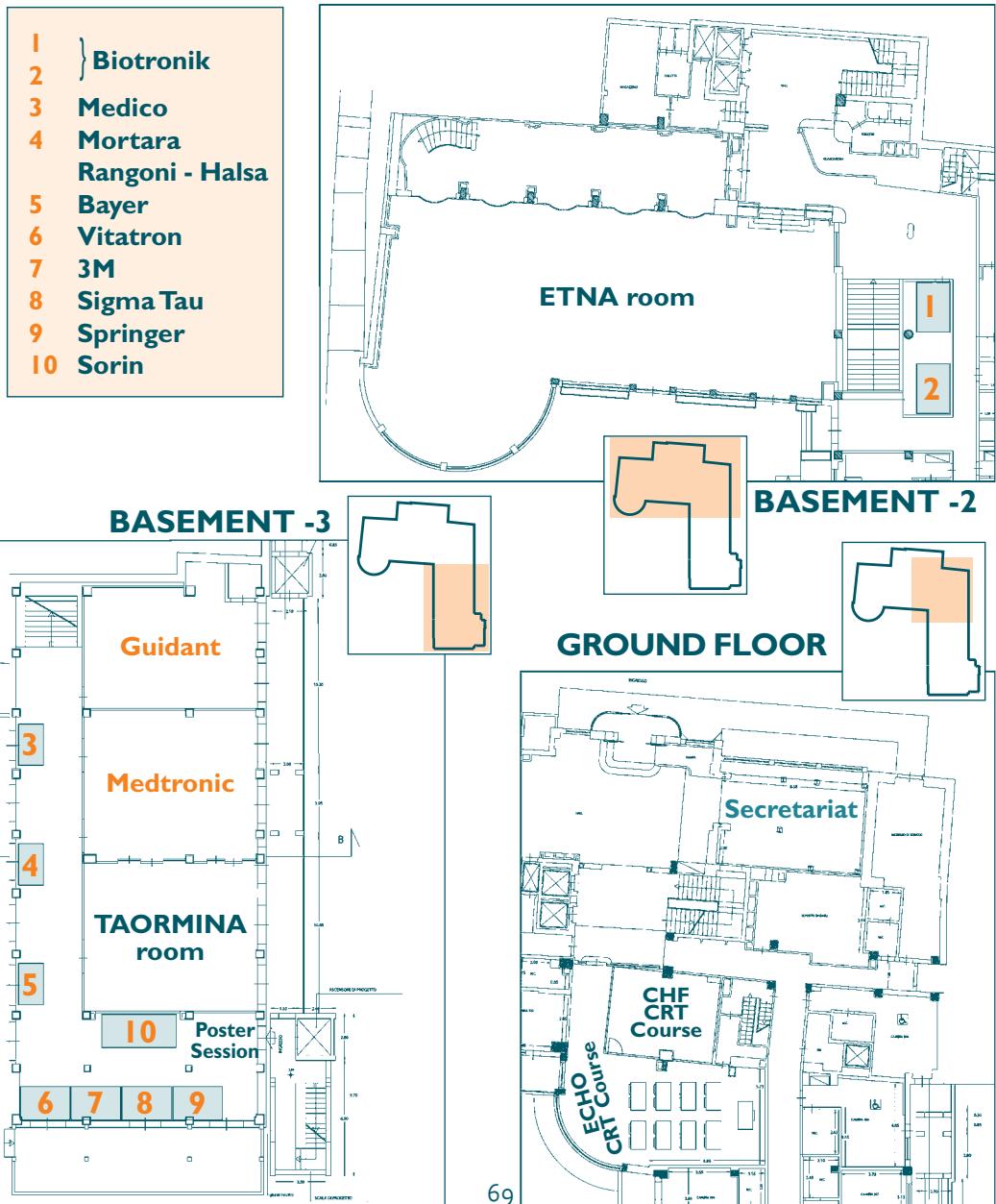
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