

# **ATRIAL FIBRILLATION 2013**

## **10° INTERNATIONAL MEETING**

**Atrial fibrillation  
and heart failure:  
the ugly and the nasty**

**February 21-22  
Bologna - Italy  
Royal Hotel Carlton**

**Preliminary Program**



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**Allessie M.** (*Maastricht, NL*)

**Bellocci F.** (*Rome, I*)

**Bongiorni M.G.** (*Pisa, I*)

**Boriani G.** (*Bologna, I*)

**Botto G.** (*Como, I*)

**Brachmann J.** (*Coburg, D*)

**Branzi A.** (*Bologna, I*)

**Calò L.** (*Rome, I*)

**Camm J.** (*London, UK*)

**Cappato R.** (*Milan, I*)

**Capucci A.** (*Ancona, I*)

**Crijns H.** (*Maastricht, NL*)

**Curnis A.** (*Brescia, I*)

**De Caterina R.** (*Chieti, I*)

**De Ponti R.** (*Varese, I*)

**Dei Cas L.** (*Brescia, I*)

**Delise P.** (*Conegliano, I*)

**Di Pasquale G.** (*Bologna, I*)

**Favale S.** (*Bari, I*)

**Healey J.** (*Hamilton, CDN*)

**Ho Y.** (*London, UK*)

**Janse M. J.** (*Amsterdam, NL*)

**Jung W.** (*Villingen-Schwenningen, D*)

**Lazzara R.** (*Oklahoma City, USA*)

**Levy S.** (*Marseille, F*)

**Linde C.** (*Stockholm, S*)

**Lip G.** (*Birmingham, UK*)

**Lewalter T.** (*Bonn, D*)

**Lombardi F.** (*Milan, I*)

**Lüderitz B.** (*Bonn, D*)

**Naccarelli G. V.** (*Hershey, USA*)

**Nattel S.** (*Quebec, CDN*)

**Novo S.** (*Palermo, I*)

**Padeletti L.** (*Florence, I*)

**Pozzolini A.** (*Fano, I*)

**Raviele A.** (*Mestre, I*)

**Ricci R.P.** (*Rome, I*)

**Salerno Uriarte J.** (*Varese, I*)

**Santomauro M.** (*Naples, I*)

**Shah D.** (*Geneva, CH*)

**Tamargo J.** (*Madrid, E*)

**Tondo C.** (*Milan, I*)

**Van Gelder I.C.** (*Maastricht, NL*)

**8.45 Opening Ceremony**

**9.00 AF: causes and mechanism**  
**Chairmen: A. Branzi - S. Novo**

9.00 Did epidemiology for AF and CHF modify?  
*G. Boriani*

9.20 Morphological insights into myocardial structure in relation to substrates for arrhythmia  
*Y. Ho*

9.40 Idiopathic atrial fibrillation is associated with vascular disease  
*H.J. Crijns*

10.00 Neural mechanisms in AF  
*R. Lazzara*

10.20 Post-operative AF: mechanisms, predictors and prognosis  
*M. Allessie*

10.40 Coffee Break – Poster Session

**11.00 New insights in AF**  
**Chairmen: A. Raviele – J. Salerno Uriarte**

11.00 Role of MRI in diagnostics and therapy of AF  
*J. Brachmann*

11.20 CV Hospitalizations in AF: predictors and importance  
*G. Naccarelli*

11.40 Ectopic atrial stimulation alters dispersion in repolarization and provides an arrhythmogenic substrate  
*M. Janse*

12.00 New upstream therapies  
*G.L. Botto*

12.20 MicroRNA in heart failure and AF  
*S. Nattel*

12.40 AF: how to quantify quality of life?  
*B. Lüderitz*

**13.10 – 14.40 Luncheon Panel**

**14.40 Atrial pacing: from therapy to diagnosis**

**Chairmen: M.G. Bongiorno – S. Levy**

14.40 Sleep apnea diagnosis and clinical implications  
*L. Padeletti*

15.00 Role of remote monitoring for AF  
*P. Delise*

15.20 Role of remote monitoring for CHF  
*C. Linde*

15.40 AF monitoring: impact on anticoagulation  
*W. Jung*

16.00 How to manage the huge data entry?  
*R.P. Ricci*

16.20 Arrhythmia lab of full cardiological supply?  
*C. Tondo*

**16.40 - 18.30 Living Poster Discussion**

**Chairmen: A. Capucci – D. Shah**

**9.00 Ablate or not ablate?**

**Chairmen: S. Favale - R. De Ponti**

9.00 Endocardiac or surgical?

*A. Curnis*

9.20 New techniques

*R. Cappato*

9.40 Efficacy, safety and follow-up monitoring

*L. Calò*

10.00 Electrophysiologic strategy for evaluating and ablating the components of the substrate of AF

*D. Shah*

10.20 Afib ablation in heart failure: patient selection

*T. Lewalter*

10.40 Coffee Break – Poster Session

**11.00 AADs: novelties and realities**

**Chairmen: L. Dei Cas – G. Di Pasquale**

11.00 Silent atrial fibrillation: how to diagnose? How to treat?

*J. Healey*

11.20 ESC AF Guideline Update

*J. Camm*

11.40 Rhythm control or symptoms prevention?

*I.C. Van Gelder*

12.00 Combined therapy in rhythm control: when and how

*A. Capucci*

12.20 Clinically relevant drug interaction in AF

*J. Tamargo*

**12.40 Ronald Campbell Lecture**

Stroke prevention in AF – challenging old concepts with new approaches and implications for treatment guidelines

*G. Lip*

**13.15 – 14.45 Luncheon Panel**

**14.50 Hypo-coagulation: a new age?**

**Chairmen: F. Bellocchi – M. Santomauro**

14.50 Cost/efficacy and tolerability of the warfarin therapy  
*A. Pozzolini*

15.10 Antitrombinic and/or factor X inhibitors?  
*TBA*

15.30 What patient to treat?  
*TBA*

15.50 Stroke or bleeding fear?  
*R. De Caterina*

16.10 Appropriate therapeutic range: is still a useful concept?  
*F. Lombardi*

**16.30 Award Ceremony**

**LUNCHEON PANEL FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

**13.10 – 14.40 Room Medtronic**



**Stroke prevention in patients with AF: groundbreaking solutions for a long-standing unsolved problem**

**Chairmen: M.G. Bongiorno (Pisa, I) – V. Calvi (Catania, I)**

AF and Stroke: what have we learnt from our clinical experience?  
*G. Molon (Negrar, I)*

AF diagnostics implantable device: are they useful to improve clinical outcome?  
*G. Boriani (Bologna, I)*

One Shot Technologies to Isolate Pulmonary Veins: what can we say after 55.000 patients treated?  
*P. De Filippo (Bergamo, I)*

Long term monitoring of AF: a winning strategy to maximize outcome  
*G. Senatore (Ciriè, I)*

**13.10 – 14.40 Room Biotronik**



**Electrical treatment and monitoring of Atrial Fibrillation: safety and efficacy paradigms in the current clinical practice**

**Chairmen: R.P. Ricci (Rome, I) - R. Mantovan (Cesena, I)**

Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: have micro embolic events a clinical role? What solutions to address them?  
*L. Calo' (Rome, I)*

The role of contact sensor in the ablation approach for Atrial Fibrillation: the clinical evidences  
*G. Carreras (Terni, I)*

Atrial Fibrillation ablation and the routinary utilization of contact force: the clinical experience with Tacticath system  
*M. Mantica (Milan, I)*

Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation in patients with CHF: is AV node block an obsolete or a first choice approach?  
*P. Diotallevi (Alessandria, I)*

The daily monitoring of Atrial Fibrillation in implantable devices and its impact on thrombo-embolic events: the IMPACT study expectations and its implications on the clinical practice  
*G. Maglia (Catanzaro, I)*

**LUNCHEON PANEL FEBRUARY 22, 2013**

**Boston  
Scientific**

**13.15 – 14.45 Room Boston Scientific**

**“Prevent events” is the imperative of the future medicine.  
How technology can help us today?**

**Chairmen:**

Introduction

Combining the device data with the information of external sensors: the multiparametric approach

Diagnosing and treating comorbidities in order to reduce mortality in the ICD/CRT-D patients: Apnea Scan

Stroke prevention through the closure of left atrial appendage

Are these solutions cost-effective?

Discussion

Conclusion

**13.15 – 14.45 Room St. Jude Medical**



**ST. JUDE MEDICAL**  
MORE CONTROL. LESS RISK.

**Is the EP lab of the future already a reality today?**

**Chairmen: F. Cantù (Lecco, I), M. Scaglione (Asti, I)**

Is a GPS integration with fluoroscopy the changing factor for new possibilities in EP?

*G. Vicedomini (Cotignola, I)*

Is the use of fluoroscopy still necessary?

*A. Colella (Florence, I)*

High density mapping for complex ablations in the atrium

*A. Dello Russo (Milano)*

Multielectrode electroanatomic mapping in ventricular tachycardia

*N. Trevisi (Milan, I)*

Electrical coupling measurement: more than the contact system

*G. Pelargonio (Rome, I)*

**LUNCHEON PANEL FEBRUARY 22, 2013**

**13.15 – 14.45 Room Sorin Group**



**The impact of modern devices on AF/HF patients management**  
**Chairmen:**

RV pacing & AF development: which evidences among conflicting opinions

Extended ECG recording: a powerful tool for AF monitoring?

Sleep breathing disorders & arrhythmias: usefulness of a continuous monitoring among device recipients

The importance of a continuous AV and VV optimization in CRT therapy efficacy



## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

## 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 stick.

The Slide Centre will be available for presenters and speakers to preview their slides and to become familiar with audiovisual equipment. Slides should be handed in one hour before the beginning of the session and collected at the end. The use of personal laptops in the Workshop room is not permitted.

## LUNCH

Lunches will be served during the luncheon panels, limited to seat availability.

## REGISTRATION - BADGE

The conference is open to all duly registered participants. A badge will be given to every registered participant, speaker and exhibitor in order to be admitted to the scientific sessions.

## REGISTRATION FEE

	<i>Before November 23, 2012</i>	<i>After November 23, 2012</i>
<b>Medical Doctor</b>	€ 505,00	€ 726,00
<b>Specialising MD*</b>	€ 61,00	€ 121,00

\* please enclose a certificate of the registration in a postgraduate school

The registration fee includes the following:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to the Exhibition
- Admission to Luncheon Panels
- Coffee break and snack lunch on each day
- Attendance and ECM certificate
- vat

**Online registration is available at [www.adriacongrex.it/af](http://www.adriacongrex.it/af)**

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We have selected several hospitality facilities with special room rates:

### **HOTEL RESERVATION**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DOUBLE SINGLE USE</b>	<b>DOUBLE</b>
<b>4 stars</b>	from 120,00 – to 230,00	from 160,00 – to 300,00
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**Deposit Required:** the price of one night per room in the selected hotel category, with B&B treatment.

The Hotel reservation will only be accepted and confirmed when the form and the required deposit have been received by Adria Congrex. All payments must be done in Euro net of all bank charges and made out to Adria Congrex Srl.

### **Air and Railway Tickets**

Please do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Secretariat Adria Congrex for any emission of aerial and railway tickets and for other needs or information.

### **PAYMENT**

*Payment for Registration and Hotel Reservation should be done by:*

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In case of written cancellation before November 23, 80% of the deposit will be refunded.

## ABSTRACT & POSTERS

### *Best Communication / Poster Award*

A special awards 1.500,00 euro gross will be given to the “Best Abstract” works selected by the Abstract Selection Committee between accepted oral communications and posters. The winners will be announced during the Best Abstract Award event scheduled for the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.

Abstracts must be submitted within December 11, 2012 and sent by e-mail to [af@adriacongrex.it](mailto:af@adriacongrex.it)

They must be written in English in word format. The Scientific Committee will review all the submitted abstracts. The first author will receive notification of acceptance. Abstracts submitted after the deadline might not be accepted.

Please choose between Oral Communications and Poster. Format:

- The text should contain a maximum of 2.485 characters; use typeface “Times New Roman”, font size 12.
- It is advisable not to include images, while it is possible to enclose graphics
- Poster size is 70cm width and 100cm height.

Posters will be displayed during the whole meeting in the Exhibition Area, they should be fixed on February 21, at 8.00 a.m. and removed at the end of the meeting. Material for the poster mounting will be provided.

An award for the best poster selected among young authors (under 35 years) will be given.

## ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

A certificate will be given to all participants at the end of the meeting.

## ECM

An application for Italian ECM Credits has been submitted to the Italian Ministry of Health for the following disciplines: Cardiology, Cardio Surgery, General Medicine (Family doctors), Internal Medicine.

## SECRETARIAT

The Organizing Secretariat will be open during the whole Meeting.

## CHANGES

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

Updated information will be available on the web site [www.adriacongrex.it/af](http://www.adriacongrex.it/af)

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***November 23, 2012***

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**Deadline for online abstract submission**

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