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Sesto San Giovanni (Milan)



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- Access to the scientific sessions
- Access to the exhibition area
- Congress material
- Refreshments during the congress
- Certificate of attendance



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TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024

08:55-09:00

Auditorium

OPENING REMARKS

Chairs: R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY), T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY), R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

09:00-10:40

Auditorium

WHAT IS NEW IN OUR UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGEMENT OF AF?

Chairs: T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY), R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

- 09:00-09:20 **Atrial cardiomyopathy: from structural changes to electrophysiological manifestation**
U. Schotten (Maastricht, THE NETHERLANDS)
- 09:20-09:40 **Can class Ic antiarrhythmic drugs be used in AF and ischemic heart disease?**
J.A. Camm (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 09:40-10:00 **Artificial intelligence for Catheter Ablation**
R. Gopinathannair (Kansas City, USA)
- 10:00-10:20 **AF: cause or risk factor for stroke?**
R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 10:20-10:40 **Discussion**
- 10:40-11:00 *Coffee Break*



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Auditorium

DEVELOPMENTS IN STROKE PREVENTION

Chairs: J.A. Camm (London, UNITED KINGDOM),
R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY)

11:00-11:20 **Subclinical AF: Anticoagulate or not?**

T. De Potter (Aalst, BELGIUM)

11:20-11:40 **Which anticoagulation strategy for different valvular heart disease: native valvular heart diseases, TAVI, surgical bioprostheses, mechanical heart valves?**

V. Pengo (ITALY)

11:40-12:00 **Latest strategies for acute ischemic stroke in AF**

P. Vitali (Milan, ITALY)

12:00-12:20 **Refining stroke risk in AF: Anticoagulate or not?**

T.P. Potpara (Belgrade, SERBIA)

12:20-12:40 **Discussion**

12:40-13:30 *Buffet Lunch*

13:30-15:10

Auditorium

STROKE REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Chairs: M. Guazzi (Milan, ITALY), T.P. Potpara (Belgrade, SERBIA)

13:30-13:50 **Anticoagulation in hemodialysis**

S.D. Pokorney (Durham, USA)

13:50-14:10 **Future of factor XIa inhibitors after premature termination of OCEANIC-AF**

J.A. Camm (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

14:10-14:30 **Anticoagulation after catheter ablation**

R. Providencia (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

14:30-14:50 **Role of LLA occlusion in 2024**

J.E. Nielsen-Kudsk (Aarhus, DENMARK)

14:50-15:10 **Discussion**

15:10-15:30 *Coffee Break*



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MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION IN 2024

Chairs: M. Brignole (Lavagna-Ge, ITALY), L. Calò (Rome, ITALY)

- 15:30-15:50 **Does cognitive behavioural therapy improve QoL in AF?**
H. Ali (Milan, ITALY)
- 15:50-16:10 **Ablate & pace in AF: a real option?**
M. Brignole (Lavagna-Ge, ITALY)
- 16:10-16:30 **Early rhythm control in AF: a review of East-AF analyses in 2024**
A. Rillig (Hamburg, GERMANY)
- 16:30-16:50 **Risk factor reduction for AF and improving outcomes**
T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY)
- 16:50-17:00 **Discussion**



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ADVANCES IN MAPPING AND ABLATION OF AF

Chair: K.H. Kuck (Hamburg, GERMANY), H. Nakagawa (Cleveland, USA)

08:00-08:15 **Double balloon ultra short duration steam power ablation**

R. Gopinathannair (Kansas City, USA)

08:15-08:30 **Pulse select**

C. Heeger (Hamburg, GERMANY)

08:30-08:45 **STAR Mapping**

R. Schilling (London, UK)

08:45-09:00 **Affera**

A. Metzner (Hamburg, GERMANY)

09:00-09:15 **3D Mapping Integration with Electroporation**

C. Tondo (Milan, ITALY)

09:15-09:30 **Rhythmia**

M. Cireddu (Milan, ITALY)

09:30-09:45 **Coherent Sine Burst PFA**

I. Sikiric (Split, CROATIA)

09:45-10:00 **Discussion**

10:00-10:30 *Coffee Break*



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IS ALL PFA FOR AF ABLATION THE SAME?

Chairs: C. Tondo (Milan, ITALY), J. Kautzner (Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC)

- 10:30-10:50 **How to Control Durable PFA Lesion Size in Clinical Applications - Does Contact Force Matter?**
H. Nakagawa (Cleveland, USA)
- 10:50-11:10 **A Lattice-Tip Mapping and Ablation System with RF and PFA Energy for Treating Persistent Atrial Fibrillation**
J. Kautzner (Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC)
- 11:10-11:30 **Cryoablation of AF in 2024**
C. Heeger (Hamburg, GERMANY)
- 11:30-11:50 **Is PFA about to kill radio-frequency ablation?**
K.H. Kuck (Hamburg, GERMANY)
- 11:50-12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00-13:00 *Buffet Lunch*



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MESSAGES FROM PUBLISHED AND ONGOING MULTI-CENTRE STUDIES

Chairs: T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY), M. Tritto (Milan, ITALY)

13:00-13:20 **Catheter ablation with HF and reduced ejection fraction**
C. Sohns (Bad Oyehausen, GERMANY)

13:20-13:30 **Catheter ablation in persistent AF**
D. Shah (Geneve, SWITZERLAND)

13:30-13:50 **Impact of catheter ablation on prognosis**
D. Packer (Rochester-Mn, USA)

13:50-14:00 **Role of LAA ligation in catheter ablation of persistent AF**
R. Gopinathannair (Kansas City, USA)

14:00-14:20 **Guidelines for catheter ablation of AF: a re-appraisal**
R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY)

14:20-14:40 **Impact of ablation on patient reported outcome measures**
V. Kanthasamy (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

14:40-14:50 **The Richard's take home message from Europe AF 2024**
R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

14:50-14:55 **Conclusive remarks**
R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM),
T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY),
R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY)



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