



# Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting

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2005



## Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology

President: Michele M. Gulizia

ADVANCE PROGRAM





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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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## ORGANISED BY

**Cardiology Unit**

S. Luigi – S. Currò Hospital  
Catania – Italy

## CONGRESS VENUE

**Hotel Villa Diodoro**

Via Bagnoli Croci, 75  
Taormina (Me) - Italy

**Official language English.**

**All the sessions will be translated from English to Italian.**





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**EHRA**

European Heart Rhythm  
Association



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International Cardiac Pacing  
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**Heart Rhythm Society**

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Heart Rhythm Society



**SOLAECE**

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**WHF**

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|                                | ETNA room                                                                                                                           | TAORMINA room                                                                                               |
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| 8.00 - 9.00                    | Registration                                                                                                                        | Registration                                                                                                |
| 9.00 - 10.30                   | <b>Minicourse</b><br>Doppler Echocardiography in the Management of Heart Failure                                                    | <b>Minicourse</b><br>Syncope: Practical Issues of Diagnosis and Treatment                                   |
| 10.30 - 11.00                  | E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T                                                                                                       |                                                                                                             |
| 11.00 - 12.30                  | <b>Minicourse</b><br>International Guidelines: Practical Applications for the Management of the Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology  | <b>Minicourse</b><br>Latest Technologies in Cardiovascular Imaging: An Update for the Clinical Cardiologist |
| 12.30 - 13.00                  | <b>Lecture</b><br>Dual Inhibition: A New Approach in Cholesterol Reduction                                                          | <b>Lecture</b><br>Spinal Cord Stimulation in Refractory Coronary Artery Disease: the Last Resort?           |
| 13.00 - 14.30                  | <b>Luncheon Panel</b><br>New Trends in Physiological Pacing and Optimal Pacing Sites                                                | <b>Luncheon Panel</b><br>CRT: New Therapeutic and Diagnostic Perspectives in Heart Failure Management       |
| 15.00 - 17.00                  | <b>Symposium</b><br>Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: Present and Future                                                             |                                                                                                             |
| 17.00 - 17.30<br>17.30 - 18.30 | <b>Opening Ceremony</b><br><b>Plenary Lecture</b><br>Implantable Electrical Device Therapy: Past, Present and Future Considerations |                                                                                                             |
| 19.00                          | <b>Welcome Cocktail</b>                                                                                                             |                                                                                                             |



| CASTELMOLA room         |                           | ISOLA BELLA room |  |
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| BLS-D Course - part I   | CHF-CRT Live Implantation | ECHO-CRT Course  |  |
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THURSDAY, April 7

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| ETNA room     |                                                                                                                           | TAORMINA room                                                                                                                         |  |
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| 8.00 - 9.00   | <b>Intercultural Exchanges on</b><br>Arrhythmias, Cardiac Pacing and<br>Defibrillation<br>Selected Communications Session | <b>Intercultural Exchanges on</b><br>Coronary Artery Disease<br>Selected Communications Session                                       |  |
| 9.00 - 10.30  | <b>Symposium</b><br>Protagonists of Global<br>Cardiovascular Risk: role<br>of PUFA $\alpha$ -3                            | <b>Meet the Experts</b><br><i>Interactive Session on</i><br>Managing Sudden Death:<br>the Selection of Patients,<br>Drugs and Devices |  |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 11.00 - 13.00 | <b>Symposium</b><br>State of the Art in High Energy Device<br>Therapy for Sudden Cardiac Death<br>and Heart Failure       | <b>Practical Issues on</b><br>Global Cardiovascular Risk<br>Assessment in Hypertension<br>and in Heart Failure                        |  |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | <b>Luncheon Panel</b><br>Hemodynamic Sensing in the Control<br>of Pacing Function                                         | <b>Luncheon Panel</b><br>Management of ACS:<br>from Acute to Long Term                                                                |  |
| 15.00 - 16.30 | <b>Symposium</b><br>Advances in Managing Heart Failure<br>and Sudden Cardiac Death                                        | <b>Symposium</b><br>Drug-Eluting Stents. Current Practice<br>and Major Challenge: but Are They<br>an Alternative to Surgery?          |  |
| 16.30 - 17.00 | E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 17.00 - 17.30 | <b>Lecture</b><br>Lipid Lowering Treatment<br>in Heart Failure                                                            |                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 17.30 - 19.00 | <b>MCM - AIAC Joint Session</b><br>Non-Electric Treatment<br>of Atrial Fibrillation                                       | <b>Symposium</b><br>Tirofiban: New Therapeutical<br>Perspectives                                                                      |  |

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| BLS-D Course - part IV  | CHF-CRT Live Implantation | ECHO-CRT Course  |  |

FRIDAY, April 8

programme at a glance



| ETNA room     |                                                                                                                                                     | TAORMINA room                                                                                              |  |
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| 8.30 - 9.30   | <b>Intercultural Exchanges on</b><br>Congestive Heart Failure<br>Selected Communications Session                                                    | <b>Intercultural Exchanges on</b><br>Cardiovascular Prevention<br>Selected Communications Session          |  |
| 9.30 - 10.30  | <b>Meet the Experts</b><br><i>Interactive Session on</i><br>Emerging Concepts in the<br>Management of Acute Coronary<br>Syndromes: is all so clear? | <b>Meet the Experts</b><br><i>Interactive Session on</i><br>Mapping and Ablation<br>of Complex Arrhythmias |  |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | E X H I B I T I O N   V I S I T                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                            |  |
| 11.00 - 12.30 | <b>Symposium</b><br>How to Approach CRT Today                                                                                                       | <b>Symposium</b><br>Vaso-Vagal Syncope:<br>Soft Treatment for a Soft Disease?                              |  |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | <b>Lecture</b><br>New Approach in the Prevention of<br>New Onset of Atrial Fibrillation:<br>Role of AII-Antagonist                                  | <b>Lecture</b><br>Aspirin and Cardiovascular<br>Prevention in the Guidelines<br>and in the Real World      |  |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | <b>Luncheon Panel</b><br>Pharmacological Therapy<br>of Atrial Fibrillation:<br>from Guidelines to Real Life                                         |                                                                                                            |  |
| 15.00 - 16.30 | <b>Symposium</b><br>Future New Indications for<br>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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SATURDAY, April 9

per ongoing attendance



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## program at a glance

Course Language: Italian

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## Basic Life Support Defibrillation (BLS-D)

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

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

- The “Basic Life Support Defibrillation Course” is under accreditation by the Italian Board for Continuous Education in Medicine (ECM).
- The Course duration is one day.
- See page 50 for details.



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

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

|                      |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>08.30 – 08.45</b> | Welcome address                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>08.45 – 10.00</b> | Theoretical approach to CRT<br>Ventricular Dyssynchrony: | Incidence and Prevalence,<br>Clinical Consequences                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                      | Cardiac Resynchronization:                               | Proposed Mechanisms of Benefit<br>Clinical Trial Results                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                      | How to Avoid a Non-Responder:                            | Patient selection and Echo criteria                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                      | Lead and Device Implantation:                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prerequisites-</li> <li>• Anatomical Considerations</li> <li>• Implant Site and Access Route</li> <li>• Sequence of Electrode Implant</li> <li>• Threshold Measurements</li> </ul> |
|                      | Troubleshooting the Implant<br>Tips and Tricks:          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessing the CS</li> <li>• Choosing, Placing, and Stabilizing the LV lead-</li> <li>• Removing the tools</li> <li>• Challenging cases Device Optimization</li> </ul>              |

|                      | <b>workshop 1</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>workshop 2</b>                                                                                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>10.00 – 13.30</b> | <b>Close to Real-Life Simulator.<br/>CRT Implantation Training</b><br>(by group of 2 participants<br>with 45 min on the 3d simulator) | <b>Path Model Instruction and Training</b><br>(by group of 4 participants with 30 min on the model) |

**13.30 – 15.00 Lunch**

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

**17.30 – 18.00** Questions and Answers. ECM Questionnaire

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- The Course duration is one day.
- See page 50 for details.



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## daily program

Course Language: Italian for Italian Groups,  
English for other Countries Groups

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### ECHO-CRT Course

## Advanced Training on Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: Echocardiographic Markers

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

**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 – 10.30** Device Optimization

**10.30 – 11.00** Coffee Break

**11.00 – 11.15** Implant procedure video

**11.15 – 11.30** Echo in Heart Failure: What is mandatory in the report?

**11.30 – 12.00** How do you evaluate a Heart Failure Patient's Echocardiogram?  
Mechanical Dyssynchrony: Conventional Echo Markers

**12.00 – 13.30** Practical Experience using the GE EchoPac Workstation

**13.30 – 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** Question & Answers. ECM Questionnaire

- The "Advanced Teaching Course on Resynchronization Therapy: Echocardiographic Markers" is under accreditation 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. Sogaard (Hellerup)**

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

Which is the Role Played by Left Ventricular Dysfunction in patients with Supraventricular Arrhythmias?

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

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

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

***Interactive Session with use of Televoter***



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Thursday, April 7

9.00 – 10.30 *Minicourse*

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## **Syncope: Practical Issues of Diagnosis and Treatment**

*Chairmen:* **M. Disertori (Trento)**

Role of Anamnesis: is it a Complete Tool?

**P. Alboni (Cento)**

Neurovegetative Functional Tests:

Which Choice in the Common Clinical Practice?

**M. Brignole (Lavagna), C. Menozzi (R. Emilia)**

Tilt Test: still Useful or Obsolete Tool?

**F. Ammirati (Rome)**

Implantable or Non-Implantable Loop Recorder:  
Advantages and Limits.

**A. Moya (Barcelona)**

When do we need Permanent Pacemaker in Neuromediated Syncope?

**F. Giada (Mestre-Venice)**

***Interactive Session with use of 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)**

Guidelines for the Management of Patients With ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction.

**A. Mafrici (Milan)**

Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Atrial Fibrillation.

**E. Prystowsky (Indianapolis)**

Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Heart Failure.

**G. Sinagra (Trieste)**

Guidelines for the Management of Syncope.

**M. Brignole (Lavagna)**

Guidelines for the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death.

**C. Morillo (Hamilton)**

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

*Chairmen:* **H. Theres (Berlin)**

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

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

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

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

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## Dual Inhibition: A New Approach in Cholesterol Reduction

*Chairman: tbd*

*Speaker: A. Corsini (Milan)*

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

*Chairman: A. Lanza (Rome)*

*Speaker: H. Theres (Berlin)*



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## New Trends in Physiological Pacing and Optimal Pacing Sites

*Chairmen:* **E. Ovsyscher (BeerSheva), R. Ricci (Rome)**

How to Reduce AF Occurrence in Device Recipients: Algorithms, Therapies or New Pacing Modalities?

**G.L. Botto (Como)**

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)**

Do Hybrid Therapies for Atrial Fibrillation still have a Role in the Era of Pulmonary Veins?

**L. Mont (Barcelona)**

Optimal Pacing Site in the Atrium and the Ventricle for patients with Seno-Atrial Disease.

**G. Senatore (Ciriè)**

The Role of Hisian Pacing: Reliability and its Potential Role to Avoid Ventricular Dyssynchrony.

**F. Zanon (Rovigo)**



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**CRT: New Therapeutic and Diagnostic Perspectives  
in Heart Failure Management**

*Chairmen:* **D. Igdbashian (Gorizia), tbd**

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

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

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

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



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## **Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: Present and Future**

*Chairmen:* **A. Natale (Cleveland), A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)**

- 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)**



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*Chairman: M. Gulizia (Catania)*

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

**A.J. Moss (Rochester)**

19.00 **Welcome Cocktail**





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Arrhythmias, Cardiac Pacing and Defibrillation  
*Selected Communications Session*

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Coronary Artery Disease  
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## **Protagonists of Global Cardiovascular Risk: role of PUFA n-3**

*Chairmen:* **R. Marchioli (S. Maria Imbaro)**

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

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

PUFA n-3 and Arrhythmias.

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



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

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

Risk Identification in Arrhythmic Athletes with Fatal or Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest.

**F. Furlanello (Trento,Milan)**

ACC/ESC Recommendations for the Clinical Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: A Practical Perspective.

**P. Delise (Conegliano Veneto)**

Management of Cardiac Arrhythmias in Post-PCI patients.

**B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)**

Short-QT: the novel Gaita Syndrome?

**F. Gaita (Asti)**

Sudden Death Prevention by BLSD:

Which Difference between Lay People and General Practitioners?

**M. Santomauro (Naples)**

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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)**

Does Minimal Ventricular Pacing Mode really Help to Better Manage  
ICD patients Avoiding AF and HF Development?

**F. Murgatroyd (London)**

From Treatment to Early Prevention of Acute Heart Failure:  
the Role of Fluid Monitoring in Implantable Device for CRT.

**F. Coltorti (Mercogliano)**

The Role of Painless Therapies for Fast Ventricular Tachycardia:  
Painfree studies and the PITAGORA ICD study.

**M. Gulizia (Catania)**

MADIT II / SCD-Heft results: Have They already Achieved an Impact  
in Europe?

**A. Arenal (Madrid)**

MADIT II / SCD-Heft results: Have They already Achieved an Impact  
in USA?

**S. Hammil (Rochester)**

Cost Effectiveness of Primary Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death  
with ICD.

**G. Vergara (Rovereto)**



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## **Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Hypertension.**

*Chairmen:* **A. Circo (Catania), P.A. Poole-Wilson (London)**

Guidelines on Antihypertensive Therapy:  
an Update after the ALLHAT study.

**A. Salvetti (Pisa)**

Serial Changes in Left Ventricular Mass in Hypertension:  
Prognostic Impact.

**P. Verdecchia (Perugia)**

Elderly in Cardiology: do we Treat all Patients in the Same Way?

**M.F. Kenda (Ljubljana)**

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## **Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Heart Failure.**

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

The Natural History of Dilated Cardiomyopathy: a review of the Heart Muscle Disease Registry of Trieste.

**A. Di Lenarda (Trieste)**

Which is the Optimal Pharmacological Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation in patients with CHF?

**P.A. Poole-Wilson (London)**

How much ICD Impact Primary vs Secondary Prevention of Sudden Death in patients with Dilated Cardiomyopathy?

**M. Lunati (Milano)**

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## Hemodynamic Sensing in the Control of Pacing Function

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

Advances in Pacemaker Automaticity.

**O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires)**

Hemodynamic Assessment by Trans-Valvular Impedance Recording.

**M.G. Bongiorno (Pisa)**

Rate-Responsive Pacing controlled by Trans-Valvular Impedance:  
Preliminary Clinical Experience.

**E. Occhetta (Novara)**

Initial Experience of Implanted Pacemakers with Hemodynamic  
Sensor. Evaluation of Sensor Safety.

**N. Galizio (Buenos Aires)**

Trans-Valvular Impedance in the Auto-Regulation of a Cardiac  
Pacemaker.

**F. Dorticós (Havana)**



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### **Management of ACS: from Acute to Long Term**

*Chairmen:* **A. Boccanelli (Rome), S. Mehta (Hamilton)**

Clinical Evidence, Guidelines and Gaps.  
**tbd**

New Strategies for the Treatment of MI.  
**F. Chiarella (Pietra Ligure)**

Role of the Antiplatelet Therapy in the Long Term Protection.  
**L. Bolognese (Arezzo)**



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## **Advances in Managing Heart Failure and Sudden Cardiac Death**

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

Update on Most Recent and Ongoing Trials.

**A. Auricchio (Magdeburg)**

CRT Patient Selection: Who is the Patient At Risk?

**L. Padeletti (Florence)**

Device Therapy for HF: Which Device?

**M. Gasparini, F. Regoli (Milan)**

CRT Optimization: Enhancing Patient Benefits.

**P. Søgaard (Hellerup)**

Cost-Effectiveness of CRT in HF patients.

**G. Mascioli, A. Curnis (Brescia)**





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

*Chairmen:* **A. Fiscella (Catania)**, tba

Left Main.

**I. Sheiban (Turin)**

Multivessel.

**C. Tamburino (Catania)**

Diabetics.

**G. Binetti (Pesaro)**

Safety & Efficacy in Cypher complex case.

**A. Marzocchi (Bologna)**



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## **Lipid Lowering Treatment in Heart Failure**

*Chairmen:* **M.F. Kenda (Ljubljana)**

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



17.30 – 19.00 **MCM - AIAC Joint Session**

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**Non Electric Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation**

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

Clinical Stratification of AF patients: the GISSI-AF Study.  
**M. Disertori (Trento)**

When Not To Treat.  
**R. Pedretti (Tradate)**

Pharmacological Treatment of Paroxysmal AF.  
**L. Bianconi (Rome)**

Pharmacological Prevention of Arrhythmic Recurrences.  
**G. Chiarandà (Augusta)**

Timing and Typology of Cardio-Embolic Prevention.  
**G. Di Pasquale**

Surgical Therapy.  
**L. Patanè (Pedara)**





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## **Tirofiban: New Therapeutical Perspectives**

*Chairmen:* **C. Tamburino (Catania), tba**

**Tirofiban and NSTEMI Management: The Current Perspective.**  
**C. Cavallini (Treviso)**

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



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Congestive Heart Failure  
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Cardiovascular Prevention  
*Selected Communications Session*



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

*Chairmen:* **L. Bolognese (Arezzo)**

Pathogenetic and Immunologic Paradigm of Atherosclerotic Plaque.  
**G. Calcara (Catania)**

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)**

Acute Coronary Syndromes & Diabetes: How Much can we Intervene?  
**F. Bovenzi (Lucca)**

Computed Tomography Coronary Angiography with a 16-row Multislice  
Scanner: How Much Do We Need Diagnostic Hemodynamic  
Angiography Anymore?

**F. Cademartiri (Rotterdam)**

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## **Interactive Session on Mapping and Ablation of Complex Arrhythmias**

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

Non Common Form of Atrial Flutter.  
**A.S. Montenero (Sesto San Giovanni)**

Atypical Accessory Pathways.  
**R. Cappato (S. Donato Milanese)**

Fast VTs, Epicardial VTs, and other VTs: Is There a Role for Ablation  
as a First Line Therapy?  
**G. Vicedomini (Milan)**

VF Ablation: Is it Possible and When?  
**A. Natale (Cleveland)**

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## How to Approach CRT Today

*Chairmen:* **S. Mangiameli (Catania)**, tba

Intracardiac Impedance Monitoring: a Tool for CRT Optimization.  
**M. Bocchiardo (Asti)**

Detection of Right and Left Ventricular Capture through Evoked Response Analysis.  
**E. Gostoli (Alessandria)**

Different Left Ventricular Stimulation Sites for Biventricular Pacing: Which Influence in CRT Outcomes?  
**H. Poty (Lyon)**

Advancement in “Over The Wire – Stylet” Guided Left Ventricular Leads.  
**S. Boveda (Toulouse)**

Real Time Assessment of CRT Efficacy via Home Monitoring.  
**G. Lascault (Paris)**

Right Ventricular Bifocal Pacing: An Alternate Approach to CRT?  
**P. Diotalleivi (Alessandria)**



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

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

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

**Physical Manoeuvres.**  
**A. Moya (Barcelona)**

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

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

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

*Chairman:* P.A. Poole-Wilson (London)

*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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## **Pharmacological Therapy of Atrial Fibrillation: from Guidelines to Real Life**

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

**Drug Therapy in Association/Propaedeutic to AF Ablation.  
M. Scaglione (Asti)**

**Which Drug to Prefer in Different Situation?  
G.L. Botto (Como)**

**Presentation of Clinical Cases  
B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)  
D. Caponi (Asti)**

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## **Future New Indications for PM/CRT/ICD**

*Chairmen:* **A. Auricchio (Magdeburg), G. Vergara (Rovereto)**

Physiological Pacing Perspective.

**E. Ovsyscher (BeerSheva)**

Why and When to Prefer CRT/ICD implantation to CRT alone in Patients with Different Degree of HF?

**S. Nisam (Diegem)**

ICD Clinical Course after VT or VF.

**A. Moss (Rochester)**

Remote Patient Management of ICD:

What's the Value in the Clinical Practice?

**S. Sermasi (Rimini)**





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### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTERS

The abstracts must be submitted in English to the following Internet web-site: [www.adriacongrex/mcm2005](http://www.adriacongrex/mcm2005). The font size should be 12 points, Times New Roman font (maximum 2,485 characters). **Deadline: January 15 2005.**

The presentation of an abstract requires the registration of at least one of the authors. Scientific Secretariat will send the official confirmation to authors by February 2005

**There will be special awards given to “the best communication” selected by the Scientific Committee between accepted oral communications and posters**

### MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The Meeting proceedings containing the texts of all 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 onto a CD ROM, and to be on the safe side, bring also your lap-top with you, however, for technical reasons, **it will not be possible to project with the personal laptop during the sessions.** 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.

### 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. after the end of last session.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

We have requested to be granted educational credits (CME) by the National Commission for Continuous Education. We are still waiting for the confirmation by the Ministry of Health.



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### CONGRESS VENUE

#### Hotel Villa Diodoro

Via Bagnoli Croci, 75  
98039 Taormina (Me)

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Web site: [www.gaishotels.com/diodoro](http://www.gaishotels.com/diodoro)

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is **English**. All the sessions will be translated in Italian.

### EXHIBITION

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

|                                 | <i>Before October 15 2004</i> | <i>After October 15 2004</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Delegate                        | Euro 360,00 VAT incl.         | Euro 420,00 VAT incl.        |
| CHF-CRTLive Implantation Course | Euro 300,00 VAT incl.         | Euro 350,00 VAT incl.        |
| ECHO-CRT Course                 | Euro 200,00 VAT incl.         | Euro 250,00 VAT incl.        |
| BLS-D Course                    | Euro 140,00 VAT incl.         | Euro 180,00 VAT incl.        |
| Accompanying person             | Euro 150,00 VAT incl.         | Euro 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, CME certificate, badge and congress kit, welcome cocktail, and coffee breaks at the Venue.



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### **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. Maximum 45 participants (**April 7:** 12 participants; **April 8:** 15 participants; **April 9:** 18 participants) assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge with date and timetables to be respected.

### **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 echocolor Doppler 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. Maximum 48 participants (16 persons per day) assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge with date and timetables to be respected.

### **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, CME certificate, coffee breaks and light lunch taken at the Venue. Maximum 20 participants assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge.

### **The accompanying person registration fee includes:**

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

**To register (also for BLS-D, CHF live implantation and ECHO-CRT courses) it is necessary to fill in the registration form, send it to Adria Congrex with the full payment. Post mark certifies mailing date.**

DELEGATES FAILING TO REGISTER BY **MARCH 20** 2005 MAY BE ABLE TO REGISTER AT THE CONGRESS VENUE.





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### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The hotel accommodation form must be filled in and sent to Adria Congrex with the hotel deposit. As Taormina is a world-wide famous tourist resort, and April is the opening holiday season, it is highly recommended to book well in advance, in any case **no later than January 15, 2005**. Adria Congrex will make every effort to place you in the hotel category of your choice. Hotels in Taormina have very few single rooms at disposal, therefore, in case single rooms are no longer available, double rooms will be assigned as single. Once hotel availability in Taormina is over, they will be assigned in Taormina Mare. A confirmation will be sent starting from February 15, 2005.

**Please note that hotel categories and rooms are assigned on a first come first served basis.** A deposit for the first night is required to process your reservation. The deposit paid will be deducted from the hotel bill, payment in full of the balance is due at check out. The hotel will provide official receipt for the whole amount.

#### *Rates and deposit*

|                     | Double               | Single               | Deposit     |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Five Stars          | Euro 350,00 / 430,00 | Euro 190,00 / 290,00 | Euro 290,00 |
| Four Stars superior | Euro 225,00 / 300,00 | Euro 190,00 / 280,00 | Euro 290,00 |
| Four Stars          | Euro 210,00 / 250,00 | Euro 130,00 / 250,00 | Euro 200,00 |
| Three stars         | Euro 120,00 / 180,00 | Euro 85,00 / 120,00  | Euro 150,00 |

All prices include: taxes, service, continental breakfast and are per room per night.

### PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Accepted payments are: cheque written on Italian Banks, credit cards, Bank transfer in Euro (made out to Adria Congrex Banca Carim ag. 14 IBAN code IT81Bo628524214 001402118559 – swift code CRRN IT 2R). **All costs to transmitter's charge.** Please indicate clearly and in full your name, address and MCM2005 on cheques and money orders.

Registration and hotel reservation will be confirmed only on receipt of the amounts due. Adria Congrex will provide regular invoice for registration and reservation fees. The form should therefore be fully completed with the European VAT code (only for EU countries) and the invoice address.



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### CANCELLATION POLICY

Any cancellation should be notified in writing to Adria Congrex and will be subject to the following conditions: **Before December 30, 2004.**

Refund of registration is subject to a 30% administrative charge, while for hotel deposit no refund will be made. All refunds, if any, will be made after the congress **(all costs to receiver's charge).**

**After December 30, 2004:** no refund of any kind.

No refund in any case will be made for BLS-D, ECHO-CRT and CHF Live Implantation Courses registration.

### CHANGES in 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.





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## HOW TO ARRIVE IN TAORMINA

Taormina can be easily reached by any means of transport from all over the world fitting any traveller budget.





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**PLANE:** Catania Fontanarossa International, the nearest and most convenient airport, is km 55 from Taormina. From Catania airport Taormina can be reached in one hour drive by highway A18 direction Messina, highway exit TAORMINA. Direct bus to Taormina centre is available at the following time: 08.45 – 10.45 - 13.45 – 15.45 – 17.45 – 19.45 every day and the ticket costs Euro 4,70 per person. By taxi the price is about Euro 80,00 (about 1 hour).

**CAR:** Sicily and Taormina can be reached by car through highways (green road signs) from every main Italian city. From Northern Italy, you can drive along the highway A1 through Naples and Salerno; then from Salerno (Amalfi coast & Capri area) take the free of charge highway A3 direction Reggio Calabria. Take exit "Villa S. Giovanni - Sicilia ", and get to the harbour where very frequent ferries connect the mainland to Sicily 24 hours a day (city of Messina) . Once in Messina, take highway A18 direction Catania, drive for about 30 minutes, and take exit "Taormina". If you come from Catania, just take highway A18 direction Messina and take exit "Taormina". If you come from Palermo take highway A20 to Messina, then highway A18 direction Catania and take exit Taormina.

**TRAIN:** For its charming Sicilian liberty decorative style Taormina's railway station is considered one of the most beautiful in Italy. It offers a large variety of trains, from the deluxe Eurostar to the simple, but very efficient, "Espresso train" normally departing from Milan, Turin and Rome, passing through Naples, Amalfi and Capri. The railway station is only 4 km from Taormina town centre. The taxi parking area and the bus terminal are just opposite the railway station main entrance.

**SHIP:** From Northern Europe & Italy, it is possible to take a comfortable ship from Genoa port (company Tirrenia) and reach Palermo in about 17/18 hours. From Palermo, Taormina can be reached by highway A19 (about 2 hours drive). Frequent ferries from Naples to Milazzo (one hour drive to Taormina) and one daily from Ravenna (Adriatic northern coast) to Catania as well as modern speed boats and catamarans daily from Malta to Catania and Pozzallo are also available.

**BUS:** Taormina's modern bus terminal is situated right in the town centre. Frequent buses (Company "Interbus") run from Palermo, Catania (airport included) and Messina. Moreover, there are easy connections from Rome and Amalfi (company Interbusiness), Bari, Brindisi (ferries from Greece) and Taranto (company Etna).



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### ELECTRICITY

The electric current in Italy is 220 Volts.

### TIPPING

Service is generally included in the bill, tips are 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 and delegates are advised to take the usual sensible precautions. All the hotels can offer security facilities for valuable goods.

### INSURANCE

Responsibility for personal accidents or loss or damage to the private property of participants and exhibitors cannot be accepted. Participants and exhibitors are advised to make their own arrangements, with respect to insurance, if they consider it necessary.

### FURTHER INFORMATION ON INTERNET

*about Taormina & Sicily*

[www.comune.taormina.it](http://www.comune.taormina.it)

*about transport and weather in Sicily*

[www.aeroporto.catania.it/](http://www.aeroporto.catania.it/)

[www.tempoitalia.it/previsione](http://www.tempoitalia.it/previsione)



[www.adriacongrex.it/mcm2005](http://www.adriacongrex.it/mcm2005)