

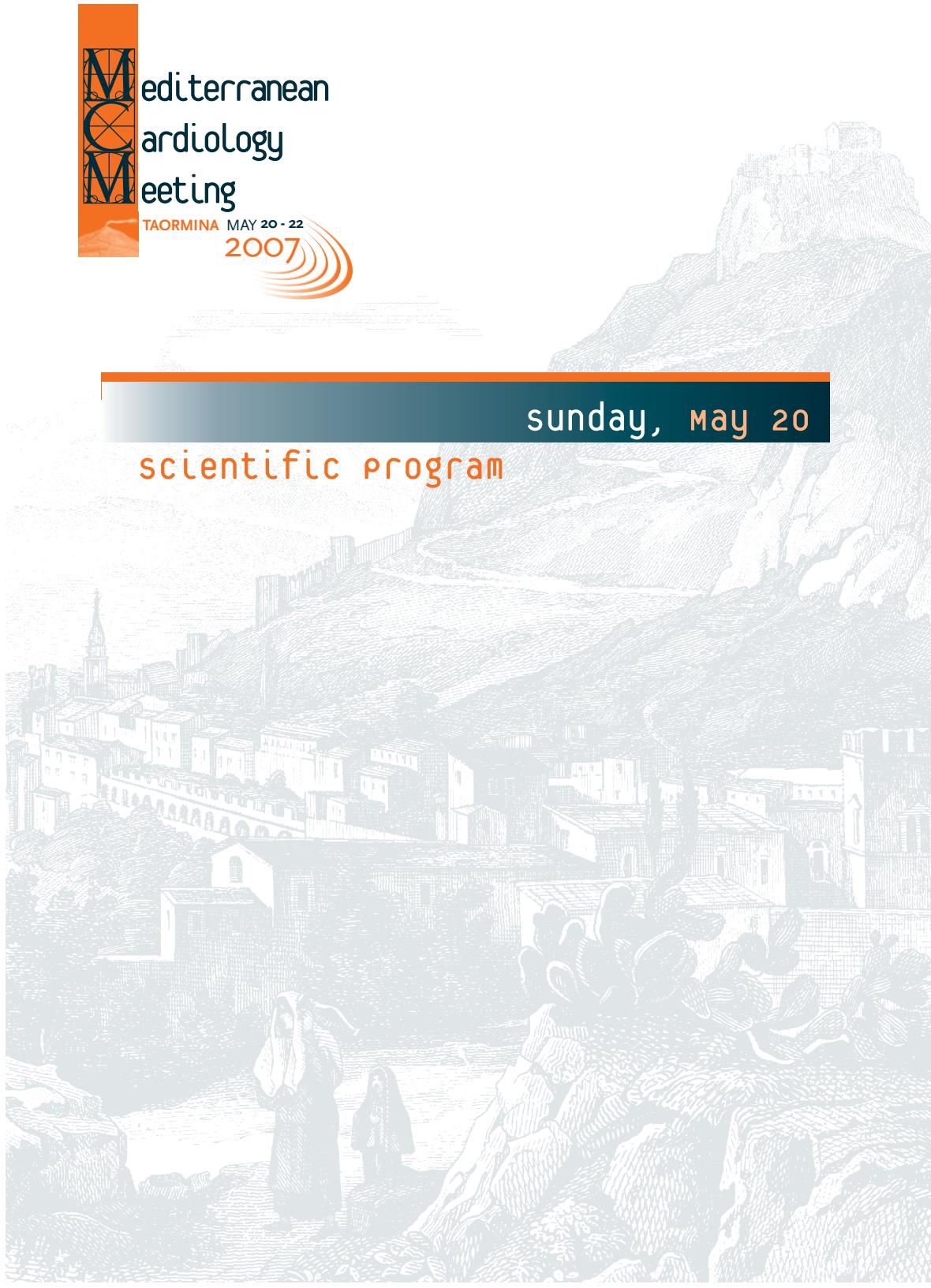
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8.00 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 - 10.30 Minicourse Mamertina Room

Update on Acute Coronary Syndromes & Prevention of Cardiovascular Risk

Chairmen: S. Mangiameli (Catania), S. Novo (Palermo)

Imaging Techniques to Identify High Risk Patients
S. Iliceto (Padua)

Is Stem Cell Therapy Nowadays Usable
in Acute Myocardial Infarction
A.P. Maggioni (Florence)

Is there a Limit for PTCA in Elderly Patients?
F. Bovenzi (Lucca)

When is the Time to send Patients
with Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation to Cardiac Surgery?
S. Carerj (Messina)

Is Better Arterial Pressure Self Measurements
or Ambulatory 24 Hours Pressure Monitoring?
C. Fernandez (Rome)

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International Guidelines: Practical Applications and Current News in Cardiology

Chairmen: **B.J. Maron (Minneapolis),
A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)**

Acute Coronary Syndromes
G. Chiarandà (Augusta)

Cardiac Syncope
J.J. Blanc (Brest)

Atrial Fibrillation
A. Natale (Cleveland)

Heart Failure
E. Crystal (Toronto)

Sudden Cardiac Death
S. Nisam (Diegem)

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The Diagnostic Evaluation of a Patient with Recurrent Syncopal Episodes

Chairmen: C. Menozzi (Reggio Emilia), M. Santomauro (Naples)

Taking Patient History

A. Moya (Barcelona)

Performing Carotid Sinus Massage

R. Maggi (Lavagna)

Performing Tilt Testing and Physical Counter-Manoeuvre
Training

G.M. Francese (Catania)

Implanting a Loop Recorder

M. Brignole (Lavagna)

Integrating the Knowledge:

from Emergency Room to Early Diagnosis

F. Rodriguez-Entem (Santander)

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Patient Risk Stratification

Chairmen: A. Circo (Catania), A. Dato (Catania)

- *Non Invasive Sudden Death Risk Stratification:*

- HRV and Turbulence and QT Dynamicity
A. Vincenti (Monza)

- T-Wave Alternans
R. Pedretti (Tradate)

- QRS Width
A. Campana (Salerno)

- *Assessment of Myocardial Viability in Coronary Artery Disease and/or Heart Failure*

- Cost Effectiveness of ICD Therapy in the Prevention of Sudden Death in CAD and/or HF Patients
A. Pozzolini (Fano)

- Echo Stress Test or Nuclear Cardiology
P. Perrone Filardi (Naples)

- Low Dose Dobutamine Test in the Selection of Candidate to CRT
C. Muto (Naples)

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The Role of GPIIb/IIIa in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes

Chairman: G.B. Danzi (Milan)

Lecturer: C. Cavallini (Perugia)

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13.00 - 14.30 Luncheon Panel

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Advanced Solutions to Prevent and Treat HF: A New Vision

Chairmen: J.C. Deharo (Marseille), R.P. Ricci (Rome)

HF in PM/ICD Patients: the Grey Zone between Prevention
and Treatment

C.W. Israel (Frankfurt)

Focus on CRT Optimization Techniques

M. Lunati (Milan)

Ultrafiltration: a «New» Option to Manage Fluid Overload

E. Gronda (Milan)

Predicting HF Events in CRT Patient: the Future Challenge

R. Mantovan (Treviso)

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New Frontiers on Management of Patient with Implantable Device

*Chairmen: J. Clementy (Pessac-Bordeaux),
A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)*

Efficacy of Closed Loop Stimulation on Prevention of
Atrial Tachyarrhythmias: The Burden II Study
A. Puglisi (Rome)

Patient Management with Home Monitoring in Clinical
Practice
R.P. Ricci (Rome)

Optimizing ICD Therapy through Automatic Transmission
of IEGM-Online
N. Combes (Toulouse)

Evaluation of Clinical State of CRT Patients by Continuous
Heart Failure Monitoring
H. Benkemoun (Perpignan)

Bifocal Right Ventricular Pacing as Rescue on CTR
Approach on Failed Biventricular Implants
P. Diotallevi (Alessandria)

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Practical Issues on Treatment of Emerging Pathologies

Chairmen: H. Klein (Magdeburg), E. Mossuti (Siracusa)

Evaluation of Mitral Regurgitation in Ischemic and Dilated Cardiomyopathy
D. Mele (Ferrara)

When is the Time to Remodel or Replace the Mitral Valve?
A.M. Calafiore (Catania)

Utilization of Multisliced TC-scan to Guide LV Optimal Placement in CRT
F. Giraldi (Milan)

Minimal Invasive Techniques in Cardiac Surgery:
An Opportunity for all Patients?
L. Patanè (Pedara)

Management of Chronic LV Threshold and Phrenic Stimulation in CRT Patients: Surgical or Electronic Repositioning?
G. Senatore (Ciriè)

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18.30 - 19.15 *Plenary Lecture*

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Cholesterol and Atherosclerosis:
a Century of Debate and Progress

E. Braunwald (Boston)

19.30 Welcome Cocktail

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Acute Coronary Syndromes

1. Serial NT-PRO-BNP Assessment in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention. A Six Months Follow Up Period
K.M. Lampropoulos, G. Kourgiannidis, N. Tsotsoros, L. Poulimenos, A. Marinakis, V. Dounis, TH.A. Iliopoulos
Athens, Greece
2. Serum Levels of Osteoprotegerin and Rankl in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome
L. Vida-Simiti, A. Cristea, S. Blaga, I. Marian, A. Simiti, A. Dobrescu
Cluj-Napoca, Romania
3. Differential Immuno-Inflammatory Responses in ST- and non-ST-Segment Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes: Causal or Epiphénoménon?
G. Domproglou, E. Koutrouli, I. Sarris, K. Toli, D. Karagiannis, A. Papachristidis, N. Daskalopoulos, A. Petaloudis, J. Mantas, G. Theodorakis
Athens, Greece
4. The Effect of IL-6, IL-10, TNF-Alpha, IFN-Gamma and TGF-Beta Gene Polymorphisms on the Development of Atherosclerotic Coronary Artery Stenosis
A. Chaidaroglou , G. Karabela, S. Adamopoulos, G K. Karavolias, F. Liakopoulou, J. Tsoutsanis, A. Kouloubinis, M. Stokas, D. Degiannis, G. Theodorakis
Athens, Greece

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5. Immuno-Inflammatory Activation and Atherosclerotic Burden in Patients with Coronary Artery Disease
G. Karabela, S. Adamopoulos, G K. Karavolias, A. Chaidaroglou, F. Liakopoulou, E. Koutrouli, A. Kouloubinis, E. Stokas, G. Domproglou, G. Theodorakis
Athens, Greece
6. Green Tea in Acute Coronary Syndrome
S.F. Jalali, K. Hajiyan, L. Farzady
Babol, Iran
7. Influence of the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy on Patency of The Infarct-Related Artery after ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction
D. Djordjevic Radojkovic, M. Tomasevic, Z. Perisic, S. Apostolovic, M. Pavlovic, M. Damjanovic, R. Jankovic, G. Koracevic, T. Kostic
Nis, Serbia
8. Perindopril and Amiodarone as a Combined Treatment in Patients with Ischaemic Heart Disease
S. Grigoryan, L. Hazarapetyan, L. Tunyan
Minsk, Belarus
9. Application of The Reamberin at the Patients with Post Infarction Angina and Cabg
E. Medvedeva, L. Gelis, Y. Ostrovskiy, T. Sevruk, A. Shket
Minsk, Belarus
10. Comparative Valuation of Efficacy of Surgical and Conservative Treatment in Patients with Early Post Infarction Angina
E. Medvedeva, L. Gelis, Y. Ostrovskiy, I. Lazareva, A. Shket, T. Sevruk
Minsk, Belarus

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11. Oral Spiramycine for Prevention of Restenosis
N. Kipshidze, T. Shaburishvili, G. Khabeishvili, M. Abdushelishvili
Tbilisi, Georgia
12. The Value of Myocardial Performance Index to Estimate the Benefit from PCI in Patients with Systolic Dysfunction
E. Arıkan, B. Yanık, M. Yesil, N. Postaci, S. Bayata
Izmir, Turkey
13. The Role of Cigarettes Smoking in Inflammatory Pathways and Acute Coronary Syndromes
I. Burazor, A. Vojdani, M. Burazor, M. Lazovic, J. Glasnovici, S. Nagorni, J. Djordjevic
Nis, Serbia

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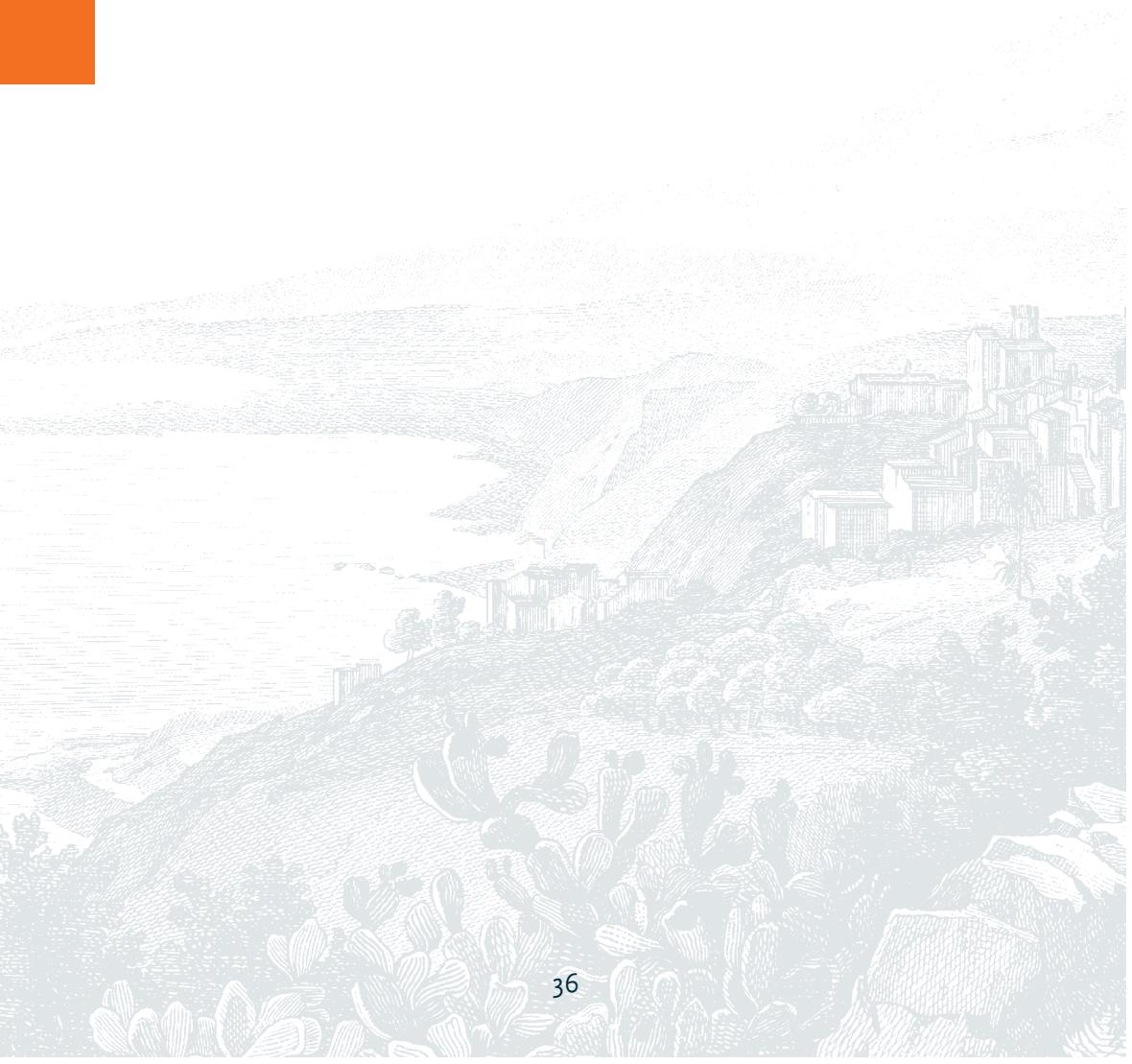
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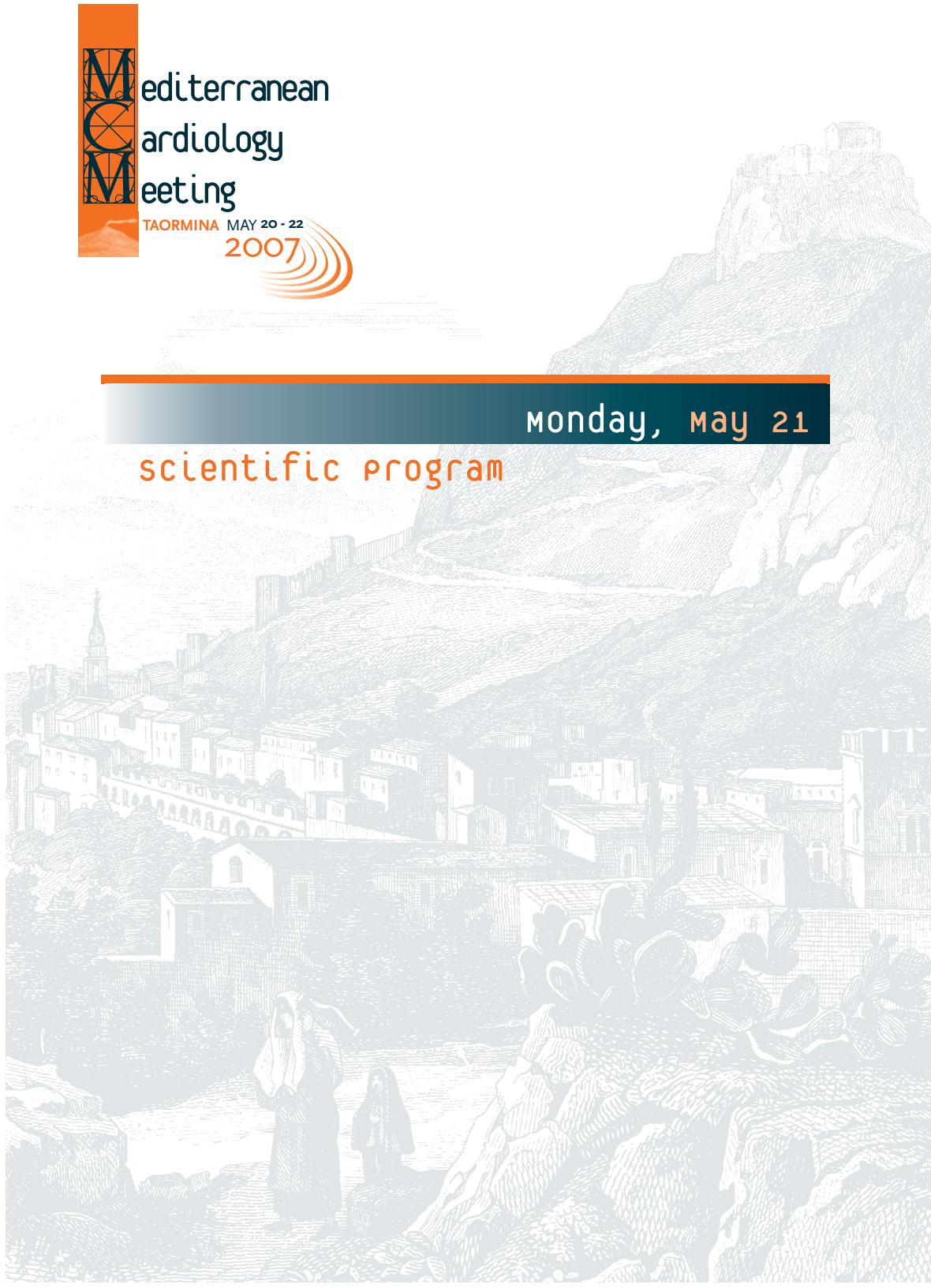
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Acute Coronary Syndromes

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Chairmen: H. Purcell (London), G. Rosano (Rome)

Long Term Prognosis after Primary Angioplasty for Acute Myocardial Infarction in the very Elderly: Multicenter Experience in Patients over 85 Years

N. Franco, A. Santarelli, D. Santoro, M. Ruffini, A. Manari, P. Ortolani, G. Piovaccari

Rimini, Italy

8.10

Fractional and Coronary Flow Reserve in Predicting Restenosis in Patients with Previous Myocardial Infarction Undergoing PCI

B. Beleslin, M. Ostojevic, A. Djordjevic-Dikic, V. Vukcevic, S. Stojkovic, M. Nedeljkovic, D. Orlic, G. Stankovic, V. Giga, J. Stepanovic, Z. Petrasinovic, A. Arandjelovic, J. Kostic, M. Dikic, I. Nedeljkovic

Belgrade, Serbia

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Medium Term Survival of Patients with non ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes Managed with an Early Conservative Approach in the New Era of Antiplatelet Agents and Statins

P. Tarenidis, C. Athanasiou, G. Kelepesis, G. Sifafidis, V. Dimopoulos, J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis

Larissa, Greece



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Effect of Statin Treatment in Exercise Parameters in Diabetic Vs non-Diabetic Patients with Stable Coronary Artery Disease

**A. Agelopoulos, T. Kirlidis, G. Kelepesis, G. Karayiannis,
J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis**
Larissa, Greece

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Risk Factors and Serum Markers for Coronary Artery Disease in Smokers Vs non-Smokers with Rest Angina/non ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction

**C. Athanasiou, P. Tarenidis, G. Kelepesis, G. Sifafidis,
J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis**
Larissa, Greece

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Autonomic Balance and Regional Wall Motion Abnormalities in Smokers Vs non-Smokers with Rest Angina/non ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction

**C. Athanasiou, P. Tarenidis, G. Sifafidis, G. Kelepesis,
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Atrial Arrhythmias

*Chairmen: J.M. Guerra Ramos (Barcelona),
D. Mangiameli (Catania)*

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| 8.00 | Occurrence of Atrial Fibrillation in Patients with Chronic Heart Failure Treated by Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy
H. Mlcochova, L. Riedlbauchova, R. Cihak, J. Bytesnik, V. Vancura, K. Lefflerova, R. Krausova, J. Kautzner
Prague, Czech Republic |
| 8.10 | Comparison of 8-Mm-Large-Tip Versus Closed Cooled-Tip Catheters (Chilli II) for Radiofrequency Ablation of Cavotricuspid Isthmus-Dependent Atrial Flutter
S. Iacopino, F. Borrello, R. Alemani, G. Fabiano, A. Talerico
Catanzaro, Italy |
| 8.20 | Comparison of Effectiveness of Different Right Ventricular Pacing Sites after AV Node Ablation in Permanent Atrial Fibrillation
O. Kalejs, N. Nesterovics, M. Blumbergs, K. Jubele, P. Sipacevs, G. Kamzola, M. Stabulniece, J. Jirgensons, A. Lejnieks
Riga, Latvia |

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Different Transoesophageal Pacing Methods in Treatment of Atrial Flutter

O. Kalejs, M. Vikmane, S. Sakne, K. Jubele, I. Zakke, A. Maca, J. Jirgensons, A. Erglis.

Riga, Latvia

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Supraventricular Tachycardia in Children with Structural Heart Disease-Course and Prognosis

S. Tadic, M. Grujic, R. Papic, J. Marinkovic

Belgrade, Serbia

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Inflammation and Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation. Cause or Consequence?

I. Burazor, M. Krstic, M. Burazor, S. Nagorni, N. Burazor, G. Cvetanovic, S. Stefanovic, J. Glasnovic

Nis, Serbia

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New Developments in the Management of Cardiovascular Risk of Modulating RAS with Angiotensin Receptor Blockers

Chairmen: E. Braunwald (Boston), M. Gulizia (Catania)

Role of ARBs in the Prevention of Cardiovascular Risk in Clinical Guidelines: Today and Tomorrow

P. Perrone Filardi (Naples)

New Developments in Protecting the Heart with ARBs:
Atrial Fibrillation Data from Life Trial

K. Wachtell (Copenhagen)

New Evidence about the Beneficial Effects of ARBs between the Heart and the Kidney

C. Borghi (Bologna)

The Beneficial Effects of ARBs Beyond Blood Pressure Control: Status of the Art and Final Remarks

F. Cosentino (Rome)

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Atrial Fibrillation Ablation: Which are the Open Questions Nowadays?

*Chairmen: R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese),
W. Jung (Villingen)*

Substrate Versus Trigger Ablation for Reduction of Atrial
Fibrillation
A. Verma (Southlake)

Goals, Results and Challenges in Current Approaches to
Study, Treat and Monitor Atrial Fibrillation Patients
P. Diotallevi (Alessandria)

Catheter Ablation in Patients with Severe Heart Failure
and Atrial Fibrillation
K.H. Kuck (Hamburg)

How New Imaging, Mapping and Energy Delivery
Technology is Impacting the Current Approach in Ablation
of Atrial Fibrillation?
A. Colella (Florence)

Complications of Atrial Fibrillation Ablation: How to
Prevent and Manage
G. De Martino (Bari)

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Advanced Solutions to Manage Patients with Implantable Devices for Heart Failure

Chairmen: F. Kautzner (Prague), L. Padeletti (Florence)

**Impact of the Intrinsic RV Study: Why Dual Chamber ICD
is Preferable to Single Chamber?**

S. Favale (Bari)

**Current Practice of VF Testing at Implant in Italy: What
Do We Know and Where Do We Go from Now ?**

M. Brignole (Lavagna)

**The Role for CRT in Patients with Asymptomatic Heart
Failure: the MADIT CRT Trial**

A.J. Moss (Rochester)

**Traditional or Device Approach for AF Management in
Patients with Heart Failure?**

A. Quesada (Valencia)

**The Management of HF Patients: the Role of HRV and
other Automatic Diagnostics to Identify Early Responders
vs Non Responders Patients**

A. Auricchio (Lugano)

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Managing Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Chairmen: S. Mangiameli (Catania), S. Nisam (Diegem)

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Screening in Young Subjects
M. Santomauro (Naples)

Risk Stratification for Sudden Death
D. Catanzariti (Rovereto)

Significance of LV Remodelling in the End-Stage Phase
of HCM
P. Spirito (Genoa)

Do HCM Patients With Gradients Really Deserve
Prophylactic Defibrillators?
B.J. Maron (Minneapolis)

How Much Left Atrial Size, Mitral Regurgitation and Atrial
Fibrillation Weigh on HCM Prognosis?
F. Cecchi (Florence)

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Sudden Death Prevention: New Perspective

Chairman: R. Sutton (London)

Lecturer: S. Nodari (Brescia)

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The Ideal Pacemaker for...

Chairmen: M. Nastasi (Bari), A. Oto (Ankara)

Sick Sinus Syndrome Patients
G. Senatore (Ciriè)

Complete AV Block Patients
I.E. Ovshshcher (BeerSheva)

Elderly Patients
B. Gorenec (Eskisehir)

Systolic Dysfunction Patients
A.S. Montenero (Sesto San Giovanni)

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ONTARGET: New Frontiers in Global Cardiovascular Protection

Chairmen: M. Di Biase (Foggia), S. Mochizuki (Tokio)

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Achieving a 24 Hour Blood Pressure Lowering in Clinical Practice

G. Bilo (Milan)

Targeting Cardiovascular Protection: the Concept of Dual RAS Blockade

G. Rosano (Rome)

Treat to Protect: Current Treatment Approaches and Remaining Needs

C. Ferri (Chieti)

ONTARGET: a New Dawn in Cardiovascular Protection

G. Grassi (Monza)

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Hemodynamic Issues in Cardiac Pacing

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*Chairmen: J. Clementy (Pessac-Bordeaux),
H. Klein (Magdeburg)*

Right Ventricular Pacing Impact on Cardiac Hemodynamics
R. Chirife (Acassuso)

Hemodynamic Benefits and Myocardial
Remodelling by CRT
M. Taborsky (Prague)

Hemodynamic Assessment with
an Implanted Pacing Device
M.G. Bongiorni (Pisa)

Hemodynamic Optimization
of Pacing Configuration in Bradyarrhythmias
G. Neri (Montebelluna)

Applications of TVI Sensing in Cardiac Stimulation
E. Occhetta (Novara)

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Current News in Prevention of Sudden Death

Chairmen: A. Curnis (Brescia), A. Natale (Cleveland)

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ICD Implantation: Is DFT Testing Still Actual?
F. Naccarella, F. Iachetti, H. Wang (Bologna)

Sudden Death Prevention
in Patients with Genetic Arrhythmias
P. Delise (Conegliano Veneto)

Electrical Storm: A Disastrous Nightmare
W. Jung (Villingen)

Which Patient and When Should Receive an ICD:
Evolving New Indications on the Horizon
R. Verlato (Camposampiero)

Who is the Candidate to Catheter Ablation
of Ventricular Fibrillation?
R. Schweikert (Cleveland)

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New Advance in Cardiovascular Prevention- Asteroid Trial and Current Therapy

Chairman: F. Arrigo (Messina)

Lecturer: H. Purcell (London)

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International Society of Electrocardiology

What's New in 12 Lead ECG?

Chairmen: B. Gorenек (Eskisehir), P.W. Macfarlene (Glasgow)

Update on ACC/ESC Criteria for Acute ST Elevation
Myocardial Infarction
P.W. Macfarlene (Glasgow)

Electrocardiographic Predictors of Arrhythmias in CCU
B. Gorenек (Eskisehir)

The Routine ECG as a Marker of Sudden Cardiac Death
L. De Ambroggi (Milan)

ECG - MRI Based Localisation of Myocardial Infarction
O. Pahlm (Lund)

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Arrhythmias

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1. Ebstein's Anomaly as a Cause of Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation
M.R. Damjanovic, D. Djordjevic-Radojkovic, M. Tomasevic, G. Koracevic, R. Jankovic
Nis, Serbia
2. Atrial Fibrillation and Inflammation Markers
S. Grigoryan, V. Mkrtchyan, L. Hazarapetyan
Yerevan, Armenia
3. Endothelial Dysfunction in Patients with Idiopathic Atrial Fibrillation and no Risk Factors for Coronary Artery Disease
V. Giga, M. Ostojic, M. Polovina, B. Beleslin, T. Potpara, S. Stojkovic, J. Stepanovic, M. Nedeljovic, I. Nedeljkovic
Belgrade, Serbia
4. Right Lobar Pulmonitis: a Possible Cause of Lone Atrial Fibrillation
F. Gennaro, G. Fazio, M. Rizzo, S. Pipitone, L. Sutera, D. Garaffa, L. Lo Cascio, D. Vernuccio, M. Fazio, G. Novo, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy
5. Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance in Children with Idiopathic Monomorphic Ventricular Tachycardia or Complex Ventricular Extrasystoles
M. Rizzo, G. Fazio, F. Gennaro, E. Grassedonio, E. Cracolici, L. Sutera, +M. Mongiovì, G. Novo, M. Midiri, S. Pipitone, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy
6. Immediate Results of Surgical Closure of Atrial Septal Defects in Adults
T. Nastasovic, D. Kalimanovska-Ostric, S. Matic, D. Cvijanovic
Belgrade, Serbia

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7. A Comparison of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Implantations Performed by Electrophysiologists Versus Surgeons
L.T. Ricciardi, E. Crystal, C. Lau, I. Lashevsky, F. Philippon, L.D. Sterns, B. Coutu, A. Tang, S. Kimber, I. Mangat, M. Basta, S. Sivikumaran, C. Simpson, M. Greene
Toronto, Canada
8. Atrial Flutter and Multifocal Atrial Tachycardia in Child
F. Gennaro, G. Fazio, M. Rizzo, A. De Santis, L. Sutera, G. Di Gesaro, G. Garaffa, F. Drago, S. Pipitone, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy
9. Remodeling and Inflammation Markers in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome and Ventricular Arrhythmia
S. Grigoryan, V. Mkrtchyan, L. Hazarapetyan , A. Stepanyan
Yerevan, Armenia

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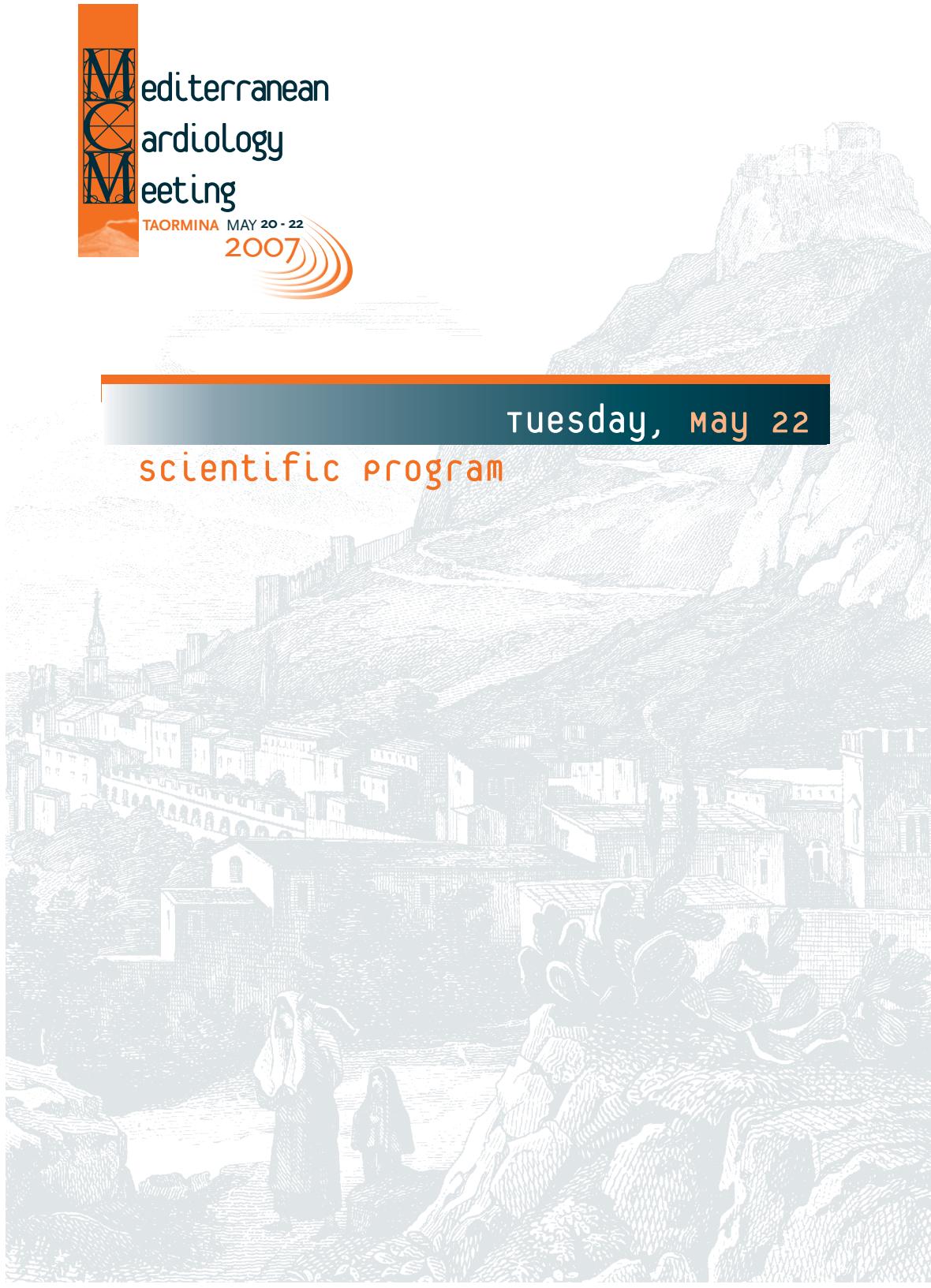
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8.00 – 9.00 Intercultural Exchanges on

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Heart Failure – Part I

Chairmen: A. Bonso (Mestre--Venice), S. Nisam (Diegem)

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| 8.00 | Clinical Significance of Endothelin Polymorphisms G8002A and -3A/4A in Chronic Heart Failure Patients
L. Spinarová, J. Špinar, A. Vasků, O. Ludka O, J. Vítověc, M. Goldbergová-Pávková
Brno, Czech Republic |
| 8.10 | Short and Long Term Anti-Inflammatory Effects of Bosentan Therapy in Patients with Severe Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
G.K. Karavolias, S. Adamopoulos, J. Malakos, G. Karabela, A. Gouziouta, G. Domproglou, E. Koutrouli, A. Kouloubinis, J. Tsoutsanis, A. Chaidaroglou, D. Degiannis, G. Theodorakis
Athens, Greece |
| 8.20 | Differing Effects of Dobutamine on Left Ventricular Diastolic and Systolic Function in Patients with Advanced Systolic Heart Failure Treated with Moderate Doses of Carvedilol
P. Dalampiras, N. Tziolas, G. Karayannidis, D. Economou, G. Kitsios, J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis
Larissa, Greece |

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Effect of Dobutamine on Ventricular Ectopic Activity, Bnp Plasma Levels, and Autonomic Balance in Patients with Advanced Systolic Heart Failure Treated with Moderate Doses of Carvedilol

**P. Dalampiras, N. Tziolas, G. Kitsios, G. Karayannis,
J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis**
Larissa, Greece

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Real-time Three-Dimensional Echocardiography: Left Ventricular Mechanical Dyssynchrony and Ejection Fraction in Healthy Subject, in Patients with Previous Myocardial Infarction and in Dilated Cardiomyopathy

**E. De Marco, S. De Vecchi, V. Magnano, F. Forni, F. Platini,
F. Orlando, F. Rometta**
Borgosesia, Italy

8.50

Benefits of Physical Training in the Patient with Moderated Heart Failure

**N. Tourkmani, M. Miano, G. Cincotta, R. Zaffiro,
V. Cannizzaro, G. Deinile, A. Circo**
Catania, Italy

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Pacemaker & ICD

Chairmen: A. Mishra (Kolkata), S. Sermasi (Rimini)

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| 8.00 | Development of a Rechargeable Implantable
Cardioverter/Defibrillator - First Results of a Long-Term
Animal Study
M. Niehaus, D. Detsch, H. Goerler, H. Haase, G. Klein,
H. Drexler
Hannover, Germany |
| 8.10 | Improvement of Congestive Heart Failure by Upgrading
of Permanent Right Ventricular Apical pacing (DDD) to
Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy
S. Iacopino, F. Borrello, R. Alemani, G. Fabiano, A. Talerico,
S. Canonaco
Catanzaro, Italy |
| 8.20 | Quality of Life in Patients with Dual Sensor Pacemakers
J. Bodnár, P. Mitro, P. Kalist
Kosice, Slovakia |
| 8.30 | Biventricular Pacing Compared to Right Ventricular Electrical
Vulnerability
M.L. Cavarra, G. Chiarandà
Catania, Italy |

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Response of Bradycardia, CRT and Tachycardia Devices
and Components in the Presence of MRI Scanners

R. Stevenson, W. Dabney, C. Fryszt

Santa Clarita, USA

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Pacemaker and ICD Leadwires Designed to Minimize
Heating During MRI Scanning

B. Stevenson, W. Dabney, C. Fryszt

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9.00 - 10.30 *Meet the Experts*

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Interactive Session on Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter

Chairmen: R. Schweikert (Cleveland), R. Sutton (London)

Catheter Ablation of Atypical Flutter: Electrophysiology
and Clinical Outcome

D. Shah (Geneve)

Pulmonary Vein Ablation vs AV Junction Ablation in
Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: from Physiopathology to
Clinical Practice

M. Hocini (Bordeaux)

Who is the Appropriate Candidate?

When is the time to ablate?

J. Kautzner (Prague)

Robotic and Magnetic Navigation for Atrial Fibrillation
R. Schweikert (Cleveland)

Long Term Efficacy of Ablation Strategies

S. Themistoclakis (Mestre-Venice)

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9.00 – 10.30 Symposium

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Cardiac Resynchronisation and Sudden Death Prevention in Heart Failure

Chairmen: M.G. Bongiorni (Pisa), A. Mishra (Kolkata)

Do We Need to Treat by CRT all CHF Patients with LBBB?
A. Vora (Mumbai)

Optimal Site Selection for LV Pacing
J.M. Guerra Ramos (Barcelona)

Indications and Results of Upgrading a Dual Chamber Device to a CRT or CRT-D at Time of Replacements in HF Patients
S. Sermasi (Rimini)

The Cost of ICDs: how to Manage It when You Got no Money Left
K. Seidl (Ludwigshafen)

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11.00 - 12.30 *Symposium*

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Device Selection for Heart Failure Patients without CRT Indication

Chairmen: B. Lüderitz (Bonn), G. Vergara (Rovereto)

Which Patients are Indicated to Dual Defibrillators?

Results of DATAS Study

A. Quesada (Valencia)

How to Choose Single Chamber versus Dual Chamber ICD

M. Del Greco (Trento)

Use of Fluid Accumulation Monitoring in HF Patients

S. Iacopino (Catanzaro)

Do We Need a "Shock Only" ICD for SCD-HeFT Patients?

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F. Giraldi (Milan)

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S. Saksena (Warren)

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Treating Supraventricular Arrhythmias

Chairmen: I.E. Ovshyshcher (Beer-Sheva),
R.M. Polimeni (Polistena)

Pacing in Atrial Fibrillation: is still viable?
O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires)

Usefullness of an Integrated Anatomical and
Electrophysiological Approach to Atrial Fibrillation Ablation
A. Bonso (Mestre-Venice)

Cryocatheter Ablation of Atrial Flutter
A.S. Montenero (Sesto S. Giovanni)

Coincident A-V Nodal Reentrant
and Ventricular Tachycardia
V. Bottini (Reggio Emilia)

Is Today Atrial Fibrillation / Atrial Flutter / Radiofrequency
Ablation so Safe from the Major Complications?
V. Ducceschi (Vallo della Lucania)

Conversion of Persistent Atrial Fibrillation
to Sinus Rhythm by DC shock:
is still in use after two years AFFIRM publication?
V. Calvi (Catania)

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12.30 - 13.00 Lecture

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Lercanidipine, Enalapril and their Combination in the Treatment of Elderly Hypertensive Patients

Chairman: G.L. Botto (Como)

Lecturer: G. Puig (Madrid)

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Antiarrhythmic Drugs in Atrial Fibrillation (Historical Perspectives and New Developments)

Chairman: P. Alboni (Cento)

Lecturer: B. Lüderitz (Bonn)

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13.00 - 14.30 Luncheon Panel

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Dual Inhibition of Cholesterol Production and Absorption: a Novel Option to Reduce Cardiovascular Risk

Chairmen: A.P. Maggioni (Florence), F. Naccarella (Bologna)

The Management of CV Risk: an Overview
F. Bovenzi (Lucca)

Pharmacological Profile of the New Option
A. Corsini (Milan)

Clinical Experience with Dual Inhibition:
Efficacy and Safety
C. Cortese (Rome)

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15.00 - 16.30 *Joint Session with AIAC*

Italian Association of Arrhythmology & Pacing

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Lone Atrial Fibrillation

Chairmen: E. Feraco (Cosenza), A.J. Moss (Rochester)

Definition, Diagnosis, Epidemiology, Prognosis

M. Di Biase (Foggia)

Prophylactic Antiarrhythmic Treatment

G.L. Botto (Como)

“Pill-in-the-pocket” approach

P. Alboni (Cento)

Catheter Ablation

M. Tritto (Castellanza)

Lone Atrial Fibrillation & Sport Activity

F. Furlanello (Trento)

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15.00 - 16.30 Intercultural Exchanges on

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Global Cardiovascular Risk

Chairmen: A. Circo (Catania), G. Puig (Madrid)

15.00 Four Years Follow Up Results: Candesartan Reducing
Atrial Fibrillation Relapses

**M.L. Cavarra, C. Romeo, G. Chiarandà, I.P. Monte,
P. Nigro**

Catania, Italy

15.10 Efficacy and Safety of Long-Term Atorvastatin Treatment
in Patients with Ischemic Stroke with Past History of
Myocardial Infarction

N. Kipshidze, N. Ninua, S.H. Chumburidze

Tbilisi, Georgia

15.20 Chronic Subclinical Inflammation and Heart Functions
in Familial Mediterranean Fever

A. Gasparyan, L. Ayvazyan, A. Rostami

Yerevan, Armenia

15.30 Stress Induced Cardiomyopathy

G. Cocco, D. Chu

Rheinfelden, Svizzera

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The Adaptation to the Cardiovascular Disease and the Cardiological Rehabilitation in D.H Patients Differentiating Two Classes of Ages and Sex

**A. Vecchio, N. Tourkmani, D. Cavallaro, V. Cannizzaro,
G. Deinile, A. Circo**

Catania, Italy

15.50

Echocardiography as Diagnostic Tools in Emergency Department in Cardioembolic Stroke

K. Hristova, D. Petrov, I. Filibev, S. Milanov G. Pencheva
Sofia, Bulgaria

16.00

Prevalence of Abdominal Obesity-IDEA Slovakia

A. Dukat, J. Lietava, P. Borecky, S. Filipova, A. Solivajsova
Bratislava, Slovakia

16.10

Change in Composition of Metabolic Syndrome Elements During 7 Years of Follow Up

**A. Rynkiewicz, J. Bellwon, K. Chlebus, A. Wegrzyn,
M. Gruchala**

Gdansk, Poland

16.20

Coronary Artery Disease and Insulin Resistance

**E. Deveci, M. Yesil, S. Bayata, N. Postaci, E. Arikan,
S. Yesil, M. Köseoglu**

Izmir, Turkey

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Heart Failure – Part II

Chairmen: G.L. Botto (Como), R. Chirife (Acassuso)

16.30

Assessment of Left Ventricular Filling Pressure Using Standard Doppler and Tissue Doppler Imaging. Comparison Between Ischemic and Idiopathic Dilated Cardiomyopathy

P. Costanzo, M. Prastaro, C. Perrino, A. Maglione, C. Monda, G. Guerra, P. Cesarano, A. Marzano, S. Paolillo, T. Losco, P. Perrone Filardi, M. Chiariello
Naples, Italy

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AHEAD - Acute HEArt Failure Database
J. Špinar, J. Vítová, J. Kettner, A. Linhart, J. Pařenica, O. Hlinomaz, J. Belohlávek, H. Al-Hiti, R. Miklík
Brno, Czech Republic

16.50

Variability in Physician Adherence to Clinical Guidelines in the Inpatient Heart Failure Population
H. Vakil, P. Quinn, D. Gilski, S. Husain, P. Patel
Park Ridge, USA

17.00

Non-Compaction of Left Ventricular Myocardium: the Saudi Experience
A. Hersi, F. Qaddoura, M. Sadullo, J. Salazar, F. Alomani
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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- 17.10 Mechanical Circulatory Assistance as a Bridge to Transplantation. The Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center Experience
A. Gkouziouta, S. Adamopoulos, A. Manginas, G. Karavolias, P. Rellia, T. Antoniou, G. Stavridis, L. Louca, D. Zarkalis, L. Tsourelis, P. Alivizatos, P. Sfirakis
Athens, Greece
- 17.20 Techniques of Optimization of the Clinical Conditions of Patients in View of Recovery, Transplantation and/or Destination Therapy
M. Turina
Zurich, Swisse
- 17.30 Levosimendan Reversing Low Output after Heart Transplantation
A. Gkouziouta, T.H. Antoniou, P. Sfirakis, P.A. Alivizatos
Athens, Greece
- 17.40 Prevalence of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in Elderly Patients with Chronic Heart Failure
S. Apostolovic, R. Jankovic, H. Duengen, D. Djordjevic-Radojkovic, T. Stanojlovic, S. Salinger-Martinovic, G. Lazarevic, M. Stojic, M. Pavlovic
Nis, Serbia
- 17.50 Comparison of Invasive and Noninvasive Assessment of Coronary Flow Velocity Reserve before and after Elective Coronary Stenting in Patients with Previous Myocardial Infarction: Relation to Left Ventricular Recovery
A. Djordjevic-Dikic, M. Ostojic, B. Beleslin, J. Stepanovic, V. Giga, B. Vujisic-Tesic, I. Nedeljkovic, S. Stojkovic, M. Nedeljkovic, Z. Petrasinovic
Belgrade, Serbia

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Atrial & Ventricular Arrhythmias

Chairmen: E. Crystal (Toronto), R.M. Polimeni (Polistena)

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| 16.30 | Registry on Linked Follow Up Of ICD-Patients by Means of Home Monitoring. Experience with the First Patients
S. Perings, I. Bläse, G. Plehn, H.J. Trappe, C.A. Perings
Dusseldorf, Germany |
| 16.40 | Can QT-d Predict Post MI Complications?
S.F. Jalali, K. Hajiani, R. Rastgar
Babol, Iran |
| 16.50 | The Incidence of Combined Cardiac Rhythm Abnormalities in Patients with Intraventricular Conduction Disturbances
V. Topalov, D. Zivkov-Saponja, D.V. Kovacevic
Sremska Kamenica, Serbia |
| 17.00 | Relationship Between Frequency of Ventricular Tachyarrhythmia Episodes and Functional Capacity in Patients Treated with Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
A. Eksik, A. Akyol, T. Norgaz, S. Sakallı, N. Çakmak, A.T. Alper, H. Hasdemir, I. Erdinler, T. Ulufer
Istanbul, Turkey |
| 17.10 | A Simple Procedural Approach to Typical Atrial Flutter Ablation
M. Mezzetti, M. Marconi, S. Sermasi, G. Piovaccari
Rimini, Italia |

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- 17.20 A Comparison between Left Cephalic Versus Left Subclavian Vein Access for Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Leads
L.T. Ricciardi, E. Crystal, C. Lau, I. Lashevsky, F. Philippon, L.D. Sterns, B. Coutu, A. Tang, S. Kimber, I. Mangat, M. Basta, S. Sivikumaran, C. Simpson
Toronto, Canada
- 17.30 A Novel "Proarrhythmic" Disease: Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy.
A. Baranchuk, M. Nault, D.P. Redfearn, K. Bally, C.S. Simpson
Kingston, Canada
- 17.40 Isolated Short PR in Children with Palpitation: an Electrocardiographic Finding of Fast-Slow Nodal Tachycardia?
M. Rizzo, G. Fazio, F.Gennaro, S. Pipitone, L. Sutera, G. Di Gesaro, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy
- 17.50 Syncope and Arrhythmias in Pediatric Age
F. Gennaro, G. Fazio, M. Rizzo, L. Sutera, G. Di Gesaro, D. Vernuccio, L. Lo Cascio, M. Mongiovi, S. Pipitone, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy

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Global Cardiovascular Risk

1. Influence of Chemical Sympathectomy on The Histomorphometric Characteristics of Thoracic Aorta
K.M. Lampropoulos, D.P. Sokolis, V. Papalouka, C.A. Dimitriou, M. Kyriakides, P.E. Karayannacos
Athens, Greece
2. Diagnostic Accuracy of Mdct 40 Slices in Patients with Chest Pain
M. Rizzo, S. Evola, G. Runza, G. Novo, V. Alaimo, E. Corrado, G. Evola, F. Gennaro, G. Palazzolo, O. F. Triolo, E. Hoffmann, M. Midiri, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy
3. Cardiovascular Complications in Hemodialysis Patients
S.F. Jalali, R. Namdar
Babol, Iran
4. Are Patients with Type 2 Diabetes at High Risk for Coronary Artery Disease?
Z. Burazor, I. Burazor, M. Burazor, S. Antic, S. Stefanovic, G. Cvetanovic, N. Burazor
Nis, Serbia
5. Impact of Diabetes and Impaired Glucose Tolerance (IGT) on Complications and Hospitalization In Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome
F. Gennaro, M. Rizzo, E. Corrado, S. Evola, S. Novo
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6. CORD - Comparison of Recommended Doses
J. Špinar, J. Vitovec, M. Soucek
Brno, Czech Republic
7. The Influence of Mental Stress on Development of Myocardial Ischemia During Exercise Stress Test
J. Stepanovic, M. Ostojevic, D. Lecic-Tosevski, O. Vukovic, A. Djordjevic-Dikic, I. Nedeljkovic, V. Giga, B. Beleslin, Z. Petrasinovic, M. Nedeljkovic, S. Stojkovic, V. Vukcevic, G. Stankovic, D. Orlic, A. Arandjelovic, J. Kostic
Belgrade, Serbia
8. Admission Hyperglycaemia in non-Diabetic Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction as Predictor for Previously Undiagnosed Abnormal Glucose Tolerance
K. Hristova, S. Milanov, I. Felibev, D. Petrov
Sofia, Bulgaria
9. Non-Ischaemic Mitral Insufficiency and Metabolic Syndrome
D. Cvijanovic, B. Ivanovic, D. Simic
Belgrade, Serbia
10. Are Exercise ECGs of Value in Women? Are Exercise ECGs Useful in Women in Diagnosing Coronary Artery Disease
N. Naqvi, S. Krishnan
Wigan, UK
11. Estimation of Familial Hypercholesterolemia Prevalence in Poland Based on National Survey
A. Rynkiewicz, J. Bellwon, G. Broda, K. Chlebus, P. Kurjata, M. Polakowska, A. Piwonska, A. Wegrzyn, M. Gruchala
Gdansk, Poland

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1. Cardiac Troponin I in Non Fatal Pulmonary Embolism in Patients with Congestive Heart Failure

D. Kutlesic Kurtovic, S. Apostolovic, G. Koracevic, L. Ristic, I. Petrovic
Nis, Serbia

2. Survey of Carnitine in Patients with Congestive Heart Failure

S.F. Jalali, K. Hajiyan
Babol, Iran

3. Levosimendan as Additional Therapeutic Strategy in Severe Heart Failure in Acute Instability Phase in IV NYHA Class

**M.L. Cavarra, C. Romeo, G. Chiarandà, S. Mangiameli, P. Nigro,
I.P. Monte**
Catania, Italy

4. Carotid Sinus Hypersensitivity: is it Related to Atherosclerosis of Carotid Artery?

D. Zivkov-Saponja, V. Topalov, D.V. Kovacevic
Sremska Kamenica, Serbia

5. Syncope in Paediatric Age : the Rule of Most Common Research Methods Used in Cardiology to the Diagnostic and Prognostic Stratification

**M. Rizzo, G. Fazio, F. Gennaro, L. Sutera, G. Di Gesaro, C. Lo Giudice,
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