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Official Language is English

Most of the sessions will be translated from English to Italian



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welcome address



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

welcome to the third edition of the Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting.

Following the success obtained during the previous years we decided to organize this edition whose main target is to give the **Current News in Cardiology**.

Acute Coronary Syndromes, Atrial Fibrillation, Heart Failure, Sudden Cardiac Death, Syncope and Prevention of Global Cardiovascular Risk are some of the emerging pathologies on which many investigators are focusing their research to develop many and more sophisticated pharmacological, electrical or mechanical therapies.

This three days cardiology meeting is aimed to provide the latest information on the most recent and modern aspects of the above mentioned pathologies. It is intended not only for cardiologists, but also for those who are actively interested in the evidence-based approach to clinical care, such as internists, emergency and critical care clinicians, physicians of general medicine, fellows, students, nurses, and technicians. It may also be helpful for individuals engaged in the development and coordination of research strategies in biological engineering, industry, and regulatory affairs, who have a strong interest in the overall management of these cardiac pathologies.

A Faculty, selected from leading Italian and International experts, ensures the highest quality teaching highlighting the current state and the limitation of scientific knowledge.

The scientific program is developed thorough courses, symposia, debates on controversial topics, luncheon panels, focus on, televoter interactive sessions, cases-review from Faculty and Attendance, Intercultural Exchanges, poster and free communication sessions.

Hoping to meet you during the Meeting, I wish you a pleasant stay in Taormina.

Michele M. Gulizia
President of the Meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele Gulizia', with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



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ICPES

International Cardiac Pacing &
Electrophysiology Society



ISE

International Society of
Electrocardiology



ARCA

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ISHNE

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faculty List

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invited discussant

- R. Albiero (Palermo, Italy)
- G. Butera (Palermo, Italy)
- A. Casale (Nicosia, Italy)
- C. Catalano (Agrigento, Italy)
- E. Cavalieri (Ragusa, Italy)
- G. Consolo (Messina, Italy)
- G. Costanza (Canicattì, Italy)
- C. Dell'Ali (Avola, Italy)
- G. Doria (Catania, Italy)
- P. Gambino (Ribera, Italy)
- S. Giglia (Caltanissetta, Italy)
- R. Grassi (Messina, Italy)
- S. Guarnera (Pedara, Italy)
- M.S. Iudicello (Sant'Agata di Militello, Italy)
- G. Leonardi (Catania, Italy)
- D. Lombardo (Catania, Italy)
- C. Marcelletti (Palermo, Italy)
- C. Mignosa (Taormina, Italy)
- G. Miranda (Palermo, Italy)
- M. Moncada (Lentini, Italy)
- R. Mureddu (Pietra Ligure, Italy)
- M. Musolino (Scilla, Italy)
- P. Nigro (Catania, Italy)
- L. Pavia (Messina, Italy)
- O. Pensabene (Palermo, Italy)
- V. Pernice (Palermo, Italy)
- G. Piccione (Ragusa, Italy)
- S. Pipitone (Palermo, Italy)
- M.M. Pirrami (Terni, Italy)
- C. Puntrello (Trapani, Italy)
- G. Saccone (Sciacca, Italy)
- G. Scaccianoce (Catania, Italy)
- A. Scalisi (Catania, Italy)
- P. Scipione (Ancona, Italy)
- R. Siciliano (Giarrè, Italy)
- V. Spadola (Ragusa, Italy)
- R. Terrazzino (Licata, Italy)
- S. Tolaro (Pedara, Italy)
- M. Traina (Palermo, Italy)
- I. Vaccaro (Agrigento, Italy)
- M. Zecchin (Trieste, Italy)



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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE - The official language of the Meeting is **English**. Some sessions will be translated into 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.

SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK OPENING HOURS

For Groups May 19, 2007 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm

For appointment please contact the Organizing Secretariat

For Individuals May 20, 2007 8.00 am - 7.00 pm
 May 21, 2007 8.00 am - 7.00 pm
 May 22, 2007 8.00 am - 5.00 pm



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INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGES

The presentation time will be 10 minutes including 2 minutes for discussion. All speakers are requested to keep to their allotted time. Please ensure that you are in your session room at least 10 minutes before the start of the session and that you remain there until the end of the session.

During the Opening Ceremony the best abstract chosen among the ones submitted will be awarded a prize.

POSTER

The abstract selected for poster presentations will be displayed daily in the Poster Session Area from 9.00 to 17.30. Presenters will be at their posters everyday from 10:30 to 11:00 and from 14:30 to 15:00 to explain their research and answer questions. Poster dimensions will be 70 cm width x 100 cm height. Posters will be grouped by subject and the hours are as follows.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The Meeting proceedings containing the texts of presentations of the different sessions included in the Scientific Program will be published by an internationally renowned publisher and distributed to all registrants during the Meeting. After the Meeting it will be possible to download the Meetings Proceedings from the website www.mcmweb.it.

PROJECTION

All projections will be supported by PC and must be **worded in English only**. It is forbidden to use personal computers. Please use CD-ROM, pen drive or memory stick to easily download your presentation at the **Slide Centre at least 2 hours before the start of your session**. It is recommended to use Power Point (Office 2002/2003). Power Point presentation must not exceed 50 MB video excluded. Use the extension ".gif" and ".jpg" for images. 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.



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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The National Commission for Continuing Education of the Italian Ministry of Health has appointed Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting 2007 with **11 CME credits**. Credits will be available for **Cardiologists, Family Doctors** and **Internists**. Credits earned will be listed on the attendance certificate issued after the end of the Meeting. The following conditions are mandatory for CME accreditation:

- Attendance throughout the Meeting for at least 18 hours;
- Filling in the learning test and the attendance test at the end of the Meeting.

Technical Courses:

BLS-D: 7 ECM credits for Cardiologists, Family Doctors and Internists and **7 ECM credits** for Allied Professionals with a minimum **8 hours** of attendance.
ECHO-CRT: 6 ECM credits for Cardiologists, Heart Surgeons and Internists with a minimum **7 hours** of attendance.

CHF-CRT: 7 ECM credits for Cardiologists, Heart Surgeons and Internists with a minimum **7 hours** of attendance.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be distributed to all registered delegates at the end of the Meeting.

PROGRAM CHANGES

The information published in this program is correct at time of print. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to change the program at any time.



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program at a glance



| | MAMERTINA room | ETNA room |
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| 8.00 - 9.00 | Registration | Registration |
| 9.00 - 10.30 | Minicourse Update on Acute Coronary Syndromes | Minicourse International Guidelines: Practical Applications and Current News in Cardiology |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | P O S T E R S E S S I O N , E X H I B I T I O N | |
| 11.00 - 13.00 | Minicourse The Diagnostic Evaluation of a Patient with Recurrent Syncopal Episodes | Minicourse Patient Risk Stratification |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | Lecture The Role of GPIIb/IIIa in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes | |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | Luncheon Panel Advanced Solutions to Prevent and Treat HF: A New Vision | |
| 14.30 - 15.00 | P O S T E R S E S S I O N | |
| 15.00 - 16.30 | Symposium New Frontiers on Management of Patient with Implantable Device | Symposium Practical Issues on Treatment of Emerging Pathologies |
| 17.00 - 17.30 | Opening Ceremony | |
| 17.30 - 18.30 | Plenary Lecture | |
| 19.00 | Welcome Cocktail | |

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| V I S I T & C O F F E E B R E A K | | |
| BLS-D Course part II | Congestion in Heart Failure & Optimal Patient Management in CRT <i>Hands-on Live Session</i> | ECHO-CRT Course Advanced Training on Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: Complete Echocardiographic Evaluation |
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| 8.00 - 9.00 | Intercultural Exchanges on Acute Coronary Syndromes Selected Communication Session | Intercultural Exchanges on Atrial Arrhythmias Selected Communication Session |
| 9.00 - 10.30 | Symposium New Developments in the Management of Cardiovascular Risk of Modulating RAS with Angiotensin Receptor Blockers | Symposium Atrial Fibrillation Ablation: Which are the Open Questions Nowadays? |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | P O S T E R S E S S I O N , E X H I B I T I O N | |
| 11.00 - 12.30 | Symposium Avanced Solutions to Manage Patients with Implantable Devices for Heart Failure | Symposium Managing Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | Lecture Sudden Death Prevention: New Perspective | |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | Luncheon Panel The Ideal Pacemaker For... | Luncheon Panel ONTARGET: New Frontiers in Global Cardiovascular Protection |
| 14.30 - 15.00 | P O S T E R S E S S I O N | |
| 15.00 - 16.30 | Symposium Hemodynamic Issues in Cardiac Pacing | Symposium Current News in Prevention of Sudden Death |
| 16.30 - 17.00 | P O S T E R S E S S I O N , E X H I B I T I O N | |
| 17.00 - 17.30 | Lecture New Advance in Cardiovascular Prevention-Asteroid Trial and Current Therapy | |
| 17.30 - 19.00 | Joint Session with ISE What's new in 12 lead ECG? | |

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| BLS-D Course part IV | Congestion in Heart Failure & Optimal Patient Management in CRT <i>Hands-on Live Session</i> | ECHO-CRT Course Advanced Training on Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: Complete Echocardiographic Evaluation |

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| 8.00 - 9.00 | Intercultural Exchanges on Hearth Failure - Part I Selected Communication Session | Intercultural Exchanges on Pacemaker & ICD Selected Communication Session |
| 9.00 - 10.30 | Meet the Experts Interactive Session on Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter | Symposium Cardiac Resynchronization and Sudden Death Prevention in Heart Failure |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | P O S T E R S E S S I O N , E X H I B I T I O N | |
| 11.00 - 12.30 | Symposium Device Selection for Heart Failure Patients Without CRT Indication | Symposium Treating Supraventricular Arrhythmias |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | Lecture Lercanidipine, Enalapril and Their Combination in the Treatment of Elderly Hypertensive Patients | Lecture Antiarrhythmic Drugs in Atrial Fibrillation (Historical Perspectives and New Developments) |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | Luncheon Panel Dual Inhibition of Cholesterol Production and Absorption: a Novel Option to Reduce Cardiovascular Risk | |
| 14.30 - 15.00 | P O S T E R S E S S I O N | |
| 15.00 - 16.30 | Joint Session with AIAC Lone Atrial Fibrillation | Intercultural Exchanges on Global Cardiovascular Risk Selected Communication Session |
| 16.30 - 18.00 | Intercultural Exchanges on Hearth Failure - Part II Selected Communications Session | Intercultural Exchanges on Atrial & Ventricular Arrhythmias Selected Communication Session |

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P R O G R A M C A T A L O G



Basic Life Support Defibrillation (BLS-D)

Directors of the Courses:

S. Campione (Catania), M.M. Gulizia (Catania), G. Palazzo (Catania)

| | SUNDAY, May 20 | MONDAY, May 21 | TUESDAY, May 22 |
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| 9.00 - 13.00 | BLS-D Course Part I <i>Instructors:</i> S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania) | BLS-D Course Part I <i>Instructors:</i> S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania) | BLS-D Course Part I <i>Instructors:</i> S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania) |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | Lunch | | |
| 14.30 - 18.30 | BLS-D Course Part II | BLS-D Course Part II | BLS-D Course Part II |

- 7 CME credits for Cardiologists, Family Doctors, Internists
- The Course duration is one day
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Congestion in Heart Failure & Optimal Patient Management in CRT *Hands-on Live Session*

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

08.45- 09.00 Welcome address

09.00- 11.00 Congestion in Heart Failure

- Heart failure epidemiology and economic implications
- Diagnosis of HF
- Congestion and HF progression
- Treatment strategies

11.00- 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30- 13.00 Real (pig) heart dissection: *Hands-on Live Session*

13.00- 14.00 Lunch

14.00- 15.30 Troubleshooting: real cases discussion

15.30- 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45- 16.15 Technology Update

- Fluid Status Monitoring: technical aspects and clinical implications
- Clinical studies on fluid monitoring

16.15- 17.30 Technical and Scientific management of the patient:
Hands-on Live Session

- Telemedicine Application during live Follow-up session of a device
- Remote connection between an hospital where the patient is checked and the course room.

17.30 - 18.00 Questions & Answers. ECM Questionnaire.

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ECHO-CRT Course

Advanced Training on Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: Complete Echocardiographic Evaluation

Directors: **D. Mele (Ferrara), L. Badano (Udine)**

Tutor: **P. Trambaiolo (Rome)**

- 8.30-8.45 Welcome address
- 8.45-9.00 Selecting patients for CRT: current guidelines
- 9.00-9.30 Device Optimization
- 9.30-10.00 Mechanical Dyssynchrony: Conventional Echo Indexes
- 10.00-10.30 Mechanical Dyssynchrony: TDI and Deformation Indexes
- 10.30-10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45-12.30 Practical Experience using the GE Echo Pac Workstation
- 12.30-13.00 Role of 3D echo in assessing heart failure and dyssynchrony
- 13.00-13.30 Single Beat 3D Tissue Synchronization Imaging
- 13.30-15.00 Lunch
- 15.00-16.30 Practical Experience using the GE Echo Pac Workstation
- 16.30-17.00 How do you evaluate a Heart Failure Patient's Echocardiogram?
- 17.00-17.30 Echo for CRT: What is mandatory in the report?
- 17.30-18.00 Question & Answers. ECM Questionnaire.

- 6 CME credits for Cardiologists, Heart Surgeons, Internists
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8.00 - 9.00 Registration

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9.00 - 10.30 Minicourse

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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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9.00 - 10.30 *Minicourse*

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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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11.00 - 12.30 *Minicourse*

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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 (Pedarà)

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

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17.00 - 18.30 *Opening Ceremony*

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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 Epiphenomenon?
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



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, Belaurus
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. Yanik, 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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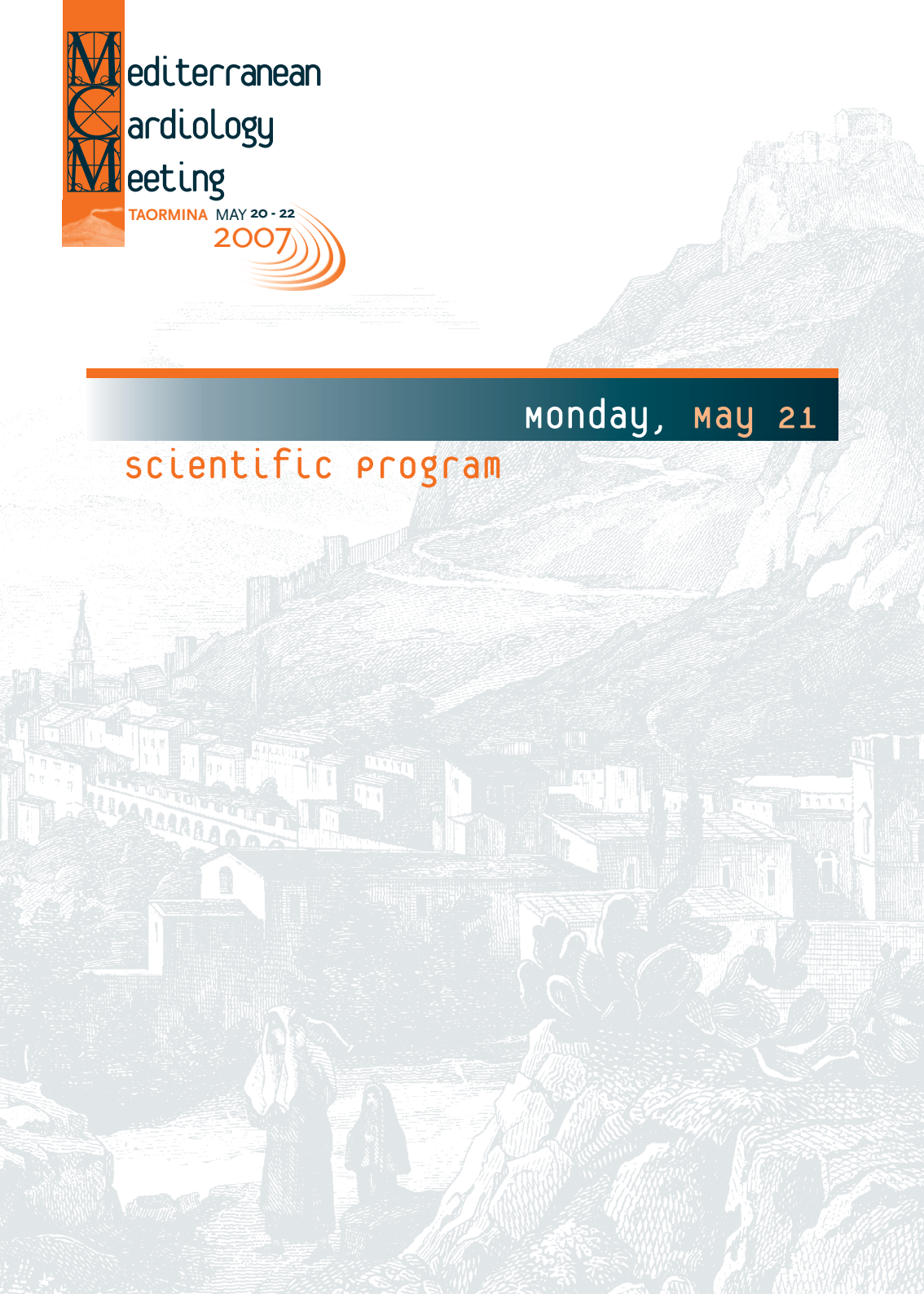
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8.00 – 9.00 Intercultural Exchanges on

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Acute Coronary Syndromes

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

8.00 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. Ostojic, 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

8.20 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. Sitafidis, V. Dimopoulos, J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis
Larissa, Greece



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- 8.30 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
- 8.40 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. Sitafidis, J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis
Larissa, Greece
- 8.50 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. Sitafidis, G. Kelepesis, J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis
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Atrial Arrhythmias

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

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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. Alemanni, 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. Lejniaks
Riga, Latvia

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- 8.30 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
- 8.40 Supraventricular Tachycardia in Children with Structural Heart Disease-Course and Prognosis
S. Tadic, M. Grujic, R. Papic, J. Marinkovic
Belgrade, Serbia
- 8.50 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 Efforts 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)**

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. Ovsyshcher (BeerSheva)

Elderly Patients
B. Gorenek (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)

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

*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. Bongiorno (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)

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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17.30 - 19.00 *Joint Session with ISE*
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What's New in 12 Lead ECG?

Chairmen: **B. Gorenek (Eskisehir), P.W. Macfarlane (Glasgow)**

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

Electrocardiographic Predictors of Arrhythmias in CCU
B. Gorenek (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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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. Nedeljkovic, 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. Grassettonio, E. Cracolici, L. Sutera, M. Mongiovi, 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. Sivikumar, 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. Mkrtychyan, L. Hazarapetyan, A. Stepanyan
Yerevan, Armenia

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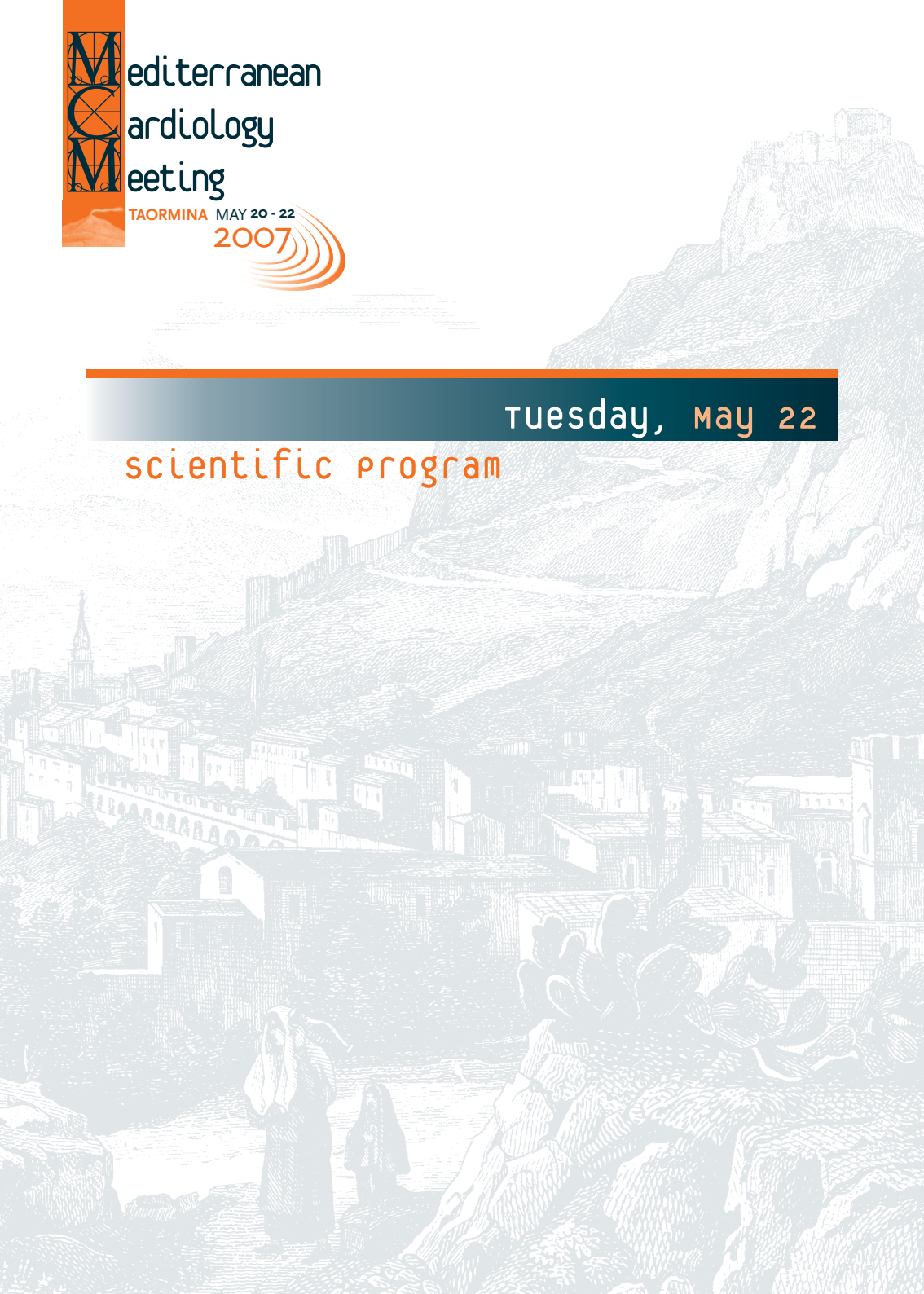
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8.00 – 9.00 Intercultural Exchanges on

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Heart Failure – Part I

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

- 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. Vítovec, 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. Karayannis, D. Economou, G. Kitsios, J. Skoularigis, F. Triposkiadis
Larissa, Greece

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- 8.30 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
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- 8.40 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. Rametta
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. Deinite, A. Circo
Catania, Italy

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Pacemaker & ICD

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

- 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. Alemanni, 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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- 8.40 Response of Bradycardia, CRT and Tachycardia Devices
and Components in the Presence of MRI Scanners
R. Stevenson, W. Dabney, C. Frysz
Santa Clarita, USA
- 8.50 Pacemaker and ICD Leadwires Designed to Minimize
Heating During MRI Scanning
B. Stevenson, W. Dabney, C. Frysz
Santa Clarita, USA

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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. Ovsyshcher (Beer-Sheva),
R.M. Polimeni (Polistena)**

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

Usefulness 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. Bottoni (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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12.30 - 13.00 Lecture

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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* **Mamertina Room**
Italian Association of Arrhythmology & Pacing

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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- 15.40 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. Deinite, 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. Köseođlu
Izmir, Turkey

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16.30 - 18.00 Intercultural Exchanges on

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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
- 16.40 AHEAD - Acute HEArt Failure Database
J. Špinar, J. Vítovec, 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-Testic, 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)**

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. Hajiyan, 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. Sakalli, 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. Sivikumar, 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
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Discussion: 10.30 – 11.00 and 14.30 – 15.00

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. Ostojic, 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. Felibeve, 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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Heart Failure & Syncope

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, D. Vernuccio, M. Mongiovi, S. Pipitone, S. Novo
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| | ECHO-CRT Course | Euro 300,00 |
| | BLS-D Course | Euro 220,00 |

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Congestion in Heart Failure & Optimal Patient Management in CRT-

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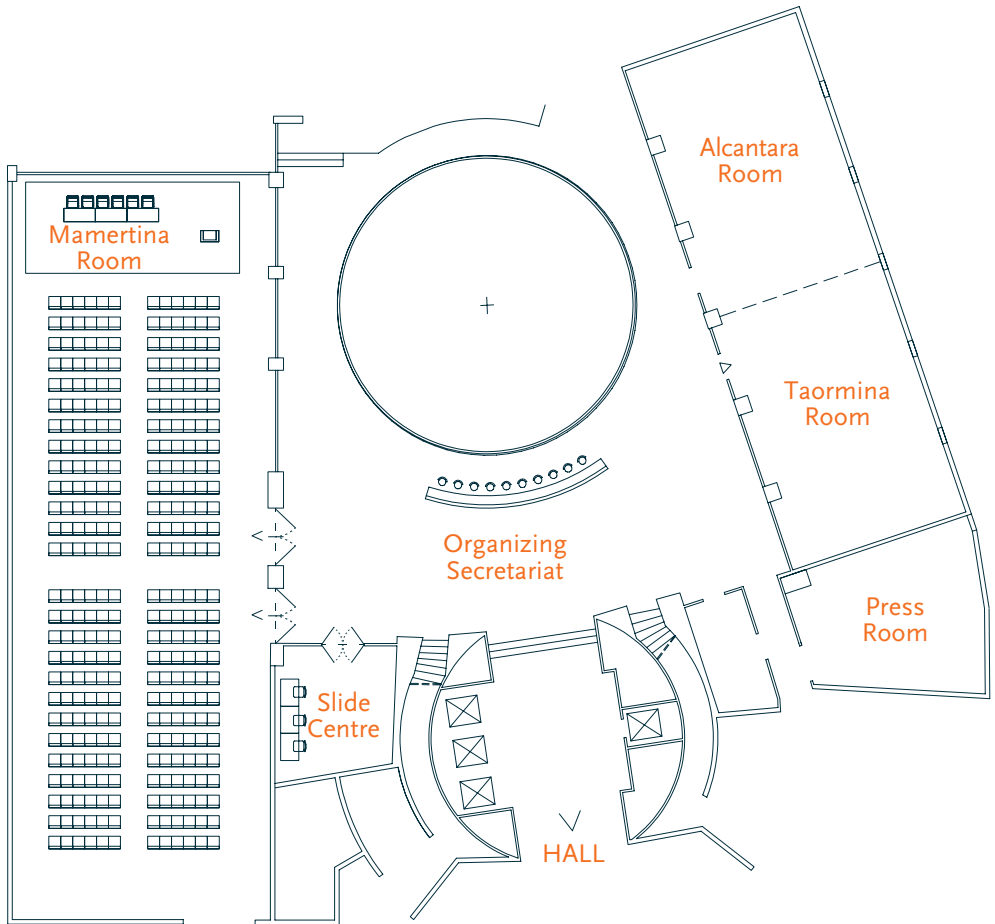
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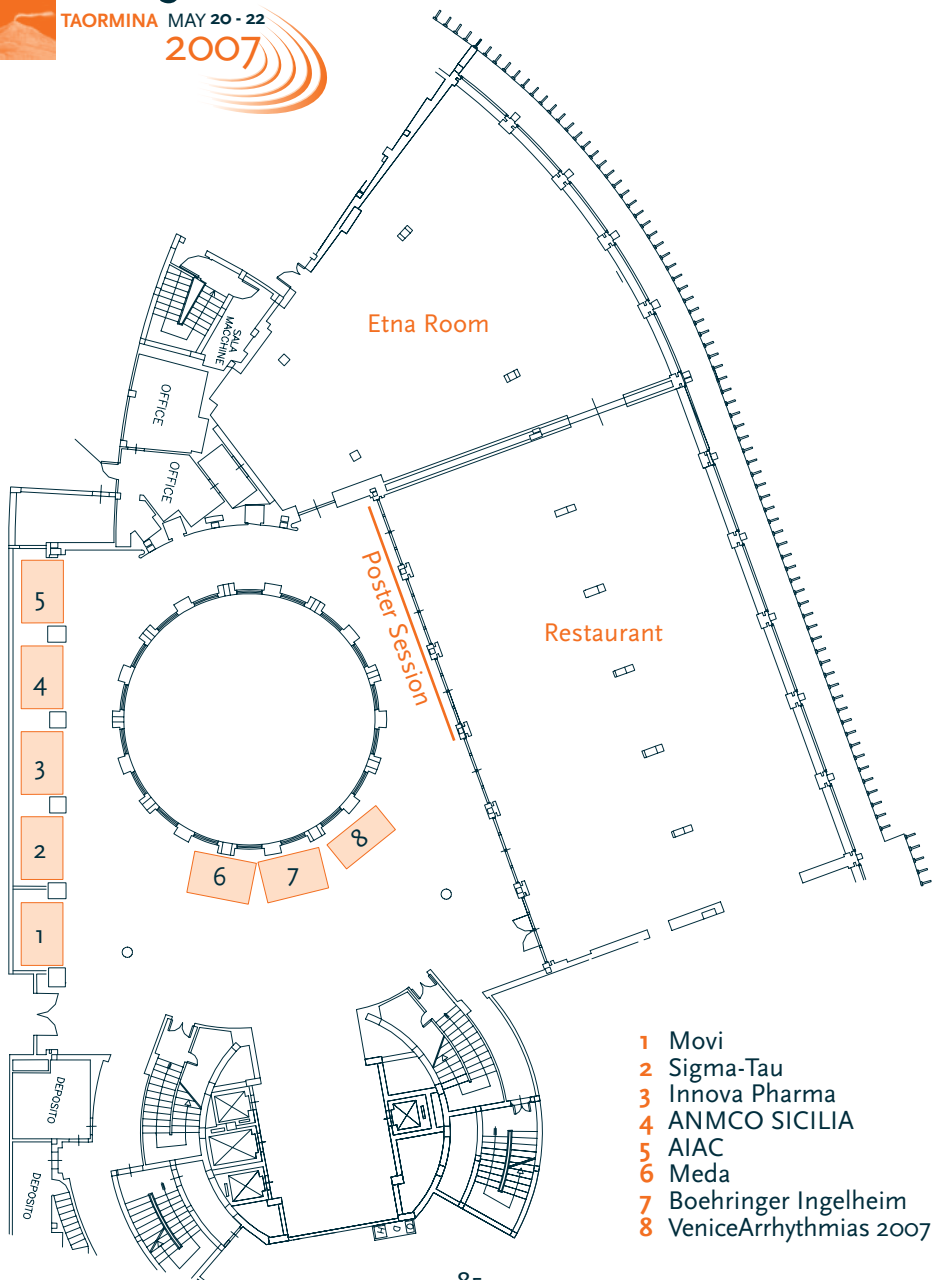


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WELCOME COCKTAIL

(included in the registration fee)

Sunday, May 20 2007

The Opening Ceremony, that will take place at 5.00 pm, will be followed by a Welcome Cocktail offered to all registered attendees, accompanying persons and exhibitors at the Congress Venue.



GALA FACULTY DINNER

(not included in the registration fee)

Monday, May 21 2007

A fine dinner will be organized at “Septimo” in Taormina.

The dinner will be followed by a high standard **Beatles Tribute Band: the Apple Pies.**

From **Love Me Do** to **Let It Be**, riding the eight most famous years in the history of the contemporary music in a magic trip through the most beautiful songs of the century, in an unforgettable evening you will retry the same feelings and atmosphere that millions fans of the most famous musical complex have lived during the years '60.

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

Admission on personal invitation only.



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TAORMINA SIGHTSEEING

(half day - for accompanying persons only)

Monday, May 21 2007

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

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

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

The visit will continue to the Greek-Roman Theatre. It was built in Greek times, later enlarged and almost entirely rebuilt by Romans in the second century AD. From the caved, set in a bellow in Monte Tauro, is the view that is as famous as it is beautiful. The visit will begin at 9.30 a.m. starting from Hotel Capotaormina, the Congress Venue.



TAORMINA BEACH MCM VIP ACCESS CARD

(for accompanying persons only)

Sunday, May 20 2007

Monday, May 21 2007

Tuesday, May 22 2007

MCM VIP card will allow you discounted entries in to the most exclusive bathing beaches of Giardini-Naxos, Mazzarò, Letojanni and Taormina.



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