

2nd Belgian Heart Rhythm Meeting "Arrhythmias for every cardiologist"

Thursday 2nd PM, Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th October 2008

Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel and Congress Centre



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Thursday October 2nd

13.00	Welcome and Registration	
14.00-16.00	SESSION 1 Interactive ECG training course 14.00 Fr Arrhythmias in daily practice 14.00 NI Arrhythmias in daily practice	<i>Prof L. De Roy (Yvoir, B) & Prof Th. Verbeet (Brussels, B) Prof M. Duytschaever (Brugge, B) & Dr M. Goethals (Roeselare, B)</i>
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30	Official opening : welcome and introduction	<i>Dr I. Blankoff (Antwerpen, B)</i>
16.35-18.45	SESSION 2 Drugs and devices, what will they bring us ? 16.35 Anti-arrhythmic drugs : past, present and future 17.20 Anti-arrhythmic devices and tools : past, present and future Best abstracts Part 1 18.00 Chronotropic impairment after surgical or transcatheter atrial septal defect closure 18.15 Long term follow-up after catheter ablation for AVNRT 18.30 The yield of Ajmaline test in a population complaining of palpitations or syncope	<i>Prof P. De Wilde (Brussels, B) & Prof D. De Jonghe (Brussels, B) Prof E. Aliot (Nancy, F) Prof H. Ector (Leuven, B) Prof M. Massin (Brussels, B) Dr B. Schwagten (Rotterdam, NL) Dr T. El Houari (Yvoir, B)</i>

Friday October 3rd

08.00	Welcome and Registration	
08.30-09.30	SESSION 3 State-of-the-art lecture : Thromboembolism prevention in atrial fibrillation 08.30 Anticoagulants : where do we stand today ? 09.00 Will new anticoagulants change our practice ?	<i>Prof G. Berkenboom (Brussels, B) & Prof C. Vrints (Antwerpen, B) Prof E. Aliot (Nancy, F) Prof P. Verhamme (Leuven, B)</i>
08.30-11.00	IN PARALLEL SESSION 4 What pediatric cardiologists should know about arrhythmias in children <i>Session organised by the National Research Foundation on Pediatric Cardiology</i> 08.30 Foetal and infant supraventricular tachycardia 09.00 Wolf-Parkinson-White Syndrome 09.30 Antiarrhythmic drugs in children 10.00 AV-Block and pacemaker therapy in children 10.30 Electrophysiology and ablation in children	<i>Prof Th. Sluysmans (Brussels, B) & Prof B. Suys (Antwerpen, B) Dr F. Mascart (Liège, B) Dr W. Decaluwe (Gent, B) Prof M. Gewillig (Leuven, B) Prof M. Massin (Brussels, B) Prof U. Bauersfeld (Zürich, CH)</i>
09.30-10.30	SESSION 5 Primary prevention of atrial fibrillation. <i>Session sponsored by Novartis</i> 09.30 Can RAS blockade prevent atrial fibrillation ? 09.50 Direct renin inhibition 10.10 Clinical benefits of direct renin inhibition	<i>Dr F. Deprez (Namur, B) & Dr P. Geelen (Aalst, B) Prof R. Schmieder (Erlangen-Nürnberg, D) Prof G. De Keulenaer (Antwerp, B) Prof R. Schmieder (Erlangen-Nürnberg, D)</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00-12.00	SESSION 6 Diagnosis & management of challenging patients from the neurology ward <i>Session sponsored by Medtronic</i> 11.00 Unexplained syncope : how to reveal or black-out rhythm disturbances ? 11.30 Diagnosis of cryptogenic stroke : detecting silent AF.	<i>Prof H. Heidbüchel (Leuven, B) & Dr I. Blankoff (Antwerpen, B) Prof D. Andresen (Berlin, D) Prof A.J. Camm (London, UK)</i>
12.00-13.00	SESSION 7 Genetics and pediatrics 12.00 Which arrhythmia-patient (or relative) should go for genetic screening ? 12.30 What every cardiologist should know on arrhythmias in children.	<i>Dr G.H. Mairesse (Arlon, B) & Dr F. Van den Branden (Antwerpen, B) Prof S. Priori (Pavia, I) Prof U. Bauersfeld (Zürich, CH)</i>
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	SESSION 8 Heart rate reduction using I_r inhibition : A new strategy in cardiovascular risk management <i>Session sponsored by Servier</i> 14.00 Benefits from selective heart rate reduction by ivabradine in myocardial ischemia 14.30 Does I _r inhibition improve prognosis in high risk patients ?	<i>Dr M. Goethals (Roeselare, B) & Dr A. Waleffe (Liège, B) Prof A.J. Camm (London, UK) Prof J.L. Vanoverschelde (Brussels, B)</i>
15.00-16.00	SESSION 9 Optimal selection of patients at risk for SCD using non-invasive risk stratification <i>Session sponsored by St. Jude Medical</i> 15.00 Heart rate variability : useful or obsolete ? 15.20 Late potentials and QRS-duration : useful or obsolete ? 15.40 T-Wave Alternans : useful or obsolete ?	<i>Dr A. de Meester (Haine St Paul, B) & Dr M. Rivero (Genk, B) Prof X. Jouven (Paris, F) Dr J. Boland (Liège, B) Dr J. Vijgen (Hasselt, B)</i>

16.00-16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30-17.30	SESSION 10 Remote monitoring : The road to advanced patient management <i>Session sponsored by Biotronik</i>	<i>Dr C. Scavée (Brussels, B) & Dr D. Stockman (Antwerpen, B)</i>
16.30	Telecardiology, a myth or established daily practice ?	<i>Prof M.J. Schalij (Leiden, NL)</i>
16.45	Extending device patient follow-up : new clinical evidence	<i>Prof S. Sack (Munich, D)</i>
17.00	Panel discussion : telecardiology in Belgium	
17.30-18.45	SESSION 11 Best abstracts Part 2	<i>Prof R. Stroobandt (Oostende, B) & Prof L. De Roy (Yvoir, B)</i>
17.30	Termination of persistent AF as the endpoint for catheter ablation : predictive factors and long term clinical outcome	<i>Dr S. Knecht (Bordeaux, F)</i>
17.45	Spatial distribution of PV reconnection after initial circumferential PV isolation	<i>Dr Y. De Greef (Brugge, B)</i>
18.00	AV node innervation from the right vagus nerve requests integrity of the epicardial ganglionated plexi. First demonstration in humans	<i>Dr O. Xhaet (Yvoir, B)</i>
18.15	3D rotational angiography during left or right atrial ablation procedures	<i>Dr J. Ector (Leuven, B)</i>
18.30	First clinical results of high density Mesh ablation : a potential alternative to point by point ablation for PV isolation	<i>Dr D. Stockman (Antwerpen, B)</i>
19.30-20.30	Cocktail	
20.30	Dinner Celebrating Belgian founding fathers in Electrophysiology :	<i>Dr M. Goethals (Roeselare, B), Prof R. Willems (Leuven, B) & Dr C. Scavée (Brussels, B)</i> <i>Prof H. Ector (Leuven, B) & Prof D. De Jonghe (Brussels, B)</i>

Saturday October 4th

08.00	Welcome and Registration	
08.30-09.30	SESSION 12 New technologies : do they help us ? Economy and Ethics	<i>Prof R. Tavernier (Brugge, B) & Dr Ph. Evrard (Liège, B)</i>
08.30	New technologies for ablation : enhanced fluoroscopy	<i>Prof H. Heidbüchel (Leuven, B)</i>
08.45	New technologies for ablation : stereotaxis	<i>Dr Y. Van Belle (Rotterdam, NL)</i>
09.00	Automatic external defibrillators : why, where and how ?	<i>Prof W.J. McKenna (London, UK)</i>
09.30-10.30	SESSION 13 CRT and heart failure : more problems than solutions ? <i>Session sponsored by Sorin</i> <i>In collaboration with the Belgian Working Group on Heart Failure and Cardiac Function</i>	<i>Dr Jean-Luc Vachieri (Brussels, B) & Dr David Raes (Antwerpen, B)</i>
09.30	CRT : where are we in clinical practice ?	<i>Dr M. Goethals (Aalst, B)</i>
09.50	The role of echocardiography in CRT optimisation	<i>Prof P. Søgaard (Copenhagen, D)</i>
10.10	The role of implanted sensors in CRT optimisation	<i>Prof P. Bordachar (Bordeaux, F)</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00-12.00	SESSION 14 Atrial fibrillation ablation in 2008	<i>Dr C. Dimmer (Luxembourg, L) & Prof M. Duytschaever (Brugge, B)</i>
11.00	The cardiological approach	<i>Prof D. Shah (Geneva, CH)</i>
11.30	The surgical approach	<i>Prof P. Pagé (Montréal, CDN)</i>
12.00-13.00	SESSION 15 Remaining challenges for device therapy <i>Session sponsored by Boston Scientific</i>	<i>Prof R. Willems (Leuven, B) & Dr J. Boland (Liège, B)</i>
12.00	Primary prevention : should we implant all patients with an ICD ?	<i>Prof S. Boveda (Toulouse, FR)</i>
12.30	Device reliability and safety : can we trust the device ?	<i>Prof A. Curnis (Brescia, Italy)</i>
13.00	Closing remarks - Prize for the best abstract.	<i>Dr G.H. Mairesse (Arlon, B)</i>
13.10-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-16.00	SESSION 16 ICD-Patients session	
	Français	<i>BeHRA Members</i>
14.00	Indications du défibrillateur cardiaque implantable	<i>Prof Th. Verbeet (Bruxelles, B)</i>
14.15	Défibrillateur et permis de conduire	<i>Dr I. Blankoff (Antwerpen, B)</i>
14.30	Principes de fonctionnement du défibrillateur implantable	<i>Dr A. de Meester (Haine St Paul, B)</i>
14.45	Suivi et problèmes potentiels du défibrillateur	<i>Dr Y. Ernst (Arlon, B)</i>
15.00	Questions-Réponses	<i>Panel</i>
15.30	Création d'une association pour les patients porteurs d'un défibrillateur cardiaque	
	Nederlands	<i>BeHRA Members</i>
14.00	Indicaties voor een ICD	<i>Dr F. Provenier (Gent, B)</i>
14.15	De ICD - patiënt en zijn rijbewijs	<i>Dr J. Vijgen (Hasselt, B)</i>
14.30	Mogelijke technische problemen met een ICD	<i>Dr P. Goethals (Brussels, B)</i>
14.45	Opvolging van en mogelijke medische problemen bij een ICD-patiënt	<i>Prof R. Willems (Leuven, B)</i>
15.00	Vragen en antwoorden	<i>Panel</i>
15.30	Oprichting van een ICD patiëntenvereniging	

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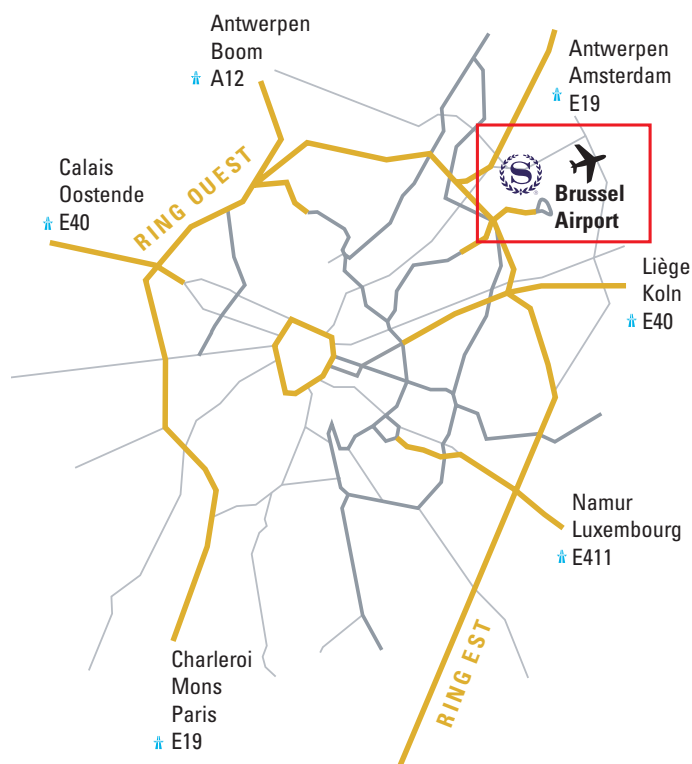
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