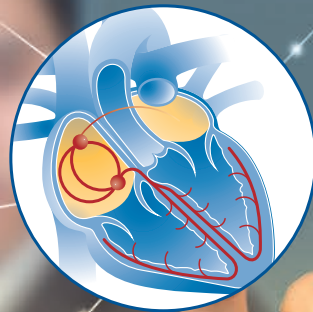




**THE 5TH JOINT CONSENSUS CONFERENCE
OF THE GERMAN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NETWORK (AFNET)
AND THE EUROPEAN HEART RHYTHM ASSOCIATION (EHRA)**



**UNDERSTANDING AND
ELIMINATING INEQUALITIES
AND BARRIERS THAT PREVENT
OPTIMAL TREATMENT OF
ATRIAL FIBRILLATION
22ND-23RD JANUARY 2015**

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21ST JANUARY 2015, WEDNESDAY EVENING

ARRIVAL, ADJOURN IN THE HOTEL

22ND JANUARY 2015, THURSDAY

8:30 Welcome

8:40 Introductory remark

CARDIOVASCULAR COMPLICATIONS IN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

8:50 Finding atrial fibrillation – just keep looking, just keep looking... with new technologies!

| Ben Freedman, Sydney, AU

9:00 The need to fully implement existing (proven) therapies in AF patients

European perspective | Gregory Lip, Birmingham, GB

Pan-American perspective | Jonathan Piccini, Durham, US

Asia-Pacific perspective | Hung Fat Tse, Hong Kong, HK

9:30 The need for further improvement of atrial fibrillation management | Paulus Kirchhof, Birmingham, GB

9:40 Discussion

10:00 10 MINUTE “GRAB A COFFEE” BREAK

NEW DRUGS IN AF: REAL-LIFE QUESTIONS AND EXPERIENCES

10:10 NOACs in clinical practice: Updated answers from a professional organization | Hein Heidbüchel, Leuven, BE

10:20 New antiarrhythmic drugs: Fit to match clinical needs? | John Camm, London, GB

10:30 Predicting and avoiding bleeding events in patients treated with non-vitamin K antagonist medications | Jonas Oldgren, Uppsala, SE

10:40 Patient preferences and patient-reported outcomes: A view from the ESC | Melanie Calvert, Birmingham, GB

10:50 Discussion

11:10 10 MINUTE “GRAB A COFFEE” BREAK

DRUGS AND INTERVENTIONS - THE FUTURE IS INTEGRATED!

11:20 Challenges on the main road – ensuring quality of AF ablation procedures | Gerd Hindricks, Leipzig, DE

11:30 Combination of antiarrhythmic drugs and catheter ablation | Harry Crijns, Maastricht, NL

11:40 Should we combine left atrial appendage occluders with oral anticoagulants in selected patients?

| Thorsten Lewalter, Munich, DE

11:50 Discussion

12:10 LUNCH

NOVEL HEALTH MODIFIERS AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETS IN AF

- 13:00 **Extracting biomarkers through bioinformatics**
| Monika Stoll, Münster, DE
- 13:10 **Validation of biomarkers for AF: Incident AF, AF recurrence and AF related complications**
| Renate Schnabel, Hamburg, DE
- 13:20 **ECG-based markers to guide rhythm control therapy**
| Ulrich Schotten, Maastricht, NL
- 13:30 **Translating risk factors into disease mechanisms: Obesity** | Stephane Hatem, Paris, FR
- 13:40 **Adding a third dimension to genomic analysis and SNPs in AF** | Patrick Ellinor, Boston, US
- 13:50 **Making sense of genetic markers in AF – an update on pitx2** | Larissa Fabritz, Birmingham, GB
- 14:00 **Discussion**

14:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

- 15:00 **BREAK-OUT-SESSION 1**
Workshops

17:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

- 17:30 **Report of break-out groups to plenary**
(10 min per group)

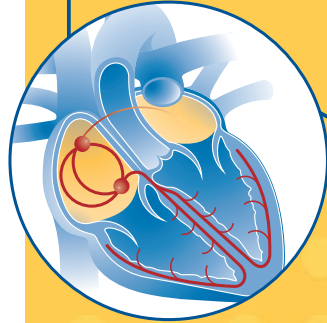
19:00 **ADJOURN, DEPARTURE TO DINNER**

23RD JANUARY 2015, FRIDAY

- 8:30 **Kick-off, summary of day 1, targets for the break-out groups for day 2**
- 9:00 **BREAK-OUT-SESSION 2**
Preparing a written summary of the results
- 12:00 **Final plenary**

14:00 **LUNCH, DEPARTURE**





INFORMATION

Venue

The European Heart House
2035 Route des Colles -
Les Templiers
06903 Sophia Antipolis
France

Start

22nd January 2015
Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

End

23rd January 2015
Friday, 2:00 p.m.

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