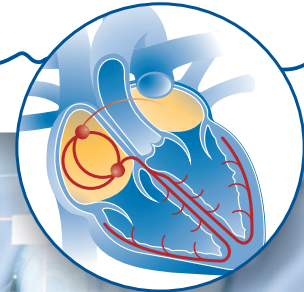




**THE 7TH JOINT CONSENSUS CONFERENCE  
OF THE GERMAN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NETWORK (AFNET)  
AND THE EUROPEAN HEART RHYTHM ASSOCIATION (EHRA)**



**MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH AF:  
NEW THERAPIES AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS  
14<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

THURSDAY EVENING, 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

Arrival

20:00 Welcome dinner at hotel

FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

8:05 Welcome from AFNET & EHRA

8:10 Introductory Remarks



CATCH ME SESSION

STRATIFICATION OF PATIENTS WITH AF

8:20 Evidence gaps in atrial fibrillation (AF) – the view of an EHRA expert panel | Andreas Goette, Paderborn, DE

8:30 Determinants of gene expression patterns in human atria – insights for stratification | Ulrich Schotten, Maastricht, NL

8:40 Biomarkers for AF – what is new? | Renate Schnabel, Hamburg, DE

8:50 Genomic markers for AF related outcomes: recurrent AF and stroke. | Michiel Rienstra, Groningen, NL

9:00 Health data: heart failure, and AF outcomes | Dipak Kotecha, Birmingham, UK

9:10 What drives recurrent AF in patients | Winnie Chua, Birmingham, UK

9:20 Panel discussion

9:40 COFFEE BREAK

RHYTHM CONTROL THERAPY – AN UPDATE

9:55 What is the role of rhythm control therapy in 2019  
The optimist's view | Stephan Willems, Hamburg, DE  
The pessimist's view | John Camm, London, UK

10:15 Cognitive function in patients with AF – the new frontier? | Karl Georg Häusler, Würzburg, DE

10:25 Antiarrhythmic drugs – what have we learned in the last 15 years? | Stefan Hohnloser, Frankfurt, DE

10:35 mHealth and AF apps – an update | Eduard Guasch, Barcelona, ES

10:45 Integrated care and educational interventions | Isabelle van Gelder, Groningen, NL

10:55 Panel discussion

11:05 COFFEE BREAK

STROKE PREVENTION 1

11:20 AHRE vs. AF – implications for stroke prevention | Lluís Mont, Barcelona, ES

11:30 AF screening for stroke prevention | Emma Svennberg, Stockholm, SE

11:40 Anticoagulation in patients without AF – an update | Jeff Healey, Hamilton, CA

11:50 Interventional stroke prevention (LAA occluders) – when will we have the evidence that is needed? | Thorsten Lewalter, Munich, DE

12:00 BREAK

STROKE PREVENTION 2

12:20 Refining stroke risk | Jonas Oldgren, Uppsala, SE

12:30 Periinterventional anticoagulation and antidotes | Jan Steffel, Zurich, CH

12:40 Anticoagulation in patients after a bleeding event | Gregory Lip, Liverpool, UK

12:50 Future opportunities in EU Funding – Horizon Europe | Grzegorz Owsianik, Brussels, BE

13:00 Panel discussion

13:30 LUNCH

BREAK-OUT-SESSION 1  
Workshops

16:45 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 Report back to plenary

19:30 DINNER

SATURDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

8:30 Kick-off  
Summary of day 1  
Targets for the break-out groups for day 2

8:45 **BREAK-OUT-SESSION 2**  
Preparing a written summary of the results

11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 Final plenary

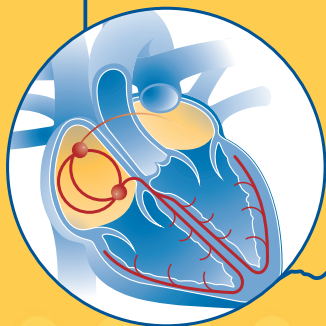
13:30 LUNCH/ADJOURN OF CONFERENCE

14:00 Meeting of the Writing Committee

19:30 DINNER (FOR THE WRITING COMMITTEE)



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## **INFORMATION**

### **Venue**

The Pestana Palace Lisboa  
Rua Jau 54  
1300-314 Lisbon  
Portugal

### **Conference organization**

The Atrial Fibrillation NETWORK (AFNET),  
the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)  
and the CATCH ME Consortium

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