

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Joint AFNET/EHRA Consensus Conference 2021**

***“Early diagnosis and precision treatment of atrial fibrillation in the digital era”***

**12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Conference Programme**

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Arrival

19:30 Welcome dinner at hotel

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

9:00 Welcome from AFNET & EHRA

9:05 Introductory Remarks

**AFFECT-EU SESSION: REFINED ATRIAL FIBRILLATION SCREENING**

9:15 Implementation of integrated care in AF – [Hein Heidbüchel](#)

9:25 Efficiency of prolonged rhythm monitoring for AF detection – [Jesper Hastrup Svendsen](#)

9:35 Reducing stroke risk by screening for AF? – [Emma Svennberg](#)

9:45 Reducing recurrent stroke risk by prolonged screening for atrial fibrillation (MonDAFIS)? –  
[Karl Georg Häusler](#)

9:55 Panel discussion

**ADVANCES IN PHENOTYPING OF AF PATIENTS**

10:15 Quantification of atrial myopathy as an indicator of stroke risk and OAC indication –  
[Jeff Healey](#)

10:25 Artificial intelligence and digital applications to guide diagnosis of AF and its complications –  
[Stéphane Hatem](#)

10:35 Feature extraction and new biomarkers for AF – [Winnie Chua](#)

10:45 AF telecare and app-based management – [Dominik Linz](#)

10:55 Panel discussion

11:15 Coffee Break

**DZHK SESSION: UNSOLVED ISSUES IN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION TREATMENT**

11:30 Early rhythm control therapy to improve outcomes in patients with AF (EAST – AFNET 4)?  
[A. John Camm](#)

11:40 Digitals or beta blockers for rate control in patients with AF and heart failure – new answers  
to an old question (Rate AF) – [Dipak Kotecha](#)

11:50 How to maintain cognitive function in AF patients (role of anticoagulation)? – [Lena Rivard](#)

12:00 Atrial cardiomyopathy and heart failure to guide rhythm control therapy? – [Andreas Götte](#)

12:10 Panel discussion

12:30 Lunch

**BREAK-OUT-SESSION 1**

14:00 Workshops

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Report back to plenary

17:45 Summary of day 1

19:00 Dinner

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**BREAK-OUT-SESSION 2**

- 8:00 Targets for the break-out groups
- 8:15 Preparing a written summary of the results
- 10:45 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Final plenary
- 13:00 Lunch/Adjourn of Conference

**Writing Committee only**

- 14:00 Meeting of the Writing Committee
- 19:30 Dinner

**Venue**

Dorint Hotel Hamburg-Eppendorf  
Germany

**Conference organization**

The Atrial Fibrillation NETwork (AFNET) and  
the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)

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