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to attend the Satellite Symposium

Breaking down the walls in atrial fibrillation management



EUROPACE 2009



Berlin - Germany

Sunday, 21 June 2009

17:15-18:45

ICC Berlin

Room 1

Dear colleague,

Can we break down the walls of atrial fibrillation? Is Berlin the perfect place to reconsider traditional beliefs and open our mind to new concepts?

During the satellite symposium "Breaking down the walls in atrial fibrillation management", we would like to discuss:

- ▶ How big of a problem is atrial fibrillation and how does it impact our patients and society?
- ▶ Should we reconsider the definition of treatment success when managing atrial fibrillation with antiarrhythmic drugs? Should we focus on outcomes such as stroke, cardiovascular complications or death more than on the ECG?

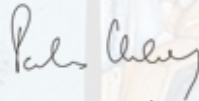
- ▶ What evidence is available on how anti-arrhythmic drugs affect outcomes and how have the ATHENA trial results changed this?
- ▶ Will this lead us to a new treatment algorithm for atrial fibrillation?

We cordially invite you to this satellite symposium and hope you can join us on Sunday 21 June, from 17:15 until 18:45 in Room 1.

Sincerely,



Günter Breithardt
Chairman



Paulus Kirchhof
Co-chairman

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Chairman: Günter Breithardt, Münster, Germany
Co-chairman: Paulus Kirchhof, Münster, Germany

Introduction

Günter Breithardt, Münster, Germany

17:20-17:35

Atrial fibrillation: the tip of the iceberg and the burden that lies beneath

Paulus Kirchhof, Münster, Germany

17:35-17:55

Managing atrial fibrillation: where can we go?

Gerald V. Naccarelli, Hershey, PA, USA

17:55-18:15

Bringing outcomes to atrial fibrillation management: the ATHENA trial

Stuart Connolly, Hamilton, ON, Canada

18:15-18:35

Time for a new treatment algorithm?

Harry J.G.M. Crijns, Maastricht, the Netherlands

18:35-18:45

Discussion and conclusions

All; moderated by the chairman and co-chairman

► An electronic copy of all presentations will be provided to the participants.

By sponsoring the satellite symposium "Breaking down the walls in atrial fibrillation management", sanofi-aventis wants to contribute to an increased understanding of the fact that atrial fibrillation significantly increases cardiovascular morbidity and mortality and how the management of atrial fibrillation can be improved in terms of these outcomes.