

Dear Electrophysiology Enthusiast,

Welcome to the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA), your international reference for arrhythmia-related matters. EHRA extends the services of your national arrhythmia society or working group at a European and worldwide level.

We provide an international platform of top-notch scientific exchange and education at our yearly congress in March. Nothing is more stimulating than connecting with colleagues and hearing how they develop their clinical and scientific skills. You can attend educational courses throughout the year, apply for individual certification (including exams), and you can put your centre forward to be acknowledged as 'EHRA Recognised Training Centre' for its conformity to the latest educational standards.

We translate the expansive scientific data of our field into consensus documents, position papers, Practical Guides and Key Messages. Together with the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), we initiate more and more scientific endeavours like registries and innovative clinical trials, to which we hope you will contribute.

Our EHRA should be an open community: twelve committees and 160 committee members ensure a smooth and efficient functioning, but our activities are not closed to 'committee members-only'. Feel free to suggest any new initiatives: if your proposal is feasible and selected, we will call upon you for active contribution or even leading the initiative. We will develop an online platform to facilitate that process.

As you know, EHRA is part of the ESC family, which provides us with enormous possibilities like no other arrhythmia society in the world. ESC organises the leading cardiovascular congress in the world and has created a unique educational environment for year-round learning, through ESC 365, the ESC e-learning platform, and online webinars. Moreover, ESC is the recognised cardiovascular advocacy society in Europe.

I greatly encourage you to join EHRA to fully benefit of all these possibilities. We are currently exploring ways to facilitate joint membership of your national working group and EHRA.

Allow me also to stimulate your personal engagement with EHRA: you have a say in where our community should evolve. Please feel free to drop me a note on twitter @HH4EHRA, by email [heinheid@gmail.com](mailto:heinheid@gmail.com) or via the blog at [www.heinheidbuchel.eu](http://www.heinheidbuchel.eu) or contact any of the EHRA staff at [ehra@escardio.org](mailto:ehra@escardio.org), Board or committee members.

I count on you for input or critical remarks, and look forward to our common future!

Your EHRA President 2018-2020,

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