

*EP Working Group of the Moment: a joint initiative between the EHRA National Cardiac Societies Committee, the EHRA Young EP and E-Communications Committees*

## **Presentation of the Italian Society of Arrhythmology and Cardiac Pacing – AIAC (Associazione Italiana Aritmologia e Cardiolazione)**

The Italian Association of Arrhythmology and Cardiac Pacing (AIAC) is a non-profit scientific society founded in 1998 when the Italian Society of Cardiac Pacing and the Italian Working Group of Arrhythmology merged. It is composed of 1200 cardiologists, nurses and technicians with a specific interest in heart rhythm disorders.

According to the 2017 census and 2019 AIAC Registries, the following are the numbers of centres and activities performed under the society's umbrella.

Number of centres implanting pacemakers, ICDs, CRT-D and loop recorders	283
Number of centres performing EPS and ablation of simple or complex arrhythmias	117
Number of pacemakers implanted yearly	~57200
Number of ICD and CRT-D implanted yearly	~23300
Number of loop-recorders implanted yearly	~5000
Number of EPS and ablations	~30500

**Link to AIAC website:** <https://aiac.it>

### **ORGANIZATION:**

#### **National Board members**



- President – Roberto De Ponti, MD
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- Editorial Director – Maurizio Landolina, MD
- Scientific Committee Director – Giuseppe Boriani



*National Board Members during online regular meetings since April 2020*

Presidents and components of the Regional Sections are also part of the AIAC organization (<https://aiac.it/associazione/aiac-regioni/>).

**The main goals of AIAC are:**



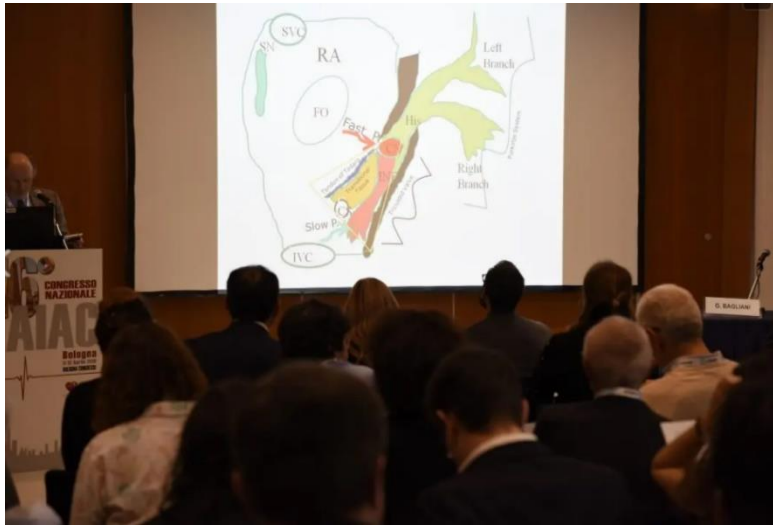


- To facilitate collaboration among Italian professionals on heart rhythm disorders
- To collaborate with National and International Societies or Working Groups in the field of Cardiology and heart rhythm disorders
- To educate members and non-members in cardiac rhythm disorders with continuous medical education programs
- To promote research to improve knowledge and techniques used to manage heart rhythm disorders
- To improve member proficiency disseminating International guidelines recommendations
- To promote a program for the improvement of professional skills among young members, including nurses and technicians
- To support editorial activities
- To interact with National and Regional Institutions to define the standard quality of care in the management of heart rhythm disorders

### Education:

- Organization of the Annual National Congress (<https://aiac.it/agenda/congresso-nazionale-aiac/>) consisting of a 2.5-day meeting on arrhythmias, invasive electrophysiology and device therapy with multiple concurrent sessions and minicourses





*Banner of the Annual National Congress 2021 and snapshots at the Annual National Congress 2019*

- Organization of face-to-face meetings and webinars on several aspects of heart rhythm disorders
- Promotion of joint meetings with other National and International Associations and Working Groups
- Institution of grants for young electrophysiologists to improve their theoretical and practical skills visiting for an appropriate time period tertiary referral centres (AIAC Academy program, <https://aiac.it/attivita/aiac-academy/>)



### Research:

1. Several activities are coordinated by the Scientific Committee named *AIAC Ricerca* (<https://aiac.it/associazione/aiac-ricerca/>) with a specific focus on research and editorial activities. Among them, the main focus is on:
  - scientific publications of original papers, reviews, and position papers
  - development, promotion and coordination of surveys with subsequent data analysis
  - coordination of a National Arrhythmia Network for research (*AIAC Ricerca Investigators Network*)
  - monitoring of ongoing multicentre studies
2. AIAC nominates members of Working Groups and Task Forces to study specific aspects of heart rhythm disorders. The main areas of interest are: atrial fibrillation and ventricular arrhythmia ablation, pediatric and genetic arrhythmias, arrhythmias in GUCH, gender arrhythmias, sudden cardiac death, non-invasive arrhythmia evaluation, pharmacotherapy, aging and arrhythmias, devices, radiation awareness, imaging in arrhythmia, lead extraction, simulation in arrhythmology, E-health, bioethics in arrhythmia management, nursing and technical aspects.
3. AIAC coordinates National Registries on device implantation and catheter ablation

### Networking:

1. AIAC creates networking opportunities especially for Young Electrophysiologists, both during the Annual National Congress (<https://aiac.it/aggiornamento/notizie-e-commenti/tag/aiac-futuro-2019/>) and permanently by nominating two Young Committees in Cardiac Electrophysiology and Pacing to involve young physicians in the research projects and in the society.
2. AIAC collaborates with patient associations to identify unmet needs and create opportunities
3. AIAC networks with National and International Cardiology and Arrhythmology Societies and Working Groups. Partnerships have been established with the European Heart Rhythm Association, the Heart Rhythm Society and the World Society of Arrhythmias.

AIAC is represented within EHRA by:



- ⇒ Giuseppe Boriani as mHealth, Health Economics and PROM Coordinator
- ⇒ Giovanni Luca Botto as Chair of the Selection Committee
- ⇒ Luigi Di Biase as member of the Scientific Documents Committee and Scientific Congress Programme Committee
- ⇒ Elisa Ebrille as member of the Certification Committee
- ⇒ Federico Guerra as member of the e-Communication Committee
- ⇒ Martina Nesti as member of the Young EP Committee and Italian Young Ambassador
- ⇒ Antonio Raviele as member of the Nominating Committee
- ⇒ Francesco Zanon as member of the Scientific Congress Programme Committee

