Dear Colleagues,

EuroCMR 2016 opened in Florence yesterday with a record number of delegates, exhibitors and faculty, firmly establishing EuroCMR as the leading clinical CMR event in Europe. The meeting is organised by the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI), in collaboration with many European and international partners, including the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, the Asian Society for Cardiac Imaging, the European Society for Cardiac Radiology as well as other Associations and Working Groups of the ESC.

The opening plenary today will focus on the translation of CMR from a research to a clinical tool. The session will be opened by Prof Jeroen Bax, incoming president of the European Society of Cardiology, who will reflect on the increasing availability of modern non-invasive imaging methods, which often provide overlapping clinical information. The choice of the best modality for individual patients in this context becomes an increasing challenge for physicians. The rapidly expanding role of CMR in clinical practice, reflected in several recent guideline indications for invasive imaging, will be reviewed by Prof Dudley Pennell, one of the founding fathers of CMR. Prof Frank Rademakers will follow with insights on the potential and challenges for CMR in future guidelines.

The session will close with an outlook of some of the technical developments in CMR that continue to overcome challenges and barriers of the past, exemplified by Prof James Moon by super fast image acquisition methods.

This captivating opening plenary of EuroCMR 2016, chaired by EACVI President Prof Gilbert Habib and CMR Section chair Prof Sven Plein, will set the scene for the conference that will showcase the whole breadth of current and future clinical applications of CMR over the next days.

By Prof. Sven Plein, Leeds, UK

**EuroCMR 2016 - from research to clinical practice**

Welcome address and Opening Plenary – Auditorium – 08:15-09:45

World Cup Competition: England Vs Germany – the 1966 World Cup final revisited – Auditorium – 17:00-18:10

Debate – Auditorium – 18:15-18:50

Special courses

Anatomy pieces and CMR images – Sala 9 – 10:45-11:30

Fluid dynamics principles in cardiology – Sala 9 – 16:10-17:00

Abstracts

Best Oral abstracts – Auditorium – 09:45-10:45

Oral abstracts quickfire – Agora – 10:45-11:30

Oral abstracts quickfire – Sala Verde – 15:00-16:10

Oral abstracts quickfire – Agora – 16:10-16:55

Industry sessions: Bayer industry symposium
Auditorium – 12:40-13:45 - Lunch box provided

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