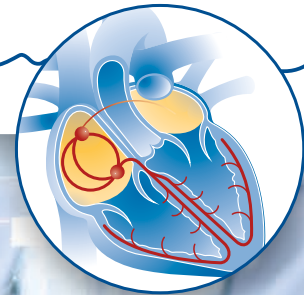




**THE 7TH JOINT CONSENSUS CONFERENCE
OF THE GERMAN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NETWORK (AFNET)
AND THE EUROPEAN HEART RHYTHM ASSOCIATION (EHRA)**

A central image showing a medical professional in a white lab coat interacting with a futuristic, glowing heart visualization. The heart is surrounded by various data points, graphs, and network-like structures, suggesting advanced medical technology and data analysis. The background is a soft-focus clinical setting.

**MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH AF:
NEW THERAPIES AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS
14TH-16TH MARCH 2019**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY EVENING, 14TH MARCH 2019

Arrival

20:00 Welcome dinner at hotel

FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH 2019

8:05 Welcome from AFNET & EHRA

8:10 Introductory Remarks



CATCH ME SESSION

STRATIFICATION OF PATIENTS WITH AF

8:20 Evidence gaps in atrial fibrillation – the view of an EHRA expert panel

8:30 Determinants of gene expression patterns in human atria – insights for stratification.

8:40 Biomarkers for AF – what is new?

8:50 Genomic markers for AF related outcomes: recurrent AF and stroke.

9:00 Health data: heart failure, and AF outcomes.

9:10 What drives recurrent AF in patients

9:20 Panel discussion

9:40 COFFEE BREAK

RHYTHM CONTROL THERAPY – AN UPDATE

9:55 What is the role of rhythm control therapy in 2019
The optimist's view
The pessimist's view

10:15 Cognitive function in patients with AF – the new frontier?

10:25 Integrated care and educational interventions

10:35 MHealth and AF apps – an update

10:45 Antiarrhythmic drugs – what have we learned in the last 15 years?

10:55 Panel discussion

11:05 COFFEE BREAK

STROKE PREVENTION 1

11:20 AHRE vs. AF – implications for stroke prevention

11:30 AF screening for stroke prevention

11:40 Anticoagulation in patients without AF – an update

11:50 Interventional stroke prevention (LAA occluders) – when will we have the evidence that is needed?

12:00 BREAK

STROKE PREVENTION 2

12:20 Refining stroke risk

12:30 Periinterventional anticoagulation and antidotes

12:40 Anticoagulation in patients after a bleeding event

12:50 Stroke prevention in terminal CKD

13:00 Panel discussion

13:30 LUNCH

BREAK-OUT-SESSION 1

Workshops

16:45 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 Report back to plenary

19:30 DEPARTURE TO DINNER

SATURDAY, 16TH MARCH 2019

8:30 Kick-off

Summary of day 1

Targets for the break-out groups for day 2

8:45 BREAK-OUT-SESSION 2

Preparing a written summary of the results

11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 Final plenary

13:30 LUNCH

Departure / EHRA board meeting / EHRA congress (except for the members of the Writing Committee)

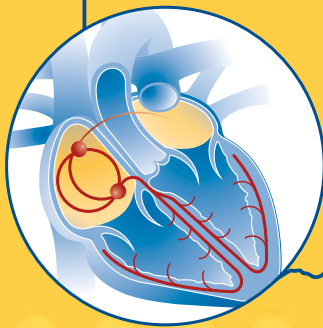
14:00 Meeting of the Writing Committee

19:30 DINNER



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INFORMATION

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