



THE 9TH JOINT CONSENSUS CONFERENCE
OF THE GERMAN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NETWORK (AFNET)
AND THE EUROPEAN HEART RHYTHM ASSOCIATION (EHRA)

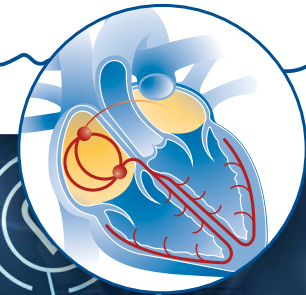


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LONGER AND BETTER LIVES FOR PATIENTS
WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION
11TH-13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Arrival

19:30 Welcome dinner at hotel

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023

7:50 Welcome from AFNET & EHRA

SCREENING TO INITIATE ANTICOAGULATION

Chair: Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, DE),
Helmut Pürerfellner (Linz, AT)

8:00 **New anticoagulants**

| Valeria Caso (Perugia, IT)

8:10 **AF patterns revisited**

| Michiel Rienstra (Groningen, NL)

8:20 **Impact of recent screening and AHRE trials (LOOP)?**

| Søren Zøga Diederichsen (Copenhagen, DK)

8:30 **Anticoagulation with Edoxaban in Patients with
Atrial High-Rate Episodes (NOAH)**

| Tobias Tönnis (Hamburg, DE)

8:40 **Effect of arrhythmia burden on cardiovascular events**

| Jason Andrade (Vancouver, CA)

8:50 **AF surgery and the role of the AF Heart team in 2023**

| Nicolas Doll (Stuttgart, DE)

9:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

BETTER RHYTHM MANAGEMENT BETTER RHYTHM CONTROL: ATTAINING SINUS RHYTHM TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

Chair: Isabelle van Gelder (Groningen, NL),
Gerhard Hindricks (Leipzig, DE)

9:20 **Cognitive dysfunction: Comorbidity, outcome, or both?**

| Karl Georg Häusler (Würzburg, DE)

9:30 **PITX2 and AF**

| Leif Hove-Madsen (Barcelona, ES)

9:40 **Attaining sinus rhythm mediates the effects of early
rhythm control** | Lars Eckardt (Münster, DE)

9:50 **Different ways of rhythm control lead to outcome
reduction: EAST and beyond** | André Ng (Leicester, UK)

10:00 **Linear lesions – past or future?**

| Reza Wakili (Frankfurt, DE)

10:10 **When is the right time to switch from rhythm control
to ablate and pace?** | Kevin Vernooy (Maastricht, NL)

10:20 **PANEL DISCUSSION / COFFEE BREAK**

COMORBIDITIES, ATRIAL CARDIOMYOPATHY, AND INTEGRATED AF CARE

Chair: Jose Merino (Madrid, Spain),
Stylianos Tzeis (Athens, Greece)

10:50 **Role of NOAC therapy in patients with AF on
hemodialysis** | Andreas Goette (Paderborn, DE)

- 11:00 **CASTLE Htx**
| Christian Sohns (Bad Oeynhausen, DE)
- 11:10 **Born with atrial fibrillation? Strong and weak genetic effects driving AF** | Stefan Kääh (Munich, DE)
- 11:20 **Move to keep the rhythm: Exercise, weight loss, and improved rhythm control**
| Prash Sanders (Adelaide, AUS)

11:30 Panel discussion

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND TREATMENTS

Chair: Andreas Goette (Paderborn, DE),
Tom de Potter (Aalst, BE)

- 11:50 **How does exclusion of the atrial appendage modify stroke risk?** | Jeff Healey (Hamilton, CA)
- 12:00 **Role of leadless pacers and conduction system pacing in patients with AF** | Wolfgang Dichtl (Innsbruck, AT)
- 12:10 **RF, cryo, pulsed field ablation – what is the future of PVI?** | Andreas Metzner (Hamburg, DE)
- 12:20 **Circulating biomolecules for risk prediction and therapy selection** | Ziad Hijazi (Uppsala, SE)
- 12:30 **New antiarrhythmic drugs** | John Camm (London, UK)

12:40 DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

BREAK-OUT-SESSION 1

- 14:00 **Machine learning and AI for early detection of stroke and AF – the MAESTRIA project**



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BREAK-OUT-SESSION 2

- 14:00 **Better rhythm management to improve outcomes**

BREAK-OUT-SESSION 3

- 14:00 **Improved risk prediction for stroke prevention: AF burden, cardiomyopathy, biomolecules**

BREAK-OUT-SESSION 4

- 14:00 **Pacing in AF**

BREAK-OUT-SESSION 5

- 14:00 **Modern AF drug therapy: heart failure, new antiarrhythmic drugs, genetics, new mechanisms**

BREAK-OUT-SESSION 6

- 14:00 **Comorbidity management to prevent AF**

- 17:00 **Wittenberg plenary**

18:30 DEPARTURE TO HOT JAZZ CLUB

Invitation to celebrate 20 years of AFNET

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

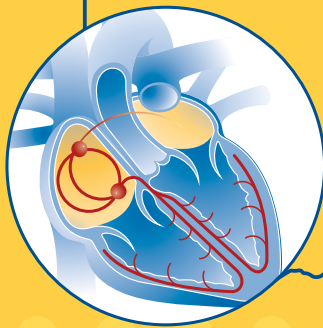
- 8:30 **Plenary discussion**
- 10:30 **Refinement in breakout groups**
- 12:00 **Final plenary**

13:00 LUNCH/ADJOURN OF CONFERENCE

WRITING COMMITTEE ONLY

- 14:00 **Meeting of the Writing Committee**

19:30 **DINNER (FOR THE WRITING COMMITTEE)**



INFORMATION

Venue

Factory Hotel Münster
An der Germania Brauerei 5
48159 Münster (Westf.)
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Conference organization

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