



**THE 10TH JOINT CONSENSUS CONFERENCE**  
OF THE GERMAN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NETWORK (AFNET)  
AND THE EUROPEAN HEART RHYTHM ASSOCIATION (EHRA)

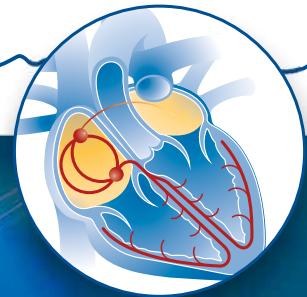


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# **TRANSFORMING PREVENTION OF HEART FAILURE AND STROKE IN FRAIL ATRIAL FIBRILLATION PATIENTS**

**5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

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ATRIAL  
FIBRILLATION  
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**EHRA**

European Society of Cardiology



**MAESTRIA**



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## MONDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

### Arrival

19:30 Welcome dinner at hotel

## TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

8:00 Welcome from AFNET & EHRA  
Paulus Kirchhof and Jose Merino

### COMORBIDITY THERAPY AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE ATRIA

**Chair** Hein Heidbuchel (Antwerp, NL)  
Daniel Steven (Cologne, DE)

8:15 **Managing Comorbidities in patients with AF (diabetes, CKD, COPD)** | Michiel Rienstra (Groningen, NL)

8:25 **Exercise or injections: Lifestyle modifications in patients with AF** | A. John Camm (London, UK)

8:35 **Molecular biology of atrial cardiomyopathy**  
| Dobromir Dobrev (Essen, DE)

8:45 **Positive effects of MRA and antifibrotic drugs on AF, HF, and stroke** | Andreas Götte (Paderborn, DE)

8:55 **Positive effects of Metabolic Drugs and AF, HF, and stroke (SGLT2i; GLP1-RA)** | Niels Voigt (Göttingen, DE)

9:05 **Can biomarkers quantify atrial cardiomyopathy and underlying disease processes?** | Larissa Fabritz (Hamburg, DE)

9:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

### ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPIES AND STROKE PREVENTION

**Chair** Eric Boersma (Rotterdam, NL)  
Tom de Potter (Aalst, BE)

9:30 **Ongoing AF screening trials (SAFER, Find AF-2, NORSCREEN) and how they compare to completed, neutral trials (STROKESTOP II, LOOP, STROKESTOP)**  
| Søren Zöga Diederichsen (Copenhagen, DK)

9:40 **How would a positive AF screening trial look like?**  
| Emma Svennberg (Stockholm, SE)

9:50 **Advancements in Factor XI Antagonists for Antithrombotic Therapy** | Gregory Lip (Liverpool, UK)

10:00 **AF and Cognitive function: Challenges and next steps**  
| Lena Rivard (Montreal, CA)

10:10 **Just cut or close the LAA: Update on ongoing LAA occluder trials** | Jeff Healey (Hamilton, CA)

10:20 **COFFEE BREAK**

### AF BURDEN AND RHYTHM CONTROL INTERVENTION

**Chair** Daniel Scherr (Graz, AT)

10:35 **AF burden: A unified consensus definition by EHRA and the ESC Council on stroke** | Wolfram Döhner (Berlin, DE)

10:45 **AF Burden Reduction in ACC/AHA/HRS Guidelines, 2024 ESC Guidelines, the 9th AFNET/EHRA Consensus and the ESC Council on Stroke & EHRA Consensus on the definition of Atrial Fibrillation Burden**  
| Carina Blomstrom-Lundquist (Uppsala, SE)

- 10:55 **AF Burden and its reduction. An US American perspective** | Janice Chyou (New York, US)
- 11:05 **What will we learn from CABAHPPEF DZHK27 and EASThigh AFNET 11?** | Andreas Rillig (Hamburg, DE)
- 11:15 **Early rhythm control in acute stroke: EAST-STROKE** | Götz Thomalla (Hamburg, DE)
- 11:25 **Stopping antitubercular after successful AF ablation? OCEAN** | Atul Verma (Montreal, CA)
- 11:35 **The 2025 EHRA practical consensus on AADs: Current and new AADs** | Jose Merino (Madrid, ES)

#### 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

### OPTIMIZING AF ABLATION SERVICES AND SELECTING THE RIGHT PATIENT

- Chair Arian Sultan (Hamburg, DE)
- 12:00 **Optimizing Workflows for High-Throughput AF Ablation Services (Same-Day discharge , lab usage / procedure times)** | Mina Chung (Cleveland, US)
- 12:10 **Pro-Con debate: PFA improves and is becoming the default energy source for AF ablation (R Wakili) vs. Cryoenergy is powerful: No reason to change for now (J Andrade)** | Reza Wakili (Frankfurt, DE), Jason Andrade (Vancouver, CA)
- 12:20 **What are the training requirements for an interventional EP in the single-shot ablation era? Beyond the EHRA core curriculum and the HRS ablation document** | Phillip Sommer (Bad Oeynhausen, DE)
- 12:30 **AI and AF: preliminary results of the MAESTRIA consortium** | Stéphane Hatem (Paris, FR)
- 12:40 **Predicting arrhythmia-induced cardiomyopathy and recovery of left ventricular function** | Renate Schnabel (Hamburg, DE)

- 12:50 **AF burden reduction and outcomes in EAST-AFNET 4** | Ulrich Schotten (Maastricht, NL)

#### 13:00 LUNCH

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 1

- 14:00 **AF burden**

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 2

- 14:00 **Optimizing handling of post-ablation period and patient selection**

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 3

- 14:00 **Antiarrhythmic drugs**

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 4

- 14:00 **Risk Factors**

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 5

- 14:00 **Outcome trials of rhythm control**

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 6

- 14:00 **MAESTRIA**

#### 19:00 DINNER

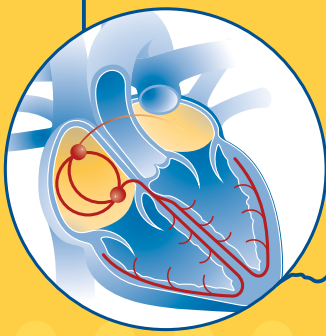
## WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

- 8:30 **Opening plenary session**
- 10:30 **Refinement in breakout groups**
- 12:00 **Concluding 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**

Hotel Le Manoir de Gressy  
Chemin des Carrosses  
77410 Gressy  
France

### **Conference organization**

The Atrial Fibrillation NETwork (AFNET),  
the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)

### **Scientific committee**

Prof. Paulus Kirchhof (AFNET; Hamburg, Germany)  
Prof. Jose Merino (EHRA; Madrid, Spain)  
Prof. Andreas Götte (AFNET; Paderborn, Germany)  
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