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REGISTRATION: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 Noon - 6:30 PM and all day Thursday, January 8 and Friday, January 9 starting at 6:30 AM

EXHIBIT FLOOR: Opens Thursday, January 8, 2015 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
Morning Scientific Session 7:00 AM - 12:30 PM
All Lectures are 15 Minutes & 5 Minutes Q&A
6:00 – 7:00 AM
Continental Breakfast
7:00 - 7:10 AM
Welcome and Overview of the 20th Annual AF Symposium
Jeremy Ruskin, MD
7:10 - 8:50 AM
Mechanisms of Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Remodeling: Bench to Bedside - Part I
Moderator: Jose Jalife, MD
Mechanisms of Atrial Remodeling and Their Impact on AF Outcomes
Prashanthan Sanders, MD, PhD
Myofibroblasts, Fibrosis and Drug Targets in Persistent Atrial Fibrillation
Jose Jalife, MD
Patient-Specific Models of Atrial Arrhythmias
Natalia Trayanova, PhD
Overview of Atrial Ion Channel Physiology and Mechanisms of Investigational New Antiarrhythmic Drugs for AF
Stanley Nattel, MD
Mechanistic Insights Into Genome Associations in Atrial Fibrillation
Patrick Ellinor, MD, PhD
8:50 - 9:20 AM
Break and Exhibits
9:20 - 11:10 AM
Mechanisms of Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Remodeling: Bench to Bedside - Part II
Moderator: Hans Kottkamp, MD
Role of the Autonomic Nervous System in Atrial Electrical Remodeling
Warren Jackman, MD
Predicting AF Outcomes by the Extent of Left Atrial Remodeling on MRI
Nassir Marrouche, MD
MRI Assessment of Atrial Fibrosis in Patients Undergoing Catheter Ablation for AF - Is There Clinical Value?
Josef Kautzner, MD, PhD
Box Isolation of Fibrictive Areas (BIFA) for Substrate Modification in F ACM
Hans Kottkamp, MD
All Faculty and Audience Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes)
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM
Challenging Cases in AF Management - Antiarrhythmic Drugs, Anticoagulation and Clinical Decision Making: Panel and Audience Discussion (10 minutes per case)
Moderator: Eric Prystowsky, MD
Panel: A. John Camm, MD; Peter Kowey, MD; Jeremy Ruskin, MD; Hans Kottkamp, MD and Albert Waldo, MD
12:10 - 12:30 PM
Reflections on the 20th Annual AF Symposium
12:30 - 2:00 PM
Lunch and Exhibits
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
Afternoon Scientific Session 2:00 PM - 6:10 PM
All Lectures are 15 Minutes & 5 Minutes Q&A
2:00 - 3:50 PM
Modifiable Risk Factors for Atrial Fibrillation
Moderator: David Wilber, MD
The Impact of Endurance Exercise on Autonomic Remodeling and Atrial Fibrosis
Stanley Nattel, MD
Obesity, Atrial Fibrosis and AF - Role of Epicardial Fat in Atrial Remodeling
David Wilber, MD
The Contribution of Sleep Apnea to AF and the Impact of Treatment on Outcome of AF Ablation
Elad Anter, MD
Aggressive Risk Factor Modification in AF: Implications for Maintenance of Sinus Rhythm
Prashanthan Sanders, MD, PhD
All Faculty and Audience Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes)
3:50 - 4:20 PM
Break and Exhibits
4:20 - 6:10 PM
Clinical Trials, Guidelines and Regulatory Issues in AF Ablation
Moderator: Hugh Calkins, MD
Clinical Trials of New Ablation Technologies Seeking FDA Approval
Hugh Calkins, MD
FDA Perspectives on Trial Design for Ablation Devices for Persistent AF
Jun Dong, MD, PhD
Monitoring Trials for the Detection of Asymptomatic AF - Results and Implications for Therapy
A. John Camm, MD
The 2014 AHA/ACC/HRS AF Guidelines: What Changed and Why?
Hugh Calkins, MD
All Faculty and Audience Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes)
6:10 PM
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015
Morning Scientific Session 7:00 AM - 12:10 PM
All Lectures are 15 Minutes & 5 Minutes Q&A
6:30 - 7:00 AM
Continental Breakfast
7:00 - 11:30 AM
Satellite Case Presentations
Moderators: Moussa Mansour, MD and Jeremy Ruskin, MD
Expert Panel: Pierre Jais, MD; Hans Kottkamp, MD; Francis Marchlinski, MD; Andrea Natale, MD and David Wilber, MD
Catheter Ablation of Persistent AF - 2C3L Approach
Chang Sheng Ma, MD
Beijing Anzhen Hospital, Capital Medical University, Beijing, China
Advanced 3-Dimensional Mapping to Guide AF Ablation
Gerhard Hindricks, MD; Andreas Bollmann, and J edrzej Kosiuk, MD
University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany
Combined AF Ablation and Left Atrial Appendage Closure
Claudio Tondo, MD, PhD; Gaetano Fassini, MD; Massimo Moltrasio, MD and Antonio Dello Russo, PhD
Centro Cardiologico Monzino, University of Milan, Milan, Italy
MIBG Imaging Guided GP Ablation with PVI for AF
Sabine Ernst, MD, PhD
Royal Brompton Hospital, London, England
Pulmonary Vein Antral Isolation Without the Use of Fluoroscopy
Rodney Horton, MD; Amin Al-Ahmad, MD and Andrea Natale, MD
Texas Cardiac Arrhythmia Institute, Austin, Texas
Tools and Techniques to Optimize Contact Force During AF Ablation
Kevin Heist, MD, PhD and Moussa Mansour, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
11:30 AM – 12:10 PM
Protecting the Brain in Atrial Fibrillation - Part I
Moderator: Daniel Singer, MD
Novel Anticoagulant Drugs - Update and Comparison of Major Clinical Trials and How to Choose the Right NOAC
Daniel Singer, MD
Combined Anticoagulant and Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients with AF and CAD, and Should We Be Dose Adjusting the NOACs?
Peter Kowey, MD
12:10 - 1:40 PM
Lunch and Exhibits
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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015**

**Morning Scientific Session**
1:40 - 2:00 PM
All Lectures are 15 Minutes & 5 Minutes Q&A

1:40 - 2:00 PM
Protecting the Brain in Atrial Fibrillation - Part I Continued
Moderator: Daniel Singer, MD

Elimination of AF as a Strategy for Prevention of Stroke and Cognitive Impairment
John Day, MD

Periprocedural Microembolization During AF Ablation - Mechanisms, Incidence and Clinical Significance
Josef Kautzner, MD, PhD

Periprocedural Anticoagulation for AF Ablation with Warfarin & NOACs
Luigi Di Biase, MD, PhD

Implanted Device Detected High Rate Events - Is There a Case for Periprocedural Anticoagulation and Clinical Significance
A. John Camm, MD

All Faculty and Audience Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes)
3:30 - 4:00 PM
Break and Exhibits

4:00 - 6:30 PM
Protecting the Brain in Atrial Fibrillation - Part II: Targeting the Left Atrial Appendage
Moderator: Vivek Reddy, MD

Endocardial LAA Closure Devices: An Overview of the Evidence Base
Vivek Reddy, MD

Epipical LAA Closure: Is There Sufficient Evidence for This Technique?
Andrea Natale, MD

LAA Closure Devices and Multiple FDA Panels - Where Things Stand and Why
Zoltan Turi, MD

Beyond Stroke Prevention: Role of the LAA in Atrial Arrhythmias and Impact of Closure on AF Burden, Neurohormonal Modulation and Left Atrial Function
Dhanunjaya Lakkireddy, MD

Electrical LAA Isolation in Persistent AF Ablation: Beneficial or Harmful?
Young-Hoon Kim, MD, PhD

FDA Perspectives on LAA Closure Device Trials
Andrew Farb, MD

All Faculty and Audience Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes)
6:30 PM
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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015**

**Morning Scientific Session**
7:00 AM - 12:30 PM
All Lectures are 15 Minutes & 5 Minutes Q&A

6:00 - 7:00 AM
Continental Breakfast

7:00 - 9:10 AM
Optimizing the Efficacy and Safety of Catheter Ablation for Paroxysmal AF
Moderator: Francis Marchlinski, MD

Ablation for Paroxysmal AF: What Have We Learned from More Than Ten Years of Follow-Up?
Andrea Natale, MD

Second Generation Balloon Technologies for Ablation of Paroxysmal AF
Karl-Heinz Kuck, MD

Efficacy and Safety of New Circular RF Catheter Systems for AF Ablation
Atul Verma, MD

Outcome with Multiple Repeat PVI: Is It OK to Whittle?
Francis Marchlinski, MD

Contact Force Sensing During AF Ablation - Technologies, Results and Impact on Clinical Outcomes
Moussa Mansour, MD

How to Objectively Assess the Quality of AF Ablation Procedures
André d’Avila, MD, PhD

The Impact of First-Procedure Success Rate on the Economics of AF Ablation
(10 minutes)
Moussa Mansour, MD

9:10 - 9:40 AM
Break and Exhibits

9:40 - 10:50 AM
Optimizing the Efficacy and Safety of Catheter Ablation for AF
Moderator: Francis Marchlinski, MD

How to Avoid the Common Complications of AF Ablation
Douglas Packer, MD

Advanced Technologies to Improve Safety During AF Ablation: OCT, Acoustic Radiation Force Imaging, Photoacoustic Imaging, Microwave Radiometry, Optical Spectroscopy, Electrode Integrated 30MHz Ultrasound and MRI Thermography
David Keane, MD, PhD

All Faculty and Audience Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes)
10:50 AM - 12:30 PM
Catheter Ablation for Persistent AF - Is PVI Sufficient?
Moderator: Pierre Jais, MD

Ablation of Persistent AF - Results and Limitations of the STAR-AF II Trial
Atul Verma, MD

Beyond PVI - Mapping and Ablation Techniques for Elimination of Drivers in Persistent AF
Michel Haissaguerre, MD

Hybrid Endocardial and Epipical Surgical Ablation of AF – Mechanistic Rationale & Results
Paul Wang, MD

What is the Best Strategy for Ablation of Persistent AF? and Results of Ablation On vs. Off Amiodarone in Long-standing Persistent AF
Andrea Natale, MD

The Spectrum of Atrial Tachycardias Following Ablation of Drivers in Persistent AF
Pierre Jais, MD

12:30 - 2:00 PM
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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015**

**Afternoon Scientific Session**
2:00 - 5:10 PM
All Lectures are 15 Minutes & 5 Minutes Q&A

2:00 – 4:10 PM
Catheter Ablation for Persistent AF - Are Rotors the Answer?
Moderator: Pierre Jais, MD

Intracardiac Rotor Mapping in Persistent AF - Techniques and Results
Sanjiv Narayan, MD, PhD

Lack of Evidence of Stable Rotors with Multipolar Mapping of Persistent AF
Ravi Mandapati, MD

Dominant Frequency, CAFE, Similarity Index, and Rotors - Lessons from Mapping and Ablation of Persistent AF
Shih-Ann Chen, MD, PhD

New Insights from Body Surface Mapping of Persistent AF - Limitations and Pitfalls
Karl-Heinz Kuck, MD

AFACART Trial - Design and Preliminary Results
Sebastien Knecht, MD

All Faculty and Audience Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes)
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The Planning Committee has determined that there is a strong need for this conference based on the clinical and public health significance of atrial fibrillation as the most common cardiac arrhythmia and a growing global epidemic, as well as rapid advances in our understanding of the mechanisms of and treatment options for this major public health problem. This three-day symposium is designed to meet the following objectives:

1. Provide a current review of new information on the clinical science and pathophysiology of atrial fibrillation and atrial fibrillation-related stroke
2. Provide a detailed presentation of the most recent developments in the diagnosis and treatment of atrial fibrillation
3. Discuss the prevention of AF-related stroke and other sequelae, with an emphasis on current and evolving pharmacologic and nonpharmacological therapies and enabling new technologies in the field of cardiac electrophysiology
4. Exchange thoughts and techniques with the treatment team to improve the outcome of patient care and treatment
5. Provide appropriate care and counsel for patients and their families through the education of health care professionals

The scientific basis for, clinical experience with and limitations of new and existing therapies for atrial fibrillation and prevention of atrial fibrillation-related stroke will be explored. In addition to formal lectures, case presentations, case discussions, focused mini-symposia and faculty-audience interactions using an audience response system will be used to highlight the current state of scientific knowledge in areas of major importance to clinicians. The faculty is selected to provide the highest quality teaching and access to the most current scientific information from leading international experts in the field.

This symposium has been designed to meet the educational needs of cardiologists, internists, fellows, nurses, and technicians involved in the care of patients with atrial fibrillation.

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