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8.00 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

8.45 OPEN REMARKS  
*A. Branzi*

9.00-10.40

**Symposium**

**AF and HF Pertain the Same Therapy?**

Chairmen: *J. Farré, S. Favale*

The Role of Renin Angiotensine System  
*A. Mugelli*

Is Atrial Fibrillation an Inflammatory State?  
*G. Lip*

Do Systemic Hypertension Have a Main Role?  
*C. Borghi*

Mechanisms of Atrial Fibrillation: Oscillating Concepts  
*M.J. Janse*

Atrial Fibrillation Ablation: Unde Venis Quo Vadis?  
*J. Farré*

10.40-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00-12.40

**Symposium**

**New Insight Into AF Mechanism**

Chairmen: *A. Capucci, R. Lazzara*

AF Ablation and Location of Ganglionated Plexuses  
*Y. Ho*

Role of Late Sodium Current on Atrial Ectopic Activity  
*L. Belardinelli*

Quantification of Epicardial Breakthrough and Lateral Excitation During Persistent Atrial Fibrillation  
*M. Alessie*

Frequency Analysis of Atrial Fibrillation Implication for Catheter Ablation  
*S.A. Chen*

New Insights into Mechanisms of PV Firing Implications for Pharmacotherapy and Ablation  
*R. Lazzara*



12.40-13.25

**Ronald Campbell Lecture**

History of the Disorders of Cardiac Rhythm Particularly  
Atrial Fibrillation  
*B. Lüderitz*

13.25-15.15

LUNCHEON PANELS

- SALONE IMPERIALE  
*Luncheon Panel Boston Scientific*  
Management of Atrial Fibrillation in Heart Failure Patients:  
the Role of Device and Ablation in the Daily Practice
- SALA PLUTONE  
*Luncheon Panel Medtronic Italia*  
AF Total Management: from Device and Ablation Therapy  
to Continuous Monitoring
- SALA GIOVE  
*Luncheon Panel Merck Sharp & Dohme/Sigma Tau*  
New Perspectives on Management of Atrial Fibrillation  
with Non Antiarrhythmic Agent

15.15-17.15

**Symposium**  
**Monitoring and Pacing**

Chairmen: *M. Chiariello, J. Guo*

Usefulness of Remote Control in Paced and ICD Patients  
*M. Santini*

Diagnosis of AF through Devices: Pitfalls and Misdiagnosis  
*C.W. Israel*

CRT in Heart Failure Patients with AF  
*M. Brignole*

Main Role of Pacing in CHF Patients with Paroxysmal  
and Persistent AF  
*L. Padeletti*

Rhythm Analysis in Single or Dual Chamber ICDs:  
How to Improve Rhythm Discrimination?  
*G. Boriani*

ICD, Algorithms and Atrial Arrhythmias:  
Evidence Based Medicine or Toys?  
*A.S. Montenero*



8.45-10.50

**Symposium**

**AF – Congestive AF and Anticoagulation**

Chairmen: *S.J. Connolly, G.F. Gensini*

Update on Clinical Trials of Antithrombotic Therapy  
in Atrial Fibrillation

*S.J. Connolly*

Oral Anticoagulation after RF Ablation

*A. Raviele*

When OAC in CHF Patients

*G.F. Gensini*

The Foramen Closure: How and When

*M. Chessa*

The Role of Atrial Septal Closure in the Youth

*F. Picchio*

Changes in Atrial Cellular Calcium Handling in CHF-How  
They Lead to Arrhythmias and Impaired Contractility

*S. Nattel*

10.50-11.10

COFFEE BREAK

11.10-13.10

**Symposium**

**AF Ablation**

Chairmen: *C. Blömstrom-Lundqvist, T. Gherli*

Atrial Fibrillation: Non-Pharmacological Treatment

*C. Blömstrom-Lundqvist*

The Role of Imaging for AF Ablation

*J. Kautzner*

Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: How Much RF Energy and How?

*N. Marrouche*

How to Follow Up the AF Patients after RF Ablation:

Role of Specific Monitoring and Related Therapy

*A. Natale*

Are Surgical Lines Useful in Transcatheter AF Ablation?

*F. Gaita*

An Approach to Atrial Tachycardia following AF Ablation

*P. Jais*



13.10-15.00

LUNCHEON PANELS

- SALONE IMPERIALE  
*Luncheon St. Jude Medical*  
Hot Topics in Catheter Ablation of Arrhythmias
- SALA GIOVE  
*Luncheon Panel Sanofi-Aventis*  
RAS System and AF Recurrence Prevention

15.00-17.00

**Symposium**  
**Medical Treatment of AF**

Chairman: *G.V. Naccarelli*

Antiarrhythmic Drugs in 2007: What is New?  
*G.V. Naccarelli*

New Onset AF, Why Bother?  
*M. Lunati*

Is Amiodadrone still the Reference Drug?  
*P.E. Vardas*

Is Rate Control Feasible?  
*G. Botto*

How Much do We Expect from Upstream Therapy  
*A. Capucci*

Is There Any Evidence for an Antiarrhythmic Effect  
of Non Antiarrhythmic Drugs?  
*F. Lombardi*



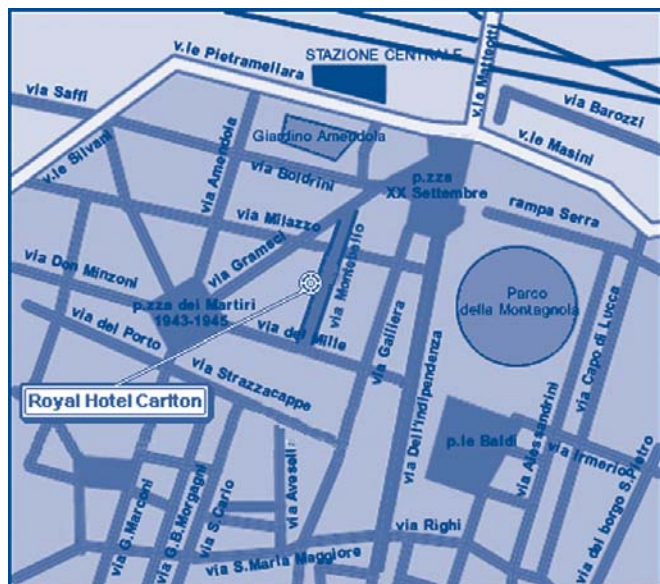
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English.

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Lunches will be served during the luncheon panels, limited to seat availability.

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All registered participants, speakers and exhibitors will be given a badge, which they must wear to be admitted to the scientific sessions.

## **REGISTRATION**

The conference is open to all duly registered participants.

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Material for poster mounting will be provided.  
Poster size is 70cm width and 100cm height.

**An award for the best poster selected among young authors (under 35 years) will be given.**

## **ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE**

A certificate will be given to all participants at the end of the meeting.

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Application for Italian ECM Credits has been submitted for the following disciplines: Cardiology, Cardio Surgery, General Medicine (Family doctor).

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