

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

# Atrial Fibrillation and Stroke

Back to the Future on Heart - Brain Interactions  
Bologna, January 15-16, 2016

Royal Hotel Carlton

*Requested Auspices*

Azienda Unità Sanitaria Locale di Bologna  
Federazione Italiana di Cardiologia (FIC)  
Italian Stroke Organization (ISO)

Friday, January 15, 2016

Sala Imperiale

**09.00-12.00 Focus On**

## Gestione della Terapia Anticoagulante Orale con NAO o AVK nei Pazienti con Fibrillazione Atriale e Stroke

*Moderatori: M. Galvani, L.G. Pancaldi*

- 09.00** Indicazioni prioritarie per l'utilizzo dei NAO  
**P. Colonna**
- 09.15** Aspetti di gestione pratica dei NAO: start-up e follow-up  
**F. Colivicchi**
- 09.30** Gestione del paziente con FA sottoposto ad ablazione transcateretere  
**L. Riva**
- 09.45** Gestione del paziente con FA e sindrome coronarica acuta  
**P.C. Pavesi**
- 10.00** Discussione
- Moderatori: A. Zaninelli, M. Zoli*
- 10.30** Gestione del paziente con FA e concomitante aterotrombosi carotidea  
**S. Ricci**
- 10.45** Quando iniziare o riprendere la TAO dopo uno stroke ischemico  
**F. Maioli**
- 11.00** Quale profilassi tromboembolica dopo un'emorragia cerebrale spontanea o in corso di terapia anticoagulante  
**V. Caso**
- 11.15** Evenienza di stroke ischemico in corso di TAO: possibili spiegazioni, possibili azioni  
**A. Carolei**
- 11.30** Discussione
- 12.00** Fine dei lavori

**09.00-12.00 Focus On**

**Identificazione della Fibrillazione Atriale Silente**

*Moderatori: G. Boriani, R. Mantovan*

- 09.00** Epidemiologia e peso prognostico della FA silente  
**S. Zagnoni**
- 09.15** Come identificare la FA silente nella popolazione generale  
**B. Sassone**
- 09.30** Identificazione della FA silente nei pazienti portatori di pacemaker o ICD  
**A. Capucci**
- 09.45** FA silente o paucisintomatica: quale trattamento antiaritmico e antitrombotico?  
**V. Carinci**
- 10.00** Discussione

*Moderatori: G.L. Botto, A. Raviele*

- 10.30** “Device remote control” per l’identificazione precoce della FA silente  
**M. Bertini**
- 10.45** “Implantable loop recorder” per l’identificazione della FA silente e la valutazione dell’AF burden  
**F. Pergolini**
- 11.00** In quali pazienti con stroke criptogenetico va ricercata la FA silente e con quali strumenti  
**D. Toni**
- 11.15** Interruzione della terapia anticoagulante orale dopo ablazione transcateretere della FA: è necessario ricercare la FA silente per il decision making?  
**S. Themistoclakis**
- 11.30** Discussione
- 12.00** Fine dei lavori

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**12.30-14.00 Luncheon Panel**

**NOACs for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation**

*Chairmen: G.W. Albers, G. Di Pasquale*

- 12.30** NOACs and real-life data  
**P. Verdecchia**
- 12.50** NOACs in patients with AF undergoing elective cardioversion  
**H. Heidbuchel**
- 13.10** NOACs in elderly patients with AF: major concern or elective indication?  
**N. Marchionni**
- 13.30** Discussion
- 14.00** Luncheon Panel conclusion

**14.15-14.45 Opening Address**

**14.45-16.15 SESSION I**

**Update on Cardioembolic Stroke**

*Chairmen: A. Carolei, S. Urbinati*

- 14.45** Heart-brain interactions: back to the future  
**G. Di Pasquale**
- 15.00** Diagnosis and treatment of cardioembolic stroke  
**G.W. Albers**
- 15.15** Aortic arch plaques: risk factor or risk marker for stroke?  
**P. Amarencu**
- 15.30** Heart failure, cardiomyopathies and risk of stroke  
**C. Rapezzi**
- 15.45** Discussion  
*Discussant: V. Caso*
- 16.15** *Coffee break*

**16.45-18.30 SESSION II**

**Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation**

*Chairmen:* **A. Capucci, F. Chiarella**

- 16.45** Population screening for silent AF  
**M. Rosenqvist**
- 17.00** Paroxysmal AF: has really the same risk of stroke than persistent or permanent AF?  
**R. De Caterina**
- 17.15** NOACs for stroke prevention in AF; what NOAC and for whom?  
**I. Savelieva**
- 17.30** Practical advice on the use of NOACs in patients with a AF  
**H. Heidbuchel**
- 17.45** Optimal dosing of NOACs: should plasma concentration monitoring be recommended?  
**G.C. Agnelli**
- 18.00** Discussion  
*Discussant:* **A. Pozzati**

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**08.30-9.45** **SESSION III**

**Silent Atrial Fibrillation and Silent or Cryptogenic Stroke**

*Chairmen:* **F. Bovenzi, G.F. Gensini**

**08.30** Embolic stroke of undetermined source (ESUS): a new clinical construct  
**D. Toni**

**08.45** AF burden is important: fact or fiction?  
**G. Boriani**

**09.00** Transcatheter PFO closure and AF  
**A. Donti**

**09.15** Discussion  
*Discussant:* **G. Procaccianti**

**09.45-11.00** **SESSION IV**

**Atrial Fibrillation and Interventional Procedures**

*Chairmen:* **M.M. Gulizia, G. Piovaccari**

**09.45** Is it possible to withdraw oral anticoagulation after AF catheter ablation?  
**R. Cappato**

**10.00** Percutaneous left atrial appendage closure: state of the art and future perspectives  
**G. Barbato**

**10.15** Silent cerebral ischemia in patients with AF and in those undergoing AF catheter ablation: correlation with cognitive impairment  
**F. Gaita**

**10.30** Discussion  
*Discussant:* **G. Zingarini**

**11.00** *Coffee Break*

**11.30-13.15 SESSION V**

**Atrial Fibrillation and Coronary Artery Disease**

*Chairmen:* **C. Cavallini, P. Sangiorgio**

- 11.30** Hemostatic activation in AF  
**L. Oltrona Visconti**
- 11.45** Is there an overuse of combined OAC plus aspirin?  
**L. Bolognese**
- 12.00** AF in the hospital phase of acute coronary syndromes: is long-term OAC indicated?  
**G. Casella**
- 12.15** Stented coronary patients: triple therapy or triple threat?  
**A. Rubboli**
- 12.30** Combined antiplatelet therapy plus NOACs: what do we know?  
**F. Verheugt**
- 12.45** Discussion  
*Discussant:* **F. Ottani**
- 13.15** Take home messages and closure of the Workshop

## Faculty

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Giancarlo Agnelli, *Perugia*

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# General Information

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## **CONGRESS VENUE**

### **ROYAL HOTEL CARLTON**

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## **HOW TO REACH THE VENUE**

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The physicians belonging to other disciplines will not get the credits.  
The attendance to the meeting is not on sponsor companies invitation.

## **METHODOLOGY**

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## **REGISTRATION**

The attendance to the Workshop is free of charge. The registration must be requested online through the website **[www.iec-srl.it](http://www.iec-srl.it)** (Event page), starting from September 7, 2015.

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