

Dear Colleagues,

The Southern Symposium on Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology is organized every two years under the auspices of the Italian Ministry of Health and the major International Cardiological Societies.

The X Symposium "2006 - Cardiac Arrhythmias and Beyond" will take place in Taormina (Italy) from 4th through 7th October 2006 and it is our pleasure to invite you to this event which represents the customary appointment of Cardiologists, Scientists, Engineers and expert Arrhythmologists.

In the recent years progress in diagnosis and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias, due to the improvement in knowledge of mechanisms and to the interference on cardiac performance, has constituted a challenge for the Cardiologist.

Now, sophisticated electrical devices for cardiac pacing, internal cardioversion/defibrillation and long-term monitoring of arrhythmic patient, new mapping systems, energy sources and leads for ablation of cardiac substrates, new approaches for the treatment of heart failure, better algorithms to evaluate and treat the main triggering factors of cardiac arrhythmias, together with, for certain aspects, newest pharmacological agents allow Cardiologist to utilize the optimal therapeutic strategy with the objective not only to prolong survival but also to improve patients quality of life.

Furthermore, the X Southern Symposium on Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology with the main symposia, tutorials and didactic courses, will be the opportunity to offer an educational program and to promote the cooperation between Cardiologist, Electrophysiologist and Arrhythmologist with the goal to increase competence that is the basis of medical professionalism.

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PROGRAMMA

Mercoledì 4 Ottobre 2006

Sala della Chiesa

ore 9.00

I SESSIONE

FORMAZIONE E PROSPETTIVE FUTURE DELLA PROFESSIONE INFERMIERISTICA E DEL TECNICO DI FISIOPATOLOGIA CARDIOCIRCOLATORIA E PERFUSIONE CARDIOVASCOLARE

La proposta formativa dell'infermiere

La proposta formativa del tecnico

Percorsi formativi finalizzati al ruolo e prospettive d'impiego

Discussione



Sala della Chiesa

ore 10.30

II SESSIONE

IL RUOLO INFERMIERISTICO E TECNICO NEL DIPARTIMENTO DI MEDICINA CARDIOVASCOLARE

1. Settore Invasivo - Il ruolo infermieristico e tecnico nelle procedure interventistiche:

Ablazione della Fibrillazione Atriale: commento dell'Infermiere e del
Tecnico ad una procedura

ICD e Stimolazione biventricolare (commento ad una procedura)

Angioplastica coronarica: protocolli assistenziali

Assistenza ventricolare durante procedure interventistiche

Discussione

2. Settore non Invasivo - Follow Up dei pazienti portatori di ICD/PM

Ruolo del tecnico nell'ambulatorio di controllo strumentale del PM e
ICD

Vivere con il defibrillatore

Casi clinici di troubleshooting di PM e ICD

Discussione

X SOUTHERN SYMPOSIUM ON CARDIAC PACING

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Wednesday - October 4, 2006

6.00 p.m.
Room "Sala della Chiesa"

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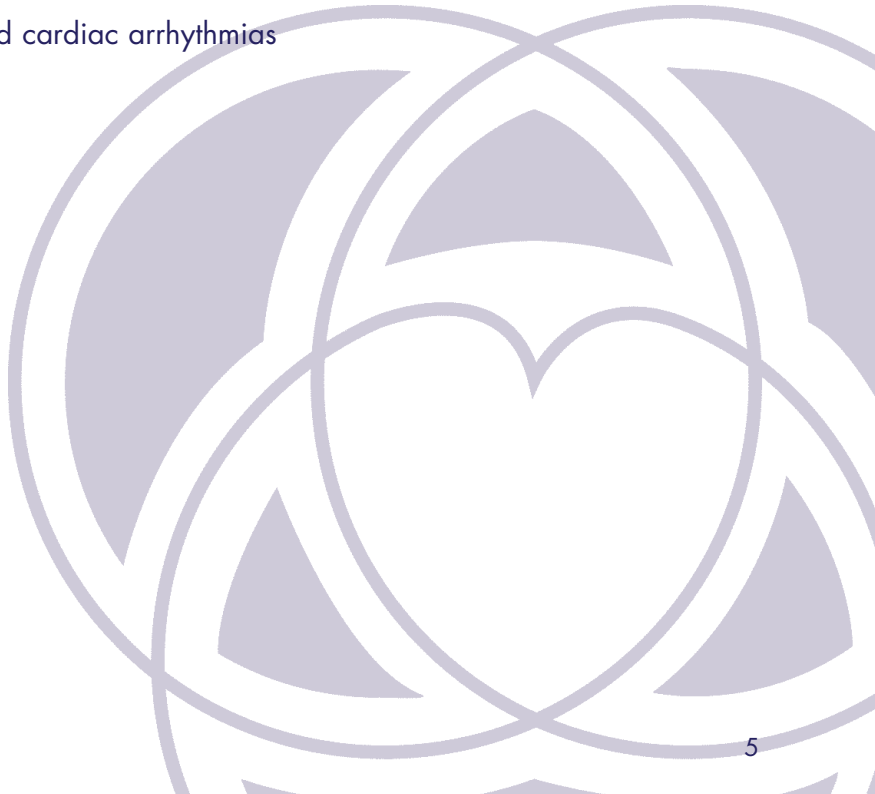
Welcome by the Authorities

Plenary Lectures

ICD therapy in heritable arrhythmia disorders

Mediterranean diet and heart failure

Alcohol and cardiac arrhythmias





ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES – I

Pathogenesis and nosographic outline of acute coronary syndromes

Optimal management in STE acute coronary syndromes:
Primary Angioplasty versus Thrombolysis

Optimal management in N STE acute coronary syndromes

The AHA/ACC guidelines

The role of GP IIb/IIIa blockers

Delayed angioplasty: update

Discussion

ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES – II

Management of acute coronary syndromes in diabetics elderly patients

Should risk factors in patients with acute coronary syndromes affect therapeutic strategy and outcome?

Prognostic significance and prevention of myocardial damage during percutaneous intervention for NSTEMI acute coronary syndrome

Drug eluting stents in acute coronary syndromes

Discussion

OPTIMAL PHARMACOLOGICAL THERAPY AFTER MYOCARDIAL REPERFUSION IN NSTEMI ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES

Management of patients with NSTEMI acute coronary syndromes and the agreement of Cardiological European Societies

Clopidogrel alone or associated with antiplatelet agents in patients with NSTEMI acute coronary syndromes

The value of Tirofiban in the prevention of ischemic complications during coronary angioplasty

Stem cell therapy for post-myocardial infarction cardiomyopathy

Discussion



TREATMENT OF HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA FOR CARDIOVASCULAR PROTECTION

Cardio-vascular risk of hypercholesterolemia: clinical evidence

Benefits of early treatment of acute coronary syndromes with statins

New therapeutic options for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia

Discussion

IMPACT OF RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN IMPLANTABLE DEVICES ON LONG-TERM PATIENT MANAGEMENT

Automatic functions in the last generation devices: should they simplify in and out of hospital patient management?

Automatic capture in permanent pacemakers: is it reliable? Which clinical implications?

Ventricular rate regularization during Atrial Fibrillation: clinical implications and impact on quality of life

Management of atrial arrhythmias in candidates for pacemaker, ICD and resynchronizer implantation

How to manage troubleshooting in the resynchronizer devices: the value of diagnostics and pacing configuration during the follow up

Discussion



APPROACHES FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Angiotensin receptors blockers for the prevention of Atrial Fibrillation: the value in the light of clinical studies

Permanent Pacemakers for the prevention of Atrial Fibrillation: is there a role in the ablation era?

Hybrid therapy as an alternative in refractory atrial fibrillation: when, how and why

Clinical and Echocardiographic predictors for maintenance of sinus rhythm after a successful cardioversion of atrial fibrillation

Discussion

OPTIMIZING CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY: WHICH NEWS ARE IN OUR HANDS?

Which issues to overcome in reaching optimal therapy in every CRT patient?

Efficacy and time saving improvement in implant procedures

Multisite pacing fo ventricular resynchronization improvement

Adjusting therapy to evolving patients conditions: recent advancements

Discussion





HEART FAILURE WITH LEFT VENTRICULAR DIASTOLIC DYSFUNCTION: “THE GREAT ABSENT” FROM CLINICAL TRIALS

Epidemiology and pathophysiology

Diagnosis of diastolic dysfunction

Is therapeutic strategy different from that of systolic heart failure?

Discussion

CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS IN CARDIOLOGY

Is a low ejection fraction in post-myocardial infarction patients sufficient for ICD implantation?

Pros
Cons

Discussion

On the review of wide series of cases and of controlled trials data is the major remodelling conversion after biventricular pacing a problem of sex or etiology?

Pros sex
Pros etiology

Discussion

In the light of trials data on CRT should the defibrillator be always associated with a biventricular stimulator?

Pros
Cons

Discussion



“LATE-BREAKING” NEWS IN DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Role of vagal and sympathetic systems in mechanisms of Atrial Fibrillation

Advances in the genetics of Atrial Fibrillation

Remodeling in Atrial Fibrillation

High-frequency and complex fractionated electrograms: clinical implications to guide catheter ablation

The epicardial subxiphoid percutaneous approach: technique and application for mapping and ablation

Discussion

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LUNCHEON PANEL

IMPROVEMENTS IN PATIENTS SAFETY AND DEVICE LONGEVITY: IMPACT OF A NEW PACING TECHNOLOGY

Autocapture: advanced ten years ago, advanced today

Autocapture in candidates for resynchronization therapy: a feasibility study

Lunch

Optimal programming and cost-benefits of pacing therapy: is there any relationship?

Discussion



APPROACHES FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Recommendation for safe pharmacological treatment of atrial fibrillation

Pros: New antiarrhythmic agents

Pros: Old antiarrhythmic agents

Pacemaker algorithms for the prevention of atrial fibrillation: are they really useful and which of them?

Strategies for stroke prevention in Atrial Fibrillation: surgical and device based approaches

Discussion

USEFULNESS OF 3-D NAVIGATION AND NON-CONTACT MAPPING SYSTEMS

Left atrial imaging and landmarking tools for ablation of routine cardiac arrhythmias

Optimal ablation strategy for intermittent Atrial Fibrillation supported by 3D navigating and mapping approach

Optimal ablation strategy for chronic Atrial Fibrillation supported by 3D navigating and mapping approach

Use of non-contact mapping system to identify gaps in left atrial linear lesions

Collateral damage during Atrial Fibrillation Ablation: how to avoid or limit?

Discussion



ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND HEART FAILURE: AN EPIDEMIC DISEASE

Atrial Fibrillation in acute heart failure: the chicken and the egg

Management of heart failure patients with Atrial Fibrillation

Drugs

Implantable devices

Ablation procedure

Discussion

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NEW PERSPECTIVES IN CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY I

Guidelines for CRT: should they be modified

Non-responders to cardiac resynchronization therapy: why and how to increase the number of true responders?

Has CRT a role to reduce interstitial remodelling, tumor necrosis and apoptosis in patients with advanced heart failure?

Epicardial lead implantation for Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY II

The role of devices programming and dedicated leads to avoid phrenic nerve stimulation in CRT

Is Bifocal Right Ventricular Pacing an alternative to standard CRT?

Optimal programming of CRT devices and follow up

Discussion



CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS IN ISCHEMIC CARDIAC DISEASE

Non-antiarrhythmic agents for the prevention of sudden cardiac death

Catheter ablation for the treatment of ventricular tachyarrhythmias

Cardiac surgery for the prevention of cardiac tachyarrhythmias in post-myocardial infarction patients

ICD in post-myocardial infarction patients: does it require the stratification of arrhythmic risk?

Left ventricular dysfunction after myocardial infarction:

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy or myocardial revascularization?

Discussion

MONITORING AND THERAPY OF CARDIOLOGIC PATIENTS USING IMPLANTABLE DEVICES

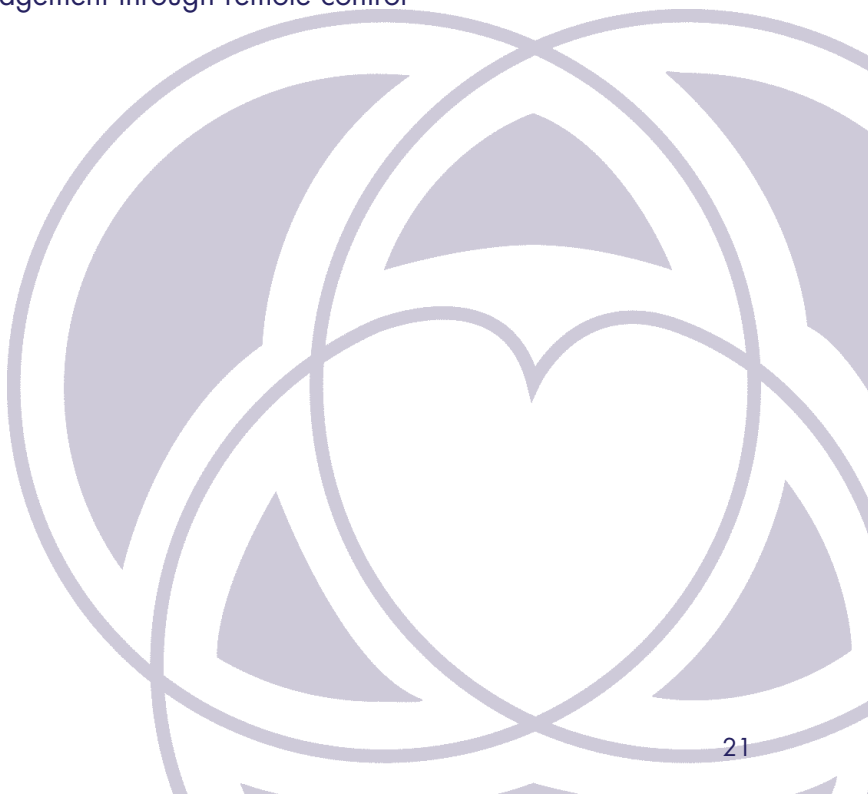
Diagnosis of neuro-mediated syncope by implantable loop recorder

Monitoring and treatment of atrial tachyarrhythmias in the last generation ICDs

Control of fluids accumulation in heart failure patients

Patient management through remote control

Discussion





REVISITATION OF PACING THERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF ROUTINE BRADYCARDIA

Should Right Apical Ventricular Pacing be abandoned?

Pacing therapy in ICD patients: how to manage

How can we prevent the adverse effects of right ventricular pacing

Discussion

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF CRT

Patients selection for CRT

Anatomic abnormalities of coronary sinus

Difficulties for the implanation of biventricular pacing systems: how to manage

Video presentations of clinical cases

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

Poster Sessions with Wine

Participants wishing to present a scientific contribution about their recent research, are invited to submit abstracts.

Poster setup, poster set down, and time scheduled for author to be present to discuss it with poster viewers will be announced in the abstract acceptance letter.

A wine reception will accompany the Poster Session.

All accepted abstracts will be published on the "Mediterranean Journal of Pacing and Electrophysiology" edited by Edizioni Luigi Pozzi – Rome (Italy).

How to prepare an abstract: instructions

1. Each abstract must include the title, author(s) and the abstract text. Graphs, line drawing and attached figures are not permitted.
2. Abstracts must be writtent in English and must be in electronic format. Please use Microsoft Word, IBM compatible only, not MAC.
3. Abstract format

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Authors: Font: Times New Roman, 11 point, justified.

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The presenting author will receive all future correspondence.

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Format: 11.5 cm wide by 15.5 cm high /4.5 inches wide by 6 inches high.

Use single spacing throughout the whole abstract.
Use standard abbreviations and generic names of drugs.
The following information on the presenting author must be provided below the text of the abstract: family name, first name, complete postal address, phone and fax number and e-mail address.

How to submit an abstract

By e-mail (info@weekend-group.com or bruna.luchetti@weekend-group.com). Please submit the abstract as an attached file.

If you have difficulties with the e-mail, please send by priority mail or courier service a 3.5" (1.44 MB) formatted 2HD diskette containing your file in electronic format: The name of the presenting author and the title of the abstract must be written on the diskette. Please also attach a printed version together with 3 copies of your abstract. Please send to: Ms. Bruna Luchetti, WEEK End s.r.l., Via G. Trevis 82-84, 00147 Roma (Italy).

Deadline for abstract presentation: 15th June 2006.

Letter of acceptance:

The official letter of acceptance including guidelines for presentation will be sent to all presenting authors within 15th July 2006. In order to present the abstract, one author at least must be regularly registered.

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Audiovisual Equipment

PC projection

CME Credits

The request for accreditation will be submitted to the Italian Ministry of Health.

Certificate of Attendance

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued by the Conference Secretariat, at the end of the Congress works, to all registered delegates upon request.

Proceedings

The Proceedings of the Symposium will be published.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Centre

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ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT

The services of the conference secretariat will be available to participants for the entire length of the congress works.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Italian and English with simultaneous translation.

SHUTTLE SERVICES

Will be available from the Airport to the Congress Venue and viceversa.

CHANGES OF PROGRAM

The scientific committee and the organizing secretariat reserve the right to make any change to the congress program which might be necessary for scientific and/or technical reasons.

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REGISTRATION FEES (VAT 20% included)

	Within 5/30/2006	From 6/01/2006
Delegate(*)	€ 600,00	€ 840,00
Accompanying person (**)	€ 240,00	€ 240,00

(*) Fee including scientific meetings, documents, proceedings, luncheon panels and welcome cocktail

(**) Fee including welcome cocktail, and half day excursion

Penalties:

for cancellations within August 1st 2006 30% penalty
after such date: no refund

Payment to be made in favour of Week End s.r.l.:

- by bank transfer to Bank account No. 499/66 ABI 3400 CAB 03200
CIN F of Banca Toscana, Sede di Roma, Via C. Magni 45 – 00147
Roma (Italy)
- by International non transferable cheque

Bank operation expenses to be pre-paid by the participant



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Prices per night/room, B/B basis, taxes included

HOTEL (Taormina)

	<i>single</i>	<i>dus</i>
Grand Hotel Timeo 5*L	€ 295,00	€ 400,00
Grand Hotel S. Pietro 5*	€ 308,00/330,00	€ 418,00
Hotel Monte Tauro 4*	€ 198,00	€ 283,00
Villa Diodoro 4*	€ 190,00	€ 230,00
Hotel Villa Riis 4*	€ 170,00	€ 220,00

HOTEL (Taormina sea)

	<i>single</i>	<i>dus</i>
Hotel Capo Taormina 4*	€ 190,00	€ 240,00
Hotel Caparena 4*	€ 185,00	€ 220,00

Agency fee: € 20,00 per room

Hotel deposit to be paid at registration time: 30% of total amount

Hotel balance to be paid within July 20, 2006.

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HOW TO REACH TAORMINA

Taormina can be easily reached by any mean of transportation from all over the world.

by plane

Catania Fontanarossa International, the nearest and most convenient airport, is km. 55 far from Taormina. From Catania airport you can reach Taormina in one hour drive by very convenient direct highway A 18 (direction Messina, exit TAORMINA). Direct bus to Taormina centre are available at 08.30 - 11.30 - 13.30 - 16.30 - 18.30 - 20.30 every day at about € 5,00 per person. By Taxi approx cost is € 100,00 (about 1 hour).

by car

Sicily features excellent highways (look for green road signs) and Taormina can be reached by car from every main Italian cities . From Northern Italy, one can drive along the highway A1 through Naples and Salerno; then from Salerno (Amalfi coast and Capri area) drive along the panoramic free of charge highway A3 direction Reggio Calabria. Take exit "Villa S.Giovanni - Sicilia", then get to the harbour where very frequent ferries connect the mainland to Sicily 24 hours a day (city of Messina) . Once in Messina, take highway A18 direction Catania, then take exit "Taormina". If you come from Catania, just take highway A18 direction Messina and take exit "Taormina" and if you come from Palermo take highway A20 to Messina, then highway A18 direction Catania and take exit Taormina.



by train

Taormina 's railway station is considered one of Italy's most beautiful for its elegant charming Sicilian Liberty style decor. One has a large choice of trains, from de-luxe Eurostar down to simple but very efficient "Espresso train" normally departing from Milan, Turin and Rome through Naples and the Amalfi and Capri area.

by ship

from Northern Europe & Italy, it is possible to take a comfortable fast ship from Genoa harbour (company Tirrenia) and reach Palermo in about 17/18 hours . From Palermo, Taormina is at about 2 hours drive by highway A19. Frequent ferries from Naples to Milazzo (one hour drive to Taormina) and one daily from Ravenna (adriatic northern coast) to Catania as well as modern speed boats and catamarans daily from Malta To Catania and Pozzallo are available too .

by bus

Taormina has its own modern bus terminal right in the town centre . Frequent buses (Company "Interbus") run from Palermo, Catania (airport included) and Messina . Moreover there are easy connections from Rome and Amalfi (company Interbuisness) , Bari, Brindisi (ferries from Greece) and Taranto (company Etna).

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