

EHRA Summit 2010

with the Participation of Central-Eastern European Countries

**“ICD* for Life Initiative - Fighting against Sudden
Cardiac Death in Emerging Economies”**

(*Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator)

**The meeting is organized in collaboration with the EHRA,
a Registered Branch of the ESC**



**Continental Hotel Zara, Budapest, Hungary
November 26-27, 2010**

Introduction

Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,

We are delighted to welcome you in Budapest at EHRA Summit 2010.

EHRA Summit is a forum specifically designated for specialists of heart rhythm disorders and expert cardiologists to meet each other and share their experience.

The main objective of this summit is to build bridges between the medical, the political and the industrial sectors so as to procure greater political and economic care for the prevention and treatment of sudden cardiac death, heart failure and arrhythmias. The use of device therapy, particularly that of ICD has proven to have an increasing benefit and acceptance, and thus is now used on a large scale. However, there are still many patients at high risk of sudden cardiac death who cannot get these anti-arrhythmic treatments because of a limited availability and a lack of trained specialists.

By inviting representatives from countries with low, medium and high implantation numbers, the conference aims to point out the regional differences and to reflect on their political and economical background as well. It is meant to be achieved by the comparison of the regional differences of population, GDP, reimbursement, needs of centers for device therapy procedures and the training possibilities of specialists. The focus of the conference will cover the health-economic, the patient quality-of-life and patient organization aspects too.

So as to highlight the reasons of these disparities, among the lecturers and the participants of the interactive round table discussions, not only the medical profession, but also the political and economic sphere is represented.

The summit has more than 120 registered participants. Among the delegates of the twenty eight ESC member countries, there are cardiologists, health economists, politicians and journalists as well.

Budapest is a dynamic and vibrant city with a large scale of cultural and natural beauties, historical places. The social programmes of the meeting will provide an opportunity to discover some of these beauties our city has to offer.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we wish you a successful meeting and a pleasant stay in Budapest.

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President of the
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Christian Wolpert (Germany)

Affiliation of invited faculty is listed in this booklet after the programme.

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

10:00–18:30

Hotel Lobby

REGISTRATION

12:00–13:30

Hotel Restaurant

LUNCH

12:45–13:30

Continental Room

PRESS CONFERENCE

Participants:

Angelo Auricchio (Switzerland), *Péter Józán* (Hungary),
Béla Merkely (Hungary), *Goran Milasinovic* (Serbia),
Panos Vardas (Greece), *Christian Wolpert* (Germany)

13:30–14:55

Hungária Room

OPENING SECTION – RAISING OF THE PROBLEM

Chairs:

Angelo Auricchio (Switzerland), *Robert Halata* (Slovakia),
Josef Kautzner (Czech Republic), *Béla Merkely* (Hungary),
Goran Milasinovic (Serbia), *Panos Vardas* (Greece),
Christian Wolpert (Germany)

13:30–13:35

Opening Speech

Panos Vardas (Greece)

13:35–13:40

Welcoming Speech

Béla Merkely (Hungary)

13:40–13:50

Welcoming Speech

Mária Sélleiné Márki (Hungary)

13:50–14:00

Financial Difficulties in the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Diseases

Péter Gaál (Hungary)

14:00–14:15

Cardiovascular Epidemic in Europe

Péter Józán (Hungary)

14:15–14:30

Epidemiology and Data on the Prevalence of SCD

Stefan Kääh (Germany)

14:30–14:45 **Diabetes as a Cardiovascular Entity – Focus on SCD**

Miran Kenda (Slovenia)

14:45–14:55 **Concept of the White Book**

Christian Wolpert (Germany)

14:55–15:15

Hotel Lobby

COFFEE BREAK

15:15–16:55

Hungária Room

DEVICE THERAPY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH

Chairs: *Andrzej Lubinski (Poland), Goran Milasinovic (Serbia), Milos Taborsky (Czech Republic)*

15:15–15:30 **Bradycardia Therapy: Review of Evidence on Efficacy**

Zoltán Csanádi (Hungary)

15:30–15:45 **Primary Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death: Review of Evidence on Efficacy**

Robert Hatala (Slovakia)

15:45–16:00 **Secondary Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death: Review of Evidence on Efficacy**

Andrzej Lubinski (Poland)

16:00–16:15 **Implant Number of Device Therapy in Central-Eastern Europe (Red/Yellow/Green Regions) – Conclusions from Pilzen Data**

Milos Taborsky (Czech Republic)

16:15–16:45 **Round Table Discussion on Improving Quality of Life, Survival Rate, Implant Numbers and Financial Funds in Europe**

Participants: *Tatsiana Burmistrava (Belarus), Zoltán Csanádi (Hungary), Kakhaber Etsadashvili (Georgia), Robert Hatala (Slovakia), Andrzej Lubinski (Poland), Goran Milasinovic (Serbia), Ljilja Music (Montenegro), Alessandro Proclemer (Italy), Milos Taborsky (Czech Republic), Jüri Voitek (Estonia)*

16:45–16:55 **Future Concept**

Robert Hatala (Slovakia)

16:55–17:15

Hotel Lobby

COFFEE BREAK

17:15–18:25

Hungária Room

HEART FAILURE: CARDIAC RESYNCHRONISATION THERAPY

Chairs:

Angelo Auricchio (Switzerland), *Charles Jazra* (Lebanon),
Béla Merkely (Hungary)

17:15–17:30

Review of Evidence on Efficacy

Béla Merkely (Hungary)

17:30–17:45

Health-Economic Concepts of the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death and the Treatment of Heart Failure

József Gajdácsi (Hungary)

17:45–18:15

Round Table Discussion on Improving Quality of Life, Survival Rate, Implant Numbers and Financial Funds in Europe

Participants:

Angelo Auricchio (Switzerland), *József Gajdácsi* (Hungary),
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18:15–18:25

Future Concept of the Device Therapy of Heart Failure

Angelo Auricchio (Switzerland)

19:30

Hotel Lobby

DEPARTURE FOR DINNER, MEETING IN THE HOTEL LOBBY

Programme

Saturday | November 27, 2010

08:00–15:00

Hotel Lobby

REGISTRATION

09:00–10:30

Hungária Room

COOPERATION IN THE TRAINING AND THE COST-EFFECTIVE MEDICAL CARE

Chairs:

John Camm (UK), Michael Glikson (Israel), Miran Kenda (Slovenia)

09:00–09:15

Implementation of Guidelines in Europe

Frans Van de Werf (Belgium)

09:15–09:30

Cost-effectiveness of the Device Therapy in the Prevention of SCD

John Camm (UK)

09:30–09:45

The ICD Is Extremely Effective for Preventing Sudden Death: So Why Are We Implanting So Few?

Michael Glikson (Israel)

09:45–10:00

Education and Training Policy of EHRA for Central-Eastern European Countries

Josef Kautzner (Czech Republic)

10:00–10:30

Round Table Discussion: Cost-effectiveness, Training and Education

Participants:

*Imre Benedek (Romania), John Camm (UK),
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Péter Gaál (Hungary), Michael Glikson (Israel),
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10:30–11:00

Hotel Lobby

COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30

Hungária Room

THE COMPLEXITY OF SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH

Chairs: *Joseph Kautzner* (Czech Republic), *Karl-Heinz Kuck* (Germany),
Amiran Revishvilli (Russia)

11:00-11:15

Identification of the Patient at Risk for SCD

Davor Milicic (Croatia)

11:15-11:30

Italian Pacemaker / ICD Registry

Alessandro Proclemer (Italy)

11:30-11:45

The Predictive Role of Invasive Testing for Unmasking the SCD Risk

George Andrei Dan (Romania), *Dan Dobreanu* (Romania)

11:45-12:00

Treatment of Frequent VT/VF in Patients with ICD: the Role of Ablation

Amiran Revishvilli (Russia)

12:00-12:30

Round Table Discussion on the Management of Patients with Implanted Devices, Follow-Up, Remote Monitoring

Participants:

Zoltán Csanádi (Hungary), *Alexandru Deutsch* (Romania),
Oskars Kalejs (Latvia), *Josef Kautzner* (Czech Republic),
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Amiran Revishvilli (Russia)

12:30-13:30

Hotel Restaurant

LUNCH

13:30-15:00

Hungária Room

THE ROLE OF PATIENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE EASTERN INITIATIVE

Chairs: *Davor Milicic* (Croatia), *Panos Vardas* (Greece)

13:30-13:45

Financial Feasibility of Arrhythmic Tachycardias – the German System

Roland Dieckmann (Germany)

Programme

Saturday | November 27, 2010

- 13:45–14:00 **Czech Patient Organization**
Pavla Kristofova (Czech Republic)
- 14:00–14:15 **English Patient Organization**
Trudie Lobban (UK)
- 14:15–14:30 **Eastern Initiative**
Goran Milasinovic (Serbia)
- 14:30–14:45 **The Challenge of Sudden Cardiac Death – a Perspective**
Karl-Heinz Kuck (Germany)
- 14:45–15:00 **Closing Remarks**
Panos Vardas (Greece)

16:00-19:00

GUIDED CITY TOUR BY BUS FOR INVITED FACULTY

Meeting in the lobby of the congress hotel.

20:00

INVITED FACULTY DINNER

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Glossary

- CRT – Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy
- EHRA – European Heart Rhythm Association
- ESC – European Society of Cardiology
- HSC – Hungarian Society of Cardiology
- ICD – Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
- SCD – Sudden Cardiac Death
- VF – Ventricular fibrillation
- VT – Ventricular Tachycardia

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19:30

DINNER

Meeting in the lobby of the congress hotel.

Delegates will be transferred by coaches to the dinner venue and back to the hotel after the dinner. Estimated arrival back to the hotel at around 22:30 hrs.

Meeting point: Lobby of the congress hotel at 19:30 hrs

Dress code: Smart casual

16:00

GUIDED CITY TOUR BY BUS FOR INVITED FACULTY

Meeting in the lobby of the congress hotel.

Invited faculty members are welcome to join a 3 hours long tour of the city with English speaking guide. Arrival back to the hotel at 19:00 hrs.

In case you have not signed up for the tour on your registration form, you may still do so during the full meeting period.

20:00

INVITED FACULTY DINNER

Meeting in the lobby of the congress hotel.

The invited faculty dinner will take place in a restaurant of friendly atmosphere.

Estimated arrival back to the hotel at 22:30-23:00 hrs.

Meeting point: Lobby of the congress hotel at 20:00 hrs

Dress code: Casual

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