

# The 13<sup>th</sup> Europe AF Conference



Tuesday 5 - Wednesday 6 November 2024  
Grand Hotel Villa Torretta  
Sesto San Giovanni (Milan)



## PROGRAMME

**Richard Schilling**  
*Co-director*

**Thorsten Lewalter**  
*Co-director*

**Riccardo Cappato**  
*Co-director*

**Wyn Davies**  
*Honorary President*



**OneWellbeck**  
Heart Health





## GENERAL INFO

### VISIT THE WEB SITE!

<https://europeaf.eu/>

### CONGRESS VENUE

Hotel Villa Torretta

Via Milanese, 3, 20099 Sesto San Giovanni Milan, Italy +39 02 241121

<https://www.villatorretta.it/>

### REGISTRATION FEES

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Trainee / Nurse / 2 days     | 175€ (VAT not included)  |
| • Consultant / Doctor / 2 days | 250 € (VAT not included) |

Registration fees includes:

- Access to the scientific sessions
- Access to the exhibition area
- Congress material
- Refreshments during the congress
- Certificate of attendance

### SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION DETAILS

Riccardo Cappato  
Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology Center  
IRCCS MultiMedica  
Sesto San Giovanni, Milan, Italy

### ORGANIZING COMPANY DETAILS



#### AIM Group International - Rome Office

Via Flaminia 1068 - 00189 Roma

Phone : +39 06330531

Email: [europeaf2024@aimgroup.eu](mailto:europeaf2024@aimgroup.eu)

<https://europeaf.eu/>



## PROGRAMME

**TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024**

**08:55-09:00**

**Auditorium**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

*Chairs:* R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY), T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY),  
R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

**09:00-10:40**

**Auditorium**

### **WHAT IS NEW IN OUR UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGEMENT OF AF?**

*Chairs:* T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY), R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM)

- 09:00-09:20 **Atrial cardiomyopathy: from structural changes to electrophysiological manifestation**  
U. Schotten (Maastricht, THE NETHERLANDS)
- 09:20-09:40 **Can class Ic antiarrhythmic drugs be used in AF and ischemic heart disease?**  
J.A. Camm (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 09:40-10:00 **Artificial intelligence for Catheter Ablation**  
R. Gopinathannair (Kansas, USA)
- 10:00-10:20 **AF: cause or risk factor for stroke?**  
R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 10:20-10:40 **Discussion**



## PROGRAMME

**TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024**

**11:00-12:40**

**Auditorium**

### **DEVELOPMENTS IN STROKE PREVENTION**

*Chairs:* J.A. Camm (London, UNITED KINGDOM),  
R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY)

- 11:00-11:20 **Subclinical AF: Anticoagulate or not?**  
T. De Potter (Aalst, BELGIUM)
- 11:20-11:40 **Which anticoagulation strategy for different valvular heart disease: native valvular heart diseases, TAVI, surgical bioprostheses, mechanical heart valves?**  
V. Pengo (ITALY)
- 11:40-12:00 **Latest strategies for acute ischemic stroke in AF**  
P. Vitali (Milan, ITALY)
- 12:00-12:20 **Refining stroke risk in AF: Anticoagulate or not?**  
T.P. Potpara (Belgrade, SERBIA)
- 12:20-12:40 **Discussion**

**13:30-15:10**

**Auditorium**

### **STROKE REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

*Chairs:* M. Guazzi (Milan, ITALY), T.P. Potpara (Belgrade, SERBIA)

- 13:30-13:50 **Anticoagulation in hemodialysis**  
S.D. Pokorney (Durham, USA)
- 13:50-14:10 **Future of factor XIa inhibitors after premature termination of OCEANIC-AF**  
J.A. Camm (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 14:10-14:30 **Anticoagulation after catheter ablation**  
R. Providencia (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 14:30-14:50 **Role of LLA occlusion in 2024**  
J.E. Nielsen-Kudsk (Aarhus, DENMARK)
- 14:50-15:10 **Discussion**



## PROGRAMME

**TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024**

**15:30-17:00**

**Auditorium**

### **MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION IN 2024**

*Chairs:* L. Calò (Rome, ITALY), D. Shah (Geneve, SWITZERLAND)

- 15:30-15:50 **Does cognitive behavioural therapy improve QoL in AF?**  
J. Sarnholm (Stockholm, SWEDEN)
- 15:50-16:10 **Ablate & pace in AF: a real option?**  
M. Brignole (Lavagna-Ge, ITALY)
- 16:10-16:30 **Early rhythm control in AF: a review of East-AF analyses in 2024**  
A. Rillig (Hamburg, GERMANY)
- 16:30-16:50 **Risk factor reduction for AF and improving outcomes**  
T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY)
- 16:50-17:00 **Discussion**



## PROGRAMME

**WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024**

**08:30-10:00**

**Auditorium**

### **ADVANCES IN MAPPING AND ABLATION OF AF**

*Chairs:* D. Packer (Rochester-MN, USA), K.H. Kuck (Hamburg, GERMANY)

08:15-08:30 **Pulse select**

C. Heeger (Hamburg, GERMANY)

08:30-08:45 **STAR Mapping**

R. Schilling (London, UK)

08:45-09:00 **Affera**

A. Metzner (Hamburg, GERMANY)

09:00-09:15 **3D Mapping Integration with Electroporation**

C. Tondo (Milan, ITALY)

09:15-09:30 **Rhythmia**

TBD

09:30-09:45 **Coherent Sine Burst PFA**

I. Sikiric (Split, CROATIA)

09:45-10:00 **Discussion**

**10:30-12:00**

**Auditorium**

### **IS ALL PFA FOR AF ABLATION THE SAME?**

*Chairs:* C. Tondo (Milan, ITALY), J. Kautzner (Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC)

10:30-10:50 **How to Control Durable PFA Lesion Size in Clinical Applications - Does Contact Force Matter?**

H. Nakagawa (Cleveland, USA)

10:50-11:10 **A Lattice-Tip Mapping and Ablation System with RF and PFA Energy for Treating Persistent Atrial Fibrillation**

J. Kautzner (Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC)

11:10-11:30 **Cryoablation of AF in 2024**

C. Heeger (Hamburg, GERMANY)

11:30-11:50 **Is PFA about to kill radio-frequency ablation?**

K.H. Kuck (Hamburg, GERMANY)

11:50-12:00 **Discussion**



## PROGRAMME

**WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024**

**13:00-14:55**

**Auditorium**

### **MESSAGES FROM PUBLISHED AND ONGOING MULTI-CENTRE STUDIES**

*Chairs:* S. Levy (Marseille, FRANCE), T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY)

- 13:00-13:20 **Catheter ablation with HF and reduced ejection fraction**  
C. Sohns (Bad Oeyershausen, GERMANY)
- 13:20-13:30 **Catheter ablation in persistent AF**  
D. Shah (Geneve, SWITZERLAND)
- 13:30-13:50 **Impact of catheter ablation on prognosis**  
D. Packer (Rochester-Mn, USA)
- 13:50-14:00 **Role of LAA ligation in catheter ablation of persistent AF**  
R. Gopinathannair (Kansas, USA)
- 14:00-14:20 **Guidelines for catheter ablation of AF: a re-appraisal**  
R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY)
- 14:20-14:40 **Impact of ablation on patient reported outcome measures**  
M. Finlay (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 14:40-14:50 **My take on of Europe AF 2024**  
W. Davies (London, UNITED KINGDOM)
- 14:50-14:55 **Conclusive remarks**  
R. Schilling (London, UNITED KINGDOM),  
T. Lewalter (Munich, GERMANY),  
R. Cappato (Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY)