

## INFORMATION

### Venue

Factory Hotel Münster  
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### Conference organization

The Atrial Fibrillation NETWORK (AFNET),  
the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)

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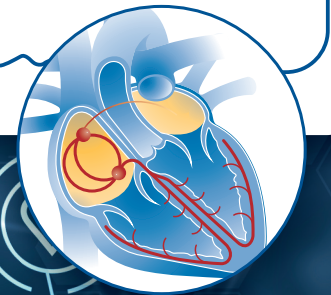
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**THE 9TH JOINT CONSENSUS CONFERENCE**  
OF THE GERMAN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NETWORK (AFNET)  
AND THE EUROPEAN HEART RHYTHM ASSOCIATION (EHRA)



**LONGER AND BETTER LIVES FOR PATIENTS  
WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION**  
**11<sup>TH</sup>-13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**



## MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

### Arrival

19:30 Welcome dinner at hotel

## TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

7:50 Welcome from AFNET & EHRA

### SCREENING TO INITIATE ANTICOAGULATION

Chair: Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, DE),  
Helmut Pürerfellner (Linz, AT)

8:00 New anticoagulants

| Valeria Caso (Perugia, IT)

8:10 AF patterns revisited

| Michiel Rienstra (Groningen, NL)

8:20 Impact of recent screening and AHRE trials (LOOP, NOAH)? | Søren Zöga Diederichsen, Copenhagen, DK)

8:30 Effect of arrhythmia burden on cardiovascular events

| Jason Andrade (Vancouver, CA)

8:40 Cognitive dysfunction: Comorbidity, outcome, or both?

| Karl Georg Häusler (Würzburg, DE)

8:50 PANEL DISCUSSION

### BETTER RHYTHM MANAGEMENT BETTER RHYTHM CONTROL: ATTAINING SINUS RHYTHM TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

Chair: Isabelle van Gelder (Groningen, NL),  
Gerhard Hindricks (Leipzig, DE)

9:10 PITX2 and AF

Leif Hove-Madsen (Barcelona, ES)

9:20 Attaining sinus rhythm mediates the effects of early rhythm control | Lars Eckardt (Münster, DE)

9:30 Different ways of rhythm control lead to outcome reduction: EAST and beyond | A Ng (Leicester, UK)

9:40 Linear lesions – past or future?

| Reza Wakili (Frankfurt, DE)

9:50 When is the right time to switch from rhythm control to ablate and pace? | Kevin Vernooy (Maastricht, NL)

10:00 PANEL DISCUSSION / COFFEE BREAK

### COMORBIDITIES, ATRIAL CARDIOMYOPATHY, AND INTEGRATED AF CARE

Chair: Stylianos Tzeis (Athens, GR),  
Jose Merino (Madrid, ES)

10:30 Role of NOAC therapy in patients with AF on hemodialysis | Andreas Goette (Paderborn, DE)

10:40 Effects of heart failure therapies on AF

| Dipak Kotecha (Birmingham, UK)

10:50 Atrial mitochondrial dysfunction in AF?

| Friederike Cuello (Hamburg, DE)

11:00 Born with atrial fibrillation? Strong and weak genetic effects driving AF | Stefan Kääh (Munich, DE)

11:10 Move to keep the rhythm: Exercise, weight loss, and improved rhythm control |

Prash Sanders (Adelaide, AUS)

11:20 PANEL DISCUSSION

### NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND TREATMENTS

Chair: Andreas Goette (Paderborn, DE),  
Tom de Potter (Aalst, BE)

11:40 How does exclusion of the atrial appendage modify stroke risk? | Jeff Healey (Hamilton, CA)

11:50 AF surgery and the role of the AF Heart team in 2023 | Nicolas Doll (Stuttgart, DE)

12:00 Role of leadless pacers and conduction system pacing in patients with AF | Wolfgang Dichtl (Innsbruck, AT)

12:10 RF, cryo, pulsed field ablation – what is the future of PVI? | Andreas Metzner (Hamburg, DE)

12:20 Circulating biomolecules for risk prediction and therapy selection | Ziad Hijazi (Uppsala, SE)

12:30 New antiarrhythmic drugs | John Camm (London, UK)

12:40 DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 1

14:00 Machine learning and AI for early detection of stroke and AF – the MAESTRIA project



MAESTRIA

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 2

14:00 Better rhythm management to improve outcomes

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 3

14:00 Improved risk prediction for stroke prevention: AF burden, cardiomyopathy, biomolecules

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 4

14:00 Pacing in AF

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 5

14:00 Modern AF drug therapy: heart failure, new antiarrhythmic drugs, genetics, new mechanisms

### BREAK-OUT-SESSION 6

14:00 Comorbidity management to prevent AF

17:00 Wittenberg plenary

18:30 DEPARTURE TO HOT JAZZ CLUB

Invitation to celebrate 20 years of AFNET

## WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

8:30 Plenary discussion

10:30 Refinement in breakout groups

12:00 Final plenary

13:00 LUNCH/ADJOURN OF CONFERENCE

### WRITING COMMITTEE ONLY

14:00 Meeting of the Writing Committee

19:30 DINNER (FOR THE WRITING COMMITTEE)