

# Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

07:45 Welcome and Registration

08:25 Opening of the BHRM 2024  
Dr. Johan Vijgen, Hasselt, BE

## Session 1: Abstracts

08:30 Best abstracts presentation

## Session 2: Pacemakers, defibrillators and more: advanced care - management during cardioversion and radiotherapy

09:30 Advanced care planning in patients with a cardiac implantable device  
Prof. Rik Willems, Leuven, BE

10:00 Radiotherapy and cardioversion in patients with CIEDs  
Prof. Sam Riahi, Aalborg, DK

10:30 Coffee Break & Moderated posters session

## Session 3: Syncope and devices, guidelines for driving, future perspectives

11:15 Initial workup after a first syncope  
Prof. Frederik de Lange, Amsterdam, NL

11:45 Driving after syncopes or any other arrhythmias  
Dr. Johan Vijgen, Hasselt, BE

12:15 The future of device therapy  
Prof. Kevin Vernooij, Maastricht, NL

12:45 Lunch

## SPECIAL FOCUS SESSION: A BeHRA-EHRA SESSION

## Session 4: Questioning Atrial fibrillation: anticoagulation, subclinical AF, screening, and artificial intelligence

14:00 Should we anticoagulate subclinical AF?  
Prof. Helmut Pürerfellner, Linz, AU

14:30 If no anticoagulation is needed for SCAF, is there still a role for screening?  
Prof. Renate Schabel, Hamburg, DE

15:00 Will artificial intelligence help?  
Prof. Nico Bruining, Rotterdam, NL



## Session 5: PFA for AF Ablation: pro/contra format

15:30 PRO: Every first AF ablation should be done using PFA  
Prof. Boris Schmidt, Frankfurt, DE

15:45 CONTRA: Every first AF ablation should be done using other energies than PFA  
Prof. Benjamin Berte, Luzern, CH

16:00 Rebuttal

16:15 Coffee Break & Moderated posters session

## Session 6: Rapid firing: From ECG cases to guidelines in cardiopathies with electrical consequences: Brugada, Long and short QT, Sarcoidosis, Amyloidosis, HCM, CPVT

16:45 Brugada syndrome  
Dr. Alexandre Almorad, Brussels, BE

17:00 Long and short QT syndrome  
Dr. Aurélien Wauters, Ottignies, BE

17:15 Sarcoidosis  
Dr. Joris Ector, Leuven, BE

17:30 Amyloidosis  
Dr. Katarina Van Beumen, Gent, BE

17:45 Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy  
Dr. Marko Gujic, Charleroi, BE

18:00 Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia  
Dr. Clara François, Brugge, BE

## 19:00 Evening Symposium How can cardiologists and rythmologists improve their management of patients with heart failure?

# Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Session 7: Cost effectiveness of arrhythmias management: Loop recorders, Telemonitoring, Leadless pacemakers...

08:30 Implantable loop recorders  
Prof. Christophe Scavée, Brussels, BE

09:00 Telemonitoring  
Dr. Pieter Vandervoort, Genk, BE

09:30 Leadless pacemaker: where do we stand?  
Prof. Christophe Garweg, Leuven, BE

## Session 8: Sports, extrasystoles and arrhythmias

10:00 Sports: when to authorize?  
Dr. Guido Claessen, Hasselt, BE

10:30 Extrasystoles: when to worry?  
Prof. Christian de Chillou, Nancy, FR

11:00 Coffee Break & Moderated posters session

## Session 9: Ablation of Persistent or long-persistent AF: Predictors of success, alternative management, pace and ablate the AV Node

11:45 Predictors of maintenance of sinus rhyhm after ablation  
Dr. Henri Gruwez, Leuven, BE  
Pro/contrat format

12:15 Pro AF ablation: why and how do you maintain sinus rhythm in persistent AF  
Prof. Helmut Purerfellner, Linz, AU

12:30 Contra AF ablation: why, how and when do you go for a pace and ablate strategy  
Prof. Anja Zupan Meznar, Ljubljana, SVN

12:45 Rebuttal

13:00 Lunch

## Session 10: What is really happening in the lab? Video demonstrations of different recent pacing or EP procedures

14:00 Conduction system pacing  
Dr. Cynthia Barbraud, Liège, BE

14:20 SICD implantation  
Dr. Caroline Lepière, Jolimont, BE

14:40 Pulse field ablation  
Dr. Tom De Potter, Aalst, BE

15:00 Vein of Marshall ethanol infusion  
Dr. Sébastien Knecht, Brugge, BE

15:20 Coffee Break & Moderated posters session

## Session 11: Radioprotection

16:00 Optimizing radioprotection: an interactive update.  
Prof. Klaus Bacher, Gent, BE

16:30 Changes in the lead shielding policy to reduce radiation to the patient.  
Dr. Liesbeth Eloot, Brussels, BE

17:00 The GUCH patient: how to prepare for an ablation to reduce radiation?  
Dr. Christophe VO, Brussels, BE

17:30 Optimization of fluoroscopy by applying new imaging and mapping technology  
Speaker tbc

## Session 12: ECG Courses

16:00 ECG Course in NL  
Dr. Frank Provenier, Gent, BE  
Dr. Ben Corteville, Gent, BE

ECG Course in FR  
Dr. Caroline Lepière, Jolimont, BE  
Prof. J-B Le Polain de Waroux, Bruges, BE

18:00 Final remarks

PARALLEL SESSIONS

AFTERNOON SESSIONS FOR YOUNG CARDIOLOGISTS, TRAINEES AND FELLOWS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE YOUNG CARIOLOGISTS' CLUB

## Accreditation

CME credit points are requested for cardiology and economics/ethics. Accreditation has also been requested for radioprotection.



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The Belgian Heart Rhythm Meeting aims at sharing expertise on the various diagnostic tools and therapeutic possibilities available to practitioners when deciding upon which approach best serves arrhythmic patients.

# 18<sup>th</sup>

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