

Preliminary Programme

Including Special Focus Sessions  
on **Preventing ICD Shocks**

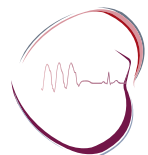
# 7<sup>th</sup> Belgian Heart Rhythm Meeting

**Arrhythmias for every Cardiologist**

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AND FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel and Congress Centre

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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.

## ACCREDITATION

CME credit points are requested for cardiology and economy/ethics.

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## ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

**Deadline Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

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Dear Colleagues,

The Belgian Heart Rhythm Association (BeHRA) is pleased to announce the

## 7<sup>th</sup> Belgian Heart Rhythm Meeting “Arrhythmias for every Cardiologist”

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that will be held at the Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel and Congress Centre.

With this meeting, we offer an annual opportunity for non arrhythmia specialists to update their knowledge with the most recent guidelines and innovations in clinical rhythmology. Over the past 6 years, more than 900 cardiologists attended the previous editions of the Belgian Heart Rhythm Meeting.

By attending this 2-days event, cardiologists are informed on the latest developments in arrhythmias, enabling them to further improve their daily practice.

A renowned national and international faculty will share expertise on the various diagnostic tools and therapeutic possibilities available to cardiologists when deciding upon which approach best serves patients suffering from cardiac arrhythmias.

Besides teaching lectures, special case-based sessions will give the opportunity to discuss practical day-to-day questions with experts, covering all fields of arrhythmias, including the use of pacemakers and defibrillators, VT-ablation, ECG interpretation and atrial fibrillation management.

Abstracts will be selected for oral or poster presentation, leading to special rewards for the best abstract and the best poster.

We look forward to meeting you or welcoming you again at the Belgian Heart Rhythm Meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Ivan BLANKOFF



Marnix GOETHALS



Georges H. MAIRESSE



## Scientific Programme

- 07.45            Registration and breakfast
- 08.25            **Welcome address**  
Dr Yves Vandekerckhove, Bruges, B

### SESSION 1    ABSTRACTS SESSION

- 8.30 - 9.30     **Best abstracts presentation**

### SESSION 2    **CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY: THE BEST OF 2013**

- 09.30           **How to predict super-responders ?**  
Prof Christophe Leclercq, Rennes, F
- 10.00           **How to avoid non-responders ?**  
Prof Angelo Auricchio, Lugano, CH
- 10.30            Coffee break

### JOINT BEHRA-EHRA SESSIONS

Special Focus on **Preventing ICD Shocks**

### SESSION 3    **CAN ICD SHOCKS BE AVOIDED?**

- 11.00           **ICD shocks : saviors, killers or both?**  
Prof Robert Hatala, Bratislava, SK
- 11.30           **Should ablation be scheduled before ICD implantation ?**  
Prof Tim R. Betts, Oxford, UK

### SESSION 4    **CAN ICD SHOCKS BE ACCEPTED?**

- 12.00           **The emotional impact of ICD shocks**  
Prof Susanne S. Pedersen, Tilburg, NL
- 12.30           **Future of ICD therapy and indications: visionary thoughts**  
Prof Pedro Brugada, Brussels, B

- 13.00            Lunch

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## SESSION 5 NOACs IN PERSPECTIVE

14.00 **NOACs for non AF patients ?**  
Prof Peter Verhamme, Leuven, B

14.30 **NOACs and pharmacokinetics : what really matters ?**  
Prof Jeff Weitz, Toronto, CA

## SESSION 6 THE CASE OF VT ABLATION

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Judges of the Grand Jury: Prof Luc Jordaens, Brussels, B  
and Prof Luc De Roy, Brussels, B

15.00 **Introduction**  
Judge Luc Jordaens, Brussels, B

15.05 **Clinical case presentation**  
Judge Luc De Roy, Brussels, B

15.10 **Indicting against VT ablation**  
General Prosecutor Georges H. Mairesse, Arlon, B  
Assistant Prosecutor Yves De Greef, Antwerp, B  
Assistant Prosecutor J-B Le Polain de Waroux, Brussels, B

15.40 **Defending in favour of VT ablation**  
Defense Lawyer Mattias Duytschaever, Bruges, B  
Assistant Defense Lawyer Andrea Sarkozy, Brussels, B  
Assistant Defense Lawyer Sébastien Knecht, Brussels, B

16.10 Coffee break and Grand Jury deliberation

## SESSION 7 VT ABLATION : STATE OF THE ART

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16.40 **Verdict of the Grand Jury**  
Judge Luc Jordaens and Judge Luc De Roy, Brussels, B

17.00 **VT ablation in 2013 and beyond**  
Prof Paolo Della Bella, Milano, I

## SESSION 8 READING ECG'S IN PACEMAKER PATIENTS

17.30 **In non CRT patients**  
Prof René Tavernier, Bruges, B

18.00 **In CRT patients**  
Prof Roland Stroobandt, Ghent, B

19.30 Cocktail and dinner



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## SESSION 9 **QUALITY IN EP: PREVENTING UNDER-, OVER- AND MISUSE** *Accreditation requested in economy and ethics*

- 08.30 **Quality = delivering the right care, to the right patient, at the right time**  
Dr Marnix Goethals, Overpelt, B
- 08.50 **Quality control in pacemaker therapy and ablation**  
Prof Thierry Verbeet, Brussels, B
- 09.10 **The Dutch EP and ICD registry: opportunities and challenges in the current political climate**  
Prof Serge Trines, Leiden, NL

## SESSION 10 **INTERACTIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE ECG IN YOUNG ATHLETES**

- 09.30 **Everything should be made as simple as possible : “The Seattle criteria”**  
Prof Hein Heidbüchel, Leuven, B
- 09.45 **But not simpler**  
Prof René Tavernier, Bruges, B
- 10.00 **Voting on 10 clinical cases**  
Prof René Tavernier, Bruges, B and Prof Hein Heidbüchel, Leuven, B
- 10.30 **Coffee break**

## SESSION 11 **AF MANAGEMENT IN HEART FAILURE PATIENTS**

- 11.00 **AF and heart failure - the electrical perspective**  
Prof Mark O'Neill, London, UK
- 11.30 **Live-in-the-box case presentation**  
Prof Sébastien Knecht and Prof Thierry Verbeet, Brussels, B

## SESSION 12 **WHAT WHEN ATRIAL TACHYARRHYTHMIAS RECUR AFTER AF ABLATION ?**

- 12.00 **Live-in-the-box case presentation**  
Prof René Tavernier and Prof Mattias Duytschaever, Bruges, B
- 12.30 **Panel discussion**  
Dr Johan Vijgen, Hasselt, B  
Dr Peter Geelen, Aalst, B  
Dr Christophe Scavée, Brussels, B  
Dr Yves Van Belle, Liège, B
- 13.00 **Lunch**

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## SESSION 13 NOACs IN DAILY PRACTICE

- 14.00            **The difficult patient**  
                  Prof Paulus Kirchhof, Birmingham, UK
- 14.30            **Can NOACs be compared ?**  
                  Prof Stavros Apostolakis, Birmingham, UK

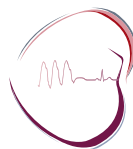
## SESSION 14 STRUCTURAL HEART DISEASE AND ARRHYTHMIA

- 15.00            **In fibrotic atrial cardiomyopathy**  
                  Prof Ulrich Schotten, Maastricht, NL
- 15.30            **In hypertrophic cardiomyopathy**  
                  Prof William J. McKenna, London, UK
- 16.00            **Practical explanations to participate in session 15**  
                  Dr Ivan Blankoff, Charleroi, B

## SESSION 15 GET TOGETHER, TAKE A COFFEE, PUT FORWARD YOUR QUESTIONS AND DISCUSS WITH THE EXPERTS

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- 16.15            **Themes**
- ECG and arrhythmic cardiomyopathies
  - AF management
  - Innovation and quality improvement in rhythmology
  - Optimal programming of pacemakers and defibrillators
- 17.30            **Closing remarks**  
                  Dr Ivan Blankoff, Charleroi, B



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## Parallel morning sessions for cardiovascular nurses

### SESSIE VOOR CARDIOVASCULAIRE VERPLEEGKUNDIGEN

Ritmestoornissen zijn een frequent voorkomend probleem bij hartpatiënten. Cardiovasculaire verpleegkundigen dienen voldoende kennis en vaardigheden te hebben over de diagnostiek en behandeling van arrhythmieën, om adequate zorg voor de patiënten te kunnen verlenen.

De Belgian Heart Rhythm Association organiseert in samenwerking met de Belgian Working Group on Cardiovascular Nursing een sessie voor verpleegkundigen. Deze sessie vindt plaats op vrijdag 4 oktober 2013 van 9.00u tot 12.30u. De lezingen in deze sessie worden in het Nederlands gegeven. Plaatsen zijn beperkt.

#### Thema's:

- Nieuwe technologische ontwikkelingen in de electrofysiologie
- Ritmestoornissen bij de atleet
- Behandelingsstrategie bij voorkamerfibrillatie
- Behandelingsstrategie bij kamertachycardie

### SESSION POUR LES INFIRMIER(ÈRE)S CARDIOVASCULAIRES

Les arythmies sont un problème fréquent chez les patients cardiaques et les infirmier(ère)s travaillant dans les services de Cardiologie doivent pouvoir actualiser leurs connaissances et compétences à propos du diagnostic et de la prise en charge des arythmies.

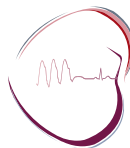
Le Belgian Heart Rhythm Association, en collaboration avec le Belgian Working Group on Cardiovascular Nursing, organise une session pour les infirmier(ère)s. Cette session aura lieu le vendredi 4 octobre 2013 de 9h00 à 12h30. Les présentations de cette session seront données en français. Les places sont limitées.

#### Thèmes:

- Nouvelles technologies en électrophysiologie
- Arythmies chez les sportifs
- Stratégies thérapeutiques pour la fibrillation auriculaire
- Stratégies thérapeutiques pour les arythmies ventriculaires



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# Abstracts

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Submission Deadline **1<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

Only online submission will be considered

Website: [www.bhrrm.be](http://www.bhrrm.be)

Upon submission of your abstract, please make sure you receive an acknowledgment of receipt.

## GUIDELINES

- Abstracts must be written in English.
- The title should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the study.
- Abbreviations are allowed but must be clearly defined.
- Organise the abstract as follows:
  - Objectives
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions

## TYPING INSTRUCTIONS

- The abstract must be submitted in Word. Use typeface "Times New Roman", font size 12.
- Names of authors (initial of first name and surname, underline presenting author's name only) and Institution or Hospital, City and Country must be in small letters.
- Do not repeat names of authors and institution in your text.
- Do not include degrees or titles.
- The rest of the text should contain no more than 400 words.
- Do not leave blank lines.
- Single space all typing.
- Use generic names of drugs.
- Write numbers as numerals rather than words.
- Avoid references.

Contact: [drghmairesse@skynet.be](mailto:drghmairesse@skynet.be)

A number of abstracts will be selected for oral presentation during the Scientific Programme.

The best selected abstract will be awarded the **"BeHRA-MEDA Award for the best abstract 2013"**

## POSTERS

Abstracts may also be accepted for poster presentation.

Panels of 130 cm wide on 90cm height will be available in the exhibition hall for display.

The best selected poster will be awarded the **"BeHRA-MEDA Award for the best poster 2013"**



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# Practical Information

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## VENUE

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## ACCESS

**By train** - The airport train station is located on level -1 of the airport terminal. Up to 4 trains per hour connect the airport with Brussels North, Brussels Central and Brussels South (Midi) stations (journey time approx. 20 minutes). Info: [www.b-rail.be](http://www.b-rail.be)

**By car** - On the Brussels ring-road, follow the signs for "Zaventem - Airport". Once you arrive at the airport, follow the signs for "Departures". The hotel is located on your left, opposite the Departures Hall.

## PARKING

You can park your car in one of the car parks near the airport terminal. You can choose between Front Park 1, 2 or 3. They are open 24h/24h. All payment machines in the car parks accept cash or credit cards (Visa, Eurocard, American Express, Diners Club).  
Info & rates: [www.interparking.be/brusselsairport](http://www.interparking.be/brusselsairport)

## WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

The welcome desk will be open from 7.45 a.m. on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 and on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

## LANGUAGE

Plenary sessions will be in English. Parallel sessions for nurses will be in French and Dutch.

## REGISTRATION FEE

The following rates apply (in Euros):

Congress registration fee	Until 20/09/2013	From 21/09/2013
BeHRA Members	€ 175	€ 225
BeHRA non Members	€ 245	€ 295
Nurses, Allied Professionals	€ 135	€ 185
Trainee, Students	€ 95	€ 120
Nursing session only (including lunch)	€ 95	€ 120
Dinner on Thursday evening 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2013	€ 75 / person	

## ACCOMMODATION

Special rates are negotiated at the Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel for the nights of 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013: **Single room € 225 - Double room € 245** (price per night including buffet breakfast). To benefit from these rates, reservation must be made with the BHRM Organising Secretariat before **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013**. Prepayment is required upon reservation.

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