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## COURSE FEE

150 Euro for cardiologist in practice  
100 Euro for cardiologist in training, students, nurses

The fee includes participation in all the scientific sessions, access to the exhibition area, the binder containing all the recommendation documents issued by the EAE, coffee breaks and refreshments, Welcome drink (on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012) lunch and Gala dinner (on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012).

## ACCREDITATION

The course will be reviewed for accreditation by the European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology (EBAC).

## LANGUAGE

The course will be held in English.



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# EAE Teaching Course

Organized with the Bulgarian Working Group  
on Echocardiography

## NEW ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES FOR MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION IMAGING

With live demonstrations

**5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Inter Expo Center - **Sofia**, Bulgaria



## Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Bulgarian Working Group on Echocardiography and the Bulgarian Society of Cardiology in close collaboration with EAE, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the EAE Educational Course, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2012, in Sofia, Bulgaria, where specialists from European countries will gather seeking to grow in the field of Myocardial Deformation Imaging.

The European Association of Echocardiography is committed to maintaining a high standard of professional excellence among cardiologists specialised in Echocardiography and to promoting excellence in clinical diagnosis, research, technical development, and education in cardiovascular ultrasound and other imaging modalities in Europe.

The course aims at cardiologist in training and cardiologist in practice who work in the field of echocardiography and who have a specific interest myocardial function imaging, to provide a high quality and authoritative review of the used techniques and current clinical applications and will focusing in the latest approaches on myocardial deformation imaging and 3D echocardiography with important theoretical, but mainly very practical topics in daily clinical practice.

All topics will be addressed by state-of-the-art lectures and two hours of live case demonstrations by an international faculty of experts in the field. It will provide the opportunity to learn, update and have hands-on training with in-depth review of the subject with the pioneers in the field. Leading experts from Europe will be available to have one to one interaction during the course.

The course will be held in English. There are only limited seats for the course. Register fast to avoid disappointment.

For future information and registration please contact our partner Company of International Meetings Ltd. – Event Manager of the Course.

Please join us and share your vision and ideas, and participate in promoting excellence in diagnosis, research, education and technical developments in cardiovascular ultrasound and other imaging modalities in wonderful spring atmosphere in green Sofia and Bulgaria.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director of Local Organizing Committee

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Tissue Doppler and Speckle Tracking methods
- Cardiac function under different loading conditions
- 3D deformation imaging
- Cardiac resynchronization therapy
- Special applications of contrast echocardiography
- Myocardial deformation imaging in patients with heart failure
- Principles of left and right ventricular function assessment
- Myocardial deformation imaging in valvular heart diseases

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Thursday, 05.04.2012

- 15:30 - 15:45 Welcome and Introductory Lecture**  
Imaging the heart with ultrasound. *K. Hristova*
- 15:45 - 16:00 Opening Ceremony**  
*Tzvetana Katova, Luigi Badano, Assen Gudev*
- 16:00 - 18:50 Basics of Myocardial Function Imaging**  
*Chairpersons: Luigi Badano, Yoto Yotov*
- 16:00 - 16:20** From fibre shortening to ejection. *F. Rademakers*
- 16:20 - 16:40** How to measure myocardial deformation by ultrasound? *J. D'hooge*
- 16:40 - 17:00** How to do it in the clinic: Normal patterns and pitfalls. *JU Voigt*
- 17:00 - 17:20** Measuring myocardial deformation in 3Dimensions. *L. Badano*
- 17:20 - 17:40** Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Competitive or Complementary? *F. Rademakers*
- 17:40 - 17:50** Discussion
- 18:00 - 20:00 Welcome drink**

Friday, 06.04.2012

- 08:30 - 10:00 Imaging Coronary Artery Disease: Myocardial Function by Echo**  
*Chairpersons: Jens Uwe Voigt, Krasimira Hristova*
- 08:30 - 08:50** Beyond wall thickening: Deformation patterns in coronary artery disease. *JU Voigt*
- 08:50 - 09:10** Global and regional function in patients with AMI. *K. Hristova*
- 09:10 - 09:30** Stress echo, infarction and reperfusion injury. *A. Neskovic*
- 09:30 - 09:50** What does 3D add to stress echocardiography? *L. Badano*
- 09:50 - 10:00** Discussion
- 10:00 - 10:30** Coffee break
- 10:30 - 12:00 Function Imaging of the Right Ventricle**  
*Chairpersons: Frank Rademakers, Yoto Yotov*
- 10:30 - 10:50** How to assess RV function in the clinic? *JU Voigt*
- 10:50 - 11:10** RV function in congenital heart diseases and pulmonary hypertension. *R Jurcut*
- 11:10 - 11:30** RV function in systemic hypertension *K. Hristova*
- 11:30 - 11:50** RV and pulmonary circulation during exercise. *A La Gerche*
- 11:50 - 12:00** Discussion
- 12:00 - 13:00 Live case demonstration I**  
*Chairpersons: Alexander Neskovic, Tzvetana Katova*
- 12:00 - 12:20** Case 1. Regional Dysfunction by Speckle tracking. *B Popescu*
- 12:20 - 12:40** Case 2. Global and Regional function by 3Dechocardiography. *L Badano*
- 12:40 - 13:00** Case 3. Asynchrony assessment. *JU Voigt*
- 13:00 - 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:30 Cardiomyopathy and CRT**  
*Chairpersons: Luigi Badano, Krasimira Hristova*
- 14:00 - 14:20** Prognostic Value of Deformation Imaging in Ischemic cardiomyopathy. *T. Edvardsen*

- 14:20 - 14:40** LV twist in physiology and disease. *B Popescu*
- 14:40 - 15:00** Dilated Cardiomyopathy: How to assess dyssynchrony in 2D? *JU Voigt*
- 15:00 - 15:20** Dilated Cardiomyopathy: How to assess dyssynchrony in 3D? *B. Cosyns*

**15:20 - 15:30** Discussion

- 15:30 - 16:00** Coffee break
- 16:00 - 17:30 Assessing Hemodynamics and Ventriculo-Arterial Coupling**  
*Chairpersons: Thor Edvardsen, Vera Yotova*
- 16:00 - 16:20** Quantifying myocardial function in valvular heart disease. *E. Kinova*
- 16:20 - 16:40** 3D echo to assess congenital heart disease in children. *I. Velkovski*
- 16:40 - 17:00** Speckle tracking echocardiography to assess patients with TGA. *R. Marinov*
- 17:00 - 17:20** Ventriculo-arterial coupling: Assessment by Strain imaging of arterial wall. *A. Fraser*
- 17:20 - 17:30** Discussion
- 19:00 - 23:00 Gala dinner**

Saturday, 07.04.2012

- 08:30 - 10:00 Hypertrophy, Diastole & Atrial Deformation**  
*Chairpersons: Alan Fraser, Tzvetana Katova*
- 08:30 - 08:50** Diastolic Function: What is it and how to describe it best? *JU Voigt*
- 08:50 - 09:10** Diastolic Stress Testing. *A. Neskovic*
- 09:10 - 09:30** LV function in hypertrophic disease. *V. Yotova*
- 09:30 - 09:50** Assessment of left atrial function - Does it offer added value? *B. Popescu*
- 09:50 - 10:00** Discussion
- 10:00 - 10:30** Coffee break
- 10:30 - 12:20 LV Function Assessment - With and without Contrast**  
*Chairpersons: Aleksandar Neskovic, Tzvetana Katova*
- 10:30 - 10:50** Myocardial Function Imaging in Private Practice. *S. Marchev*
- 10:50 - 11:10** Quantifying LV Function - How good are we? *A. Fraser*
- 11:10 - 11:30** Contrast echo on evaluation of cardiac function -basic principles. *Y. Yotov*
- 11:30 - 11:50** The role of Contrast enhanced 3D echocardiography. *B. Cosyns*
- 11:50 - 12:10** A new approach to assess intraventricular flow. *JU Voigt*
- 12:10 - 12:20** Discussion
- 12:20 - 13:20 Live case demonstration II**  
*Chairpersons: Bogdan Popescu, Sotir Marchev*
- 12:20 - 12:40** Case 1. Assessing Diastolic Function *V. Yotova*
- 12:40 - 12:50** Case 2. Assessing Atrial Function *B. Popescu*
- 13:10 - 13:30** Case 3. Assessing RV Function *Y. Yotov*
- 13:30 - 13:40** Closing Remarks, Farewell *K. Hristova, JU Voigt*

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