

# VI INTERNATIONAL MEETING



## NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY AND INTEGRATED CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING TODAY-2008

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The Cesena Meeting, traditionally entitled Nuclear Cardiology Today, has reached its 6th edition. This international meeting first occurred in 1988 and has been organized every four years. Over this 20 year period it has become a tradition, attracting attendees from Europe and beyond due to the extraordinary quality of the scientific program and the Faculty. During these 20 years both the imaging field and the meeting have grown and evolved. While the initial meetings focused solely on Nuclear Cardiology, more recent meetings have also included other modalities and have explored the future impact of molecular imaging. The 6th meeting will focus on the need to integrate newer modalities with those already established in order to provide optimal management of cardiovascular disease. During the 2.5 days the merit of different non-invasive imaging modalities and their integrated use will be discussed with regard to the most relevant topics of cardiovascular diseases: Plaque characterization, Myocardial Ischemia and Heart Failure. Moreover the most recent advances in Molecular Imaging, Instrumentation and New Tracers will be presented. A session will be dedicated to the discussion of Clinical Cases and how the different imaging modalities can be appropriately used in order to guide decision making in clinical practice. In a special session dedicated to the Investigator Awards a selected group of scientific contributions will be presented in the plenary session. Among these, 3 International prizes will be awarded. The Meeting is directed towards Cardiologists, Nuclear Medicine Physicians, Internal Medicine Physicians, Radiologists and Physicists. The Faculty will include many of the major international experts of the field. The Meeting will be held, as usual, in Cesena (Emilia-Romagna, Italy). We anticipate that this Meeting will continue to be of interest to the International Community. We will do our best to provide a friendly and warm atmosphere for all attendees as in the previous editions. We encourage your attendance. Please visit our web site for more information:

[www.ausl-cesena.emr.it/nuclearcardiologytoday](http://www.ausl-cesena.emr.it/nuclearcardiologytoday)

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thursday  
september 18

8.00 **Registration**

8.50 Welcome Remarks of the President of the Meeting:  
P. L. PIERI

9.00 *Inaugural Lecture:*  
***Integrated Cardiovascular Imaging: A New Paradigm***  
B. ZARET (Yale University - New Haven)

Introduced by: J. NARULA (University of California – Irvine)

## **SESSION I**

### **INSPECTING (DECIPHERING) AN ATHEROSCLEROTIC PLAQUE**

*Chairmen:* J. NARULA (University of California – Irvine)  
P. L. PIERI (Cesena)

9.45 ***Redefining Clinico-Pathologic Correlations***  
L. G. SPAGNOLI (Rome University)

10.05 ***Soft Plaque vs. Calcium on CT: Which Offers Harder Evidence?***  
S. ACHENBACH (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)

10.25 ***MR: Carotids – Sure; Coronaries – Not Yet***  
D. PENNELL (Imperial College – London)

10.45 ***Molecular or Intravascular Techniques: Hope or Hype?***  
H. W. STRAUSS (Cornell University – New York)

11.05 ***Panel Discussion***

*Chairmen:* J. NARULA - P. L. PIERI

*Panelists:* S. ACHENBACH, M. GALVANI, D. PENNELL,  
L. G. SPAGNOLI, H. W. STRAUSS, E. VERNA

11.25 **Coffee break**



## SESSION II

### MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA – I : ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY OR BOTH?

*Chairmen:* G. BELLER (University of Virginia – Charlottesville)  
M. MIDIRI (Palermo University)

11.45 *Long-Awaited Technological Advancements in Nuclear Imaging:  
Hybrid vs. Faster Systems*  
J. KNUUTI (Turku University)

12.05 *Invasive vs. Noninvasive Coronary Angiography?*  
F. CADEMARTIRI (Parma University)

12.25 *MR Perfusion: Is it Worth the Effort?*  
D. PENNELL (Imperial College – London)

12.45 *Echo Perfusion for Assessing Microvascular Dysfunction*  
L. GALIUTO (Rome Catholic University)

13.05 *Endothelial Dysfunction: Concepts to Practice*  
G. M. SAMBUCETI (Genoa University)

13.25 *Panel discussion*

*Chairmen:* G. BELLER (University of Virginia – Charlottesville)  
M. MIDIRI (Palermo University)

*Panelists:* F. CADEMARTIRI, L. GALIUTO, A. GIORDANO,  
J. KNUUTI, O. PARODI, G. M. SAMBUCETI

13.45 **Lunch**





### SESSION III

#### MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA – II : CLINICAL DECISION FROM IMAGING

*Chairmen:* F. FEDELE (Rome University)  
O. PARODI (CNR – Pisa)

- 14.45 *Ischemic Memory: After the Fact Imaging*  
J. LEPPA (Pittsfield – Massachusetts)
- 15.05 *Diabetics and Multiple Risk Factors Patient:  
When Does the Clock Start Ticking?*  
F. J. WACKERS (Yale University – New Haven)
- 15.25 *Imaging in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease:  
the Next Horizon for Cardiologists after Diabetes*  
A. ISKANDRIAN (University of Alabama – Birmingham)
- 15.45 *Lecture: Medical Therapy vs. Revascularization:  
Need COURAGE to Decide!*  
G. BELLER (University of Virginia – Charlottesville)

Introduced by: O. PARODI (CNR – Pisa)

#### 16.30 *Panel Discussion*

*Chairmen:* F. FEDELE – O. PARODI

*Panelists:* G. BELLER, A. ISKANDRIAN,  
J. LEPPA, F. WACKERS

#### 17.00 **Coffee break**

## 17.30 **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**

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## 18.30 **RECEPTION**





friday  
september 19

## HEART FAILURE: CRYING FOR ATTENTION

### SESSION IV

#### HEART FAILURE – I

*Chairmen:* A. CUOCOLO (Federico II University – Naples)  
R. GIUBBINI (Brescia University)

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- 9.00 *Candidate Targets for Earlier Imaging of Heart Failure*  
J. NARULA (University of California – Irvine)
- 9.20 *Imaging of Metabolic Alterations in Heart Failure*  
N. TAMAKI (Sapporo University)
- 9.40 *Imaging of Myocardial Neuronal Dysfunction*  
I. CARRIO (Barcelona University)
- 10.00 *Mitral Regurgitation: Integrated Imaging Modalities  
To Guide Interventions*  
G. LA CANNA (S. Raffaele Hospital – Milan)
- 10.20 **Coffee break**

## SESSION V

### HEART FAILURE – II

*Chairmen:* J. DALLE MULE (Pieve di Cadore)  
C. MARCASSA (Veruno)

10.40 *Viability: a Perfect Candidate for All Imaging Modalities?*  
P. PERRONE-FILARDI (Federico II University – Naples)

11.00 *Feasibility of Imaging Subcellular Targets*  
A. SINUSAS (Yale University – New Haven)

11.20 *Lecture: Imaging as a Guide to Defibrillators and Resynchronization*  
J. BAX (Leiden University)  
Introduced by: J. DALLE MULE

11.55 *Panel discussion* (Session IV & V)

*Chairmen:* A. CUOCOLO – DALLE MULE

*Panelists:* J. BAX, I. CARRIÒ, R. GIUBBINI, G. LA CANNA  
C. MARCASSA, J. NARULA, P. PERRONE-FILARDI,  
A. SINUSAS, N. TAMAKI





12.15 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

*Sponsored by GE Healthcare*

***Nuclear Cardiology to Alleviate the Coronary Artery Disease and Heart Failure Burdens***

*Chairmen: J. BAX (Leiden), P. L. PIERI (Cesena)*

12.20 ***Detecting More Ischemia Faster***

A. GIORGETTI – P. MARZULLO (Pisa)

12.35 ***Sympathetic Innervation in Heart Failure***

J. NARULA (University of California – Irvine)

12.50 ***Sympathetic Innervation Imaging to Risk Stratify Heart Failure Patients: the European and the Japanese Experience***

I. CARRIÒ (Barcelona) – N. TAMAKI (Sapporo)

13.10 ***Sympathetic Innervation Imaging Can Predict Sudden Death and Identify Appropriate Candidates for ICD***

J. BAX (Leiden)

13.20 ***Discussion***

13.30 **Lunch**



## SESSION VI

### BASICS OF IMAGING

*Chairmen:* G. BISI (Turin University)  
D. SALVO (Reggio Emilia)

14.45 *Instrumentation & Software for 2010: Nuke, CT, MR, Echo*  
E. GARCIA (Atlanta University)

15.15 *New Tracers: SPECT and PET*  
M. SCHWAIGER (Munich University)

15.45 *Panel discussion*

*Chairmen:* G. BISI – D. SALVO

*Panelists:* A. BIGGI, E. GARCIA, R. GIUBBINI,  
A. ISKANDRIAN, M. SCHWAIGER,  
H. W. STRAUSS, T. VARETTO

16.15 *Keynote lecture: Molecular Imaging: Scintillating Future*  
H. W. STRAUSS (Cornell University – New York)  
Introduced by: P. L. PIERI (Cesena)

20.00 **GALA DINNER**



*Cesenatico's canal port (designed by Leonardo da Vinci in 1502)  
with its open air ancient boat Museum*





saturday  
september 20

## SESSION VII

### 9.00 INVESTIGATOR AWARD SESSION

*Panel of Judges:* J. LEPPA, J. NARULA, P. L. PIERI,  
H. W. STRAUSS, B. ZARET

## SESSION VIII

*The Clinical Scenario: Appropriate Use of Imaging Modalities to Guide Clinical Decisions*

*Chairmen:* P. MARZULLO (CNR – Pisa)  
T. YASUDA (Harvard University – Boston)

*Case 1) Asymptomatic 55-year-old man, bus driver with multiple risk factors, history of premature CV events and no evidence of peripheral atherosclerotic lesions (intermediate probability of CAD): How can we better stratify the CV risk ?*

10.30 *Detection of the Atherosclerotic Burden by CT*  
E. MARTUSCELLI (Rome University)

10.40 *Stress Gated-SPECT Myocardial Perfusion Imaging*  
M. MAZZANTI (Ancona)

10.50 *Discussion*

*Case 2) Asymptomatic 70-year-old man, smoker, high cholesterol and documented multiple peripheral atherosclerotic lesions (carotid, iliac, renal) (High probability of CAD).*


11.10 *Role of Stress Myocardial Perfusion Imaging SPECT and PET*  
A. R. GALASSI (Catania University)

11.20 *Stress Echocardiography*  
L. GALIUTO (Rome Catholic University)

11.30 *CT Angiography*  
R. FATTORI (Bologna University)

11.40 *Discussion*





*Case 3) 60-year-old man with LDL 110mg/dl, history of 6 months exertional chest pain, typical of angina*

12.00 ***Role of CT Angiography: Would it Replace Standard Angiography?***

D. CHIAPPINO (CNR – Pisa)

12.10 ***Stress Myocardial Perfusion Imaging: the Peculiarity of the Functional Imaging***

E. VERNA (Varese)

12.20 ***Combined Anatomical and Functional Imaging: Hybrid and Fusion Imaging***

J. KNUUTI (Turku University – Finland)

12.30 ***Why not Directly to the Cath Lab?***

A. ZAMMARCHI (Cesena)

12.40 ***Discussion***

13.00 ***Closing Lecture: Imaging Towards Personalized Medicine***

J. NARULA (University of California – Irvine)

Introduced by: B. ZARET (Yale University)

***Closing remarks:***

P.L. PIERI – H. W. STRAUSS – B. ZARET

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### ABSTRACTS

Abstracts will be selected for poster and oral presentation. Abstracts must be typed in English, following the instructions listed below. Abstracts must be sent by e-mail to the Scientific Secretariat:

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Payment of the registration fee to the Organizing Secretariat is required. All scientific contributions will be displayed as posters from Thursday till Saturday. Among them, the 6 best will be selected for oral presentation during the **Investigator Award Session** (Saturday 20). During this session, the 3 best abstracts will be awarded the “**Nuclear Cardiology and Integrated Cardiovascular Imaging International Award**”

### DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: JULY 31, 2008

Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to the signing author by August 10, 2008.

### Instructions

Abstracts with title, author(s), address(es), text, must be printed on **one A4 format page**, double spaced. Underline the name of the author presenting the scientific contribution. Print the title in capital letters.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

### SLIDES

No PC presentations will be allowed: only CDs or USB PEN DRIVERS allowed (to be handed to the Slide Centre at least 30 minutes before the starting of each session).

### EXHIBITION AREA

An exhibition area will be located inside the venue.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Venue**

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### **How to reach the meeting venue**

By plane: Bologna Airport (80 km from Cesena); Rimini Airport (30 km) or Forlì Airport (18 km), then by train or taxi to Cesena.

By car: Highway A14, exit Cesena (not Cesena Nord) then follow the signal "Centro" to reach the parking lot (on Viale Carducci) close to the venue of the meeting (follow the directions)

### **Organizing Secretariat**

The Secretariat will be operating at the meeting venue starting from Wednesday (September 17, 2008 – 3 p.m.) and during the meeting.

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### **Registration**

Register for the meeting by completing and returning the herein enclosed registration form, together with payment, to the Organizing Secretariat (following the instructions)

Attendance will be limited to 350 participants and early registration is therefore advisable.

### **Registration fee**

The registration fee is fixed at **€ 450**.

It includes:

- Attendance at the scientific sessions
- Coffee breaks
- Lunches
- Reception (Thursday evening)
- Gala dinner (Friday night)
- Bus transportation to/from hotels in Cesenatico and the meeting

Registration fee for 1 day: **€ 200**

It includes:

- Attendance at the scientific sessions
- Coffee breaks and lunch (of one day)
- Reception or gala dinner
- Bus transportation to/from hotels in Cesenatico and the meeting

### **Accompanying persons**

The fee for accompanying persons is **€ 100** and includes the reception (Thursday evening), the gala dinner (Friday night), a guided visit to the XV-century Malatestiana Library and Castle

### **Attendance Certificates**

Attendance certificates will be issued by the Organizing Secretariat to all participants who request it.

### **Hotel accommodation**

Hotel reservations should be made by sending the enclosed “Hotel Accommodation Form” to the Organizing Secretariat **no later than July 31, 2008**.

### **Cancellations**

For cancellations made before July 31, 2008 (organizing secretariat must receive written notification) fees will be refunded (minus an administrative fee of 30%) after the meeting. **No** refunds will be made for cancellations made after July 31, 2008.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS (included in the registration fee)**

#### **Thursday, September 18**

6.30 p.m. Reception

#### **Friday, September 19**

8.00 p.m. Gala dinner

#### **Saturday, September 20**

Guided visit to the XV-century Malatestiana Library and Castle

### **VARIATIONS**

The Scientific Committee and the Organizing Secretariat reserve the right to make any necessary change to the program due to technical or scientific reasons.

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