

4th Dubrovnik Cardiology Highlights an ESC Update Programme in Cardiology with International Participation

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Dear colleagues,

The Dubrovnik Cardiology Highlights is the youngest member of the ESC Update Meetings, belonging to the family of three high-level educational and scientific activities of the ESC: Davos Cardiology Update, Rome Cardiology Forum and Dubrovnik Cardiology Highlights. This year it is going to be held from 10-13th October. The Cardiology Highlights started in 2009, as a joint project of the ESC and the Croatian Cardiac Society. All the previous Highlights Meetings attracted a very prestigious International Faculty and an interactive audience from all over the world, with a clear tendency of increasing both – quality of the Programme and the number of Faculty members and participants.

The Meeting is primarily clinically designed for cardiologists and cardiology fellows, but also for other professionals and specialists taking part in all relevant fields of cardiovascular medicine. The main aim is to provide a comprehensive state-of-the-art overview of contemporary cardiology, including cutting edges in science and clinical practice, with a special emphasis on the newest ESC guidelines and position papers. Beside invited lectures from the leading representatives of various specialties in Cardiology, the Programme will be enriched with a joint Zagreb and Zurich University young cardiologists' session on challenging heart failure clinical cases.

The second day of the Meeting will be entirely dedicated to Heart Failure and therefore endorsed by the ESC Heart Failure Association. Besides that, a focused session of the ESC Working Group on Coronary Pathology and Microcirculation will also be held, according to our wish to emphasize the importance of the ESC constituent bodies.

This special issue of *Cardiologia Croatica* – the official journal of the Croatian Cardiac Society, consists of selected original contributions from our participants in the form of abstracts, which will be presented in the form of moderated posters. All these abstracts and their presentations are going to be additionally peer reviewed during the Congress and the best of them awarded at the Closing Session of the Meeting.

It is worth reminding that Cardiology Highlights is a joint project of the European Society of Cardiology and the Croatian Cardiac Society, giving an important recognition to Croatian Cardiology, being thus directly involved in such an important ESC event.

We are particularly proud that this year, for the first time, our Dubrovnik Cardiology Highlights Meeting is organized under the patronage of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, which represents the most distinguished institution of the scientific and cultural heritage of Croatia.

Sincerely yours

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