

## 5<sup>th</sup> Cardiology Highlights – the ESC Update Meeting



### Dear colleagues,

We are happy and proud, as the Croatian Cardiac Society, to have the privilege of hosting and organizing Cardiology Highlights for the 5<sup>th</sup> time – the ESC Update Meeting in beautiful Dubrovnik, Croatia. The first Meeting was organized ten years ago, starting as a biannual congress endorsed by the European Society of Cardiology as a one of the three Update Meetings: Davos Cardiology Update, Rome Cardiology Forum, and Dubrovnik Cardiology Highlights. We are also honored by the fact that this time the Meeting is being held under the high patronage of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Our Scientific Programme, lasting three and half days, has been composed to cover all the main topics of contemporary clinical cardiology, and special emphasis has been given to the newest ESC guidelines, according to the ESC Update Meetings' mission and policy, defined by the ESC Committee on Education.

The first day of the Meeting will be focused on Advanced Heart Failure, and the first day's sessions are have been organized in collaboration with the Failure Association Board of the ESC. We have also organized a Session in collaboration with the ESC Working Group on Coronary Pathophysiology and Microcirculation, bringing some very challenging clinical and translational topics. Furthermore, the Zagreb-Zurich fellows' interactive session already became a tradition, similarly as at the Davos Update in the Cardiology Meeting.

The 5<sup>th</sup> ESC Highlights Meeting will host very prestigious international Faculty as well as the National Faculty composed of the leading Croatian cardiologists and cardiac surgeons.

In addition to high quality interactive plenary lectures, we have once again included selected original communications and case presentations in the Programme as abstracts that have been published in the special issue of our national cardiology journal *Cardiologia Croatica*.

The printed abstracts will be presented interactively at the Meeting in front of our distinguished peers, and the best of the abstracts are going receive awards.

I really do hope that the scientific and educational purpose of the Meeting will provide a useful and enjoyable experience to all the attendees and be in accord with the high criteria of the ESC, as the world's leading cardiovascular society.

Sincerely yours,

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