



20th Annual Meeting of The
ALPE ADRIA
ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOLOGY

June 7th – June 9th, 2012,
Bratislava, Slovakia

**LEADING SYNDROMES IN CARDIOLOGY
– CONTROVERSIES AND INTERDISCIPLINARY ASPECTS**

Organized by Slovak Society
of Cardiology in collaboration with
the Slovak Heart Rhythm Association



Welcome message from the chairpersons of the meeting

Dear Colleagues and Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is our great honour and particular pleasure to invite you to the jubilee 20th Alpe-Adria Annual Cardiology meeting which will be held in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, on June 7th – June 9th, 2012. The meeting is jointly organized by the Slovak Society of Cardiology and the Slovak Heart Rhythm Association.

The twenty-year-old tradition of these meetings confirms the viability of the Alpe-Adria Association of Cardiology idea within the reunited Europe and confirms the necessity of closer co-operation, and building of personal and scientific relationships between cardiac societies in the Alpe-Adria region. The commitment to facilitate and support the participation in the AAAC meeting and active presentations of young colleagues, clinicians and scientists is highly appreciated. We are happy to inform you that all active participants (speakers, poster presenters and session chairpersons) will have their registration fees disclaimed (i.e. free access to the scientific sessions). Furthermore, as it is our great wish to attract younger participants and physicians/cardiologists in training we offer an accredited half-day case-based teaching course “ECG based decision making in complex cardiac patients”.

This year’s meeting subtitled “Leading Syndromes in Cardiology – Controversies and Interdisciplinary Aspects” is focused on the atrial fibrillation and heart failure. These two syndromes are generally regarded as epidemics since their prevalence and incidence is increasing and as such they are among leading causes of mortality and morbidity of cardiovascular patients. This year’s meeting seeks to create an accomplished scientific programme, concede a comprehensive presentation and facilitate in-depth discussions of various aspects of these syndromes.

The meeting will be held directly in Bratislava’s historic city centre. At the beginning of the summer the pedestrian zone, with its variety of cafés, restaurants, and bars, has a very lively atmosphere, which often lasts until early morning hours. We are proud to say that the liveliness of the city centre is not solely the creation of the many tourists, but first and foremost of the inspiring community of 40-thousand young students from the several major universities. The social highlight of the AAAC meeting – the gala dinner – will be organized in the fully reconstructed premises of the historic Bratislava Castle, where the participants may enjoy 1300 years of history alongside a beautiful scenery of Danube River and Austrian Alps (however, not even under best weather conditions will you be able to see the Adria...). The gala dinner will feature excellent Slovak as well as regional border-crossing gastronomy, wines, music and culture.

On behalf of the organizing committee we are pleased to cordially invite you to join the 20th Meeting of the Alpe-Adria Association of Cardiology in Bratislava. We are convinced that together it is possible to create a valuable, attractive and highly interactive scientific programme in a friendly and fruitful atmosphere facilitating the exchange of scientific knowledge and clinical experience. We are looking forward to welcoming you in Bratislava!

Eva Goncalvesová, MD, PhD, FESC

Robert Hatala, MD, PhD, FESC, FACC



Organizing committee

Chairman:	Eva Goncalvesová
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Topics

Atrial fibrillation

Risk Factors:

- Gender and AF
- Hypertension and AF
- Obesity and AF
- Diabetes and AF

New Therapies

- New vs. old anti-thrombotic drugs
- Ischemic vs. haemorrhagic stroke – risk management and prevention
- Triple anti-thrombotic therapy
- Interventional approach to stroke prevention
- Evidence based medicine vs. financial burden
- Ablation Strategies for Atrial Fibrillation – Who, When, Where
- Cardioversion - drugs vs. shocks

Heart Failure

- Comorbidities and HF
- Arrhythmias and HF
- HF prognosis
- Challenges on HF drug therapy
- Cardio-renal relations in acute and chronic HF
- Acute heart failure syndromes
- HF and acute coronary syndromes
- HF with preserved ejection fraction
- Right ventricular failure
- Refractory heart failure
- Heart failure surgery
- Devices in heart failure
- Heart replacement
- Organizational aspects of HF care



Meeting Venue

Hotel and Conference Centre Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel
Hviezdoslavovo námestie 3, Bratislava

Call for Abstracts

Abstract receipt deadline – April 8th, 2011

You can find abstract forms on **www.alpeadria.cardiology.sk**. Send abstracts using web site or submit by e-mail as an attached .rtf file to the body of your mail. Send the e-mail to cardiollet@cardiology.sk. E-mail has to contain all information requested in the Abstract form. Accepted abstracts will be published in the official scientific journal of the Slovak Society of Cardiology "Cardiology Letters".

Registration

Registration fees	Before May 8 th , 2012	On- Site
Participants	200 €	250 €
Physicians in training	100 €	125 €
One day registration	-	50 €
Undergraduate students	free	free

Students are requested to submit a student identification card.

Registration procedure

Registration must be made on the Registration Form available on www.alpeadria.cardiology.sk.

Please, send the filled form by e-mail to alpe.adria@bubble.sk or by fax +421 2 5441 22 41.



Payment

After the registration, you will get an email with final price and guideline to payment.

Please, afterwards proceed the payment for the registration fee according to the following bank details:

Full Name of the Company: Bubble production house, s.r.o.
Invoicing Address: Gunduličová 6, 811 05 Bratislava 1, Slovakia
VAT Number: SK2021825267
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IBAN: SK12 1100 0000 0026 2579 2422
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In the bank note please write „Alpe Adria“ + „the participant's full name“.

In case you are paying for more participants it is important to mention all the names.

Accommodation

Reservation of accommodation for a discounted price is available until 24th April.

Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel, Bratislava, Hviezdoslavovo námestie 3
811 02 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Park Inn Danube Hotel, Rybné námestie 1
811 02 Bratislava, Slovak Republic



Social Events

Gala Dinner

Special evening with traditional Slovak music, dance and food.

Friday, June 8th, 2012

Bartislava Castle

Price: 30 €

Short guided walk through Bratislava History centre

Thursday, June 7th, 2012, afternoon

Friday, June 8th, 2012, lunchtime

Up to 15 persons. Free of charge.

Conference Coordinator

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Important dates

Abstract deadline:

April 8th, 2012

Accommodation reservation deadline:

April 24th, 2012

Early registration:

May 8th, 2012 (after -On-site)

Conference:

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