

## VERY POSITIVE OUTCOME for the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of CARDIOSTIM EHRA EUROPACE

It was a very successful anniversary edition of CARDIOSTIM-EHRA EUROPACE that drew to a close in Nice on June 11. A high turnout, the quality of discussions and speeches, as well as innovation: everything came together to ensure this event met the expectations of the 5,740 delegates, leading specialists in the treatment of heart rhythm disorders.



Coming from around one hundred different countries to take part in over 200 scientific sessions, they were able to assess recent developments in the discipline, exchange ideas or bring their knowledge up-to-date.

In its capacity as special research partner, **industry was also very well represented with 60 exhibitors.**

**Among the hot topics, there was much talk of the "leadless revolution" and the considerable advances made in cardiac prosthetic devices:** miniature leadless pacemakers, automatic implantable defibrillators and other hybrid techniques which use a combination of pacing and defibrillation; not to mention cardiac resynchronisation devices in which the scope of possibilities is being extended to multi-polar pacing.

### **AWARDS, winners, recognised work**

Innovation in devices was recognised on two fronts, in two award categories: the CARDIOSTIM Innovation Awards and EHRA Inventors Awards.

#### ▪ **CARDIOSTIM Innovation Awards**

The innovation awards recognise major innovations put forward by industry: techniques, products or services that provide a real benefit not only to the profession but to patients too.

**Three major innovations** were recognised in three categories:

- ✓ The "**Micra TPS**" **leadless miniature pacemaker from Medtronic** won the jury's vote in the "Favorite Innovation" category;
- ✓ The "**HeartMate III left ventricular assist device**" from St Jude Medical won the award in the "Patient Care Improvement" category.
- ✓ The "**Autodetect MRI BIOTRONIK MRI-Compatible Ilivia ICDs and CRT-Ds**" system from the Biotronik Group received the award for "Practice Improvement".

## ▪ EHRA Inventors Awards

This award, the objective of which is to encourage research, recognises scientific and clinical work in the field of arrhythmia and electrophysiology by awarding a certificate and a grant.

**The Winner** this year is **Professor G. André Ng, selected for his work "LIFE MAP, Translational development of a novel electrical diagnosis of Sudden Cardiac Death risk"**.

### **Two other researchers were also selected as finalists:**

- **Daniel Keene** for "The SafeShock advanced Electro-Mechanical Algorithm to reduce inappropriate and unnecessary shocks"
- **Dierk Thomas** for "TREK-1 (K2P2.1) K" as well as "channel gene therapy for rhythm control in atrial fibrillation"

## **"I can save a life", a breath of fresh air...**



At the opening ceremony, school children aged 10-11 [classe CM2] were present to talk enthusiastically about what they had learnt about first-aid responses that can save lives, as part of the **"I can save a life"\* initiative<sup>1</sup>**, set up last autumn by the association 20,000 Vies [20,000 lives], the City of Nice and CARDIOSTIM-EHRA EUROPACE. A citizens initiative which is sure to be emulated!

**See you in Vienna from June 18 to 21, 2017  
for EHRA EUROPACE-CARDIOSTIM**

### **CARDIOSTIM-EHRA EUROPACE, in brief**

CARDIOSTIM-EHRA EUROPACE is a biennial world congress in cardiac electrophysiology and cardiac techniques held in Nice every other year since 1978. It alternates with EHRA EUROPACE-CARDIOSTIM, the European congress on heart rhythm organised (in odd-numbered years) by the EHRA (European Heart Rhythm Association) in a member city of the ESC. Since 2006, the EHRA and CARDIOSTIM have organised their respective congresses on an alternating basis, working together on the scientific program to ensure sessions of the very highest level of quality. 5,500 delegates will be coming to Nice for CARDIOSTIM-EHRA EUROPACE.

To find out more [www.cardiostim.fr](http://www.cardiostim.fr)

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<sup>1</sup> in French: "Je peux sauver une vie"

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