

17th-18th October, 2025 | Belgrade (Serbia)

Venue: SAVA CENTAR Milentija Popovića 9, Belgrade 11000, Serbia

RATIONALE

Overall aim of the meeting: To review the latest developments in cardiovascular and respiratory medicine, the links between these two areas (shared pathogenetic mechanisms) and how these can be coordinated better for the benefit of patients. Pulmonologists and cardiologists will be brought up to date with the respective key issues in these two important medical disciplines. Thereby, it is hoped that doctors from both specialties will be better able to treat their patients, many of whom suffer from both respiratory and cardiovascular problems.

Background: Cardiovascular (CVD) and respiratory (RD) diseases are amongst the most common diseases and are the first and third most common cause of death worldwide (17.9 and 3.3 million, respectively). Their global economic burden is staggering, estimated to be \$1.04 trillion for CVD and \$2.1 for RD. Because of increases in ageing and better treatment, the costs are estimated to rise further (e.g. £4.8 trillion for COPD alone by 2030).

There is no doubt that the understanding of the causes and mechanisms of CVD and RD has greatly improved during the past 50 years, which has resulted in better diagnostic procedures (including monitoring) and improved treatments (including preventative measures). This is due to ever increasing specialization of researchers and clinicians, alike, large investments by governments, medical and scientific societies and the pharmaceutical industry.

Medical practice has also undergone major changes, with ever increasing specialization of doctors and allied health professionals, many of whom sub-specialize within their specialty (e.g. asthma specialists, some of whom go even further to focus only on severe asthma, or cardiologists who sub-specialise in rare forms of cardiomyopathy). While this provides more effective treatments, it also creates a disconnect between the two disease areas even though we have recognised that they are connected either through direct heart-lung interactions or via shared systemic mechanisms.

The specific aims of this conference are to:

- 1) provide state-of-the-art updates of the major cardiovascular and respiratory diseases
- 2) look for common mechanisms that link respiratory and cardiovascular disease
- 3) identify unmet needs of joined up treatment strategies and stimulate ideas for better integration of healthcare provision for patients with cardiovascular and respiratory diseases.

Challenges in Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

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Serbia Heart Failure Society







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FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 2025 - AFTERNOON

05.00 p.m. - 07.30 p.m. **Pre-Conference Briefing** (Faculty Members only)

Briefing and Management of October 17th and 18th Scientific

Sessions and Participants' method of interaction

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 2025 - MORNING

08.00 a.m. - 09.00 a.m. Registration of participants

09.00 a.m. - 09.20 a.m. Welcome addresses and Introduction

Co-Presidents of the Meeting

Fondazione Menarini - G. Caracciolo (Florence, IT)

SESSION I - EPIDEMIOLOGY OF RESPIRATORY AND

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

Chairpersons: **B. Beleslin** (Belgrade, RS),

I. Mudway (London, UK)

09.20 a.m. - 09.40 a.m. Epidemiology of respiratory diseases

J. Allinson (London, UK)

09.40 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Epidemiology of cardiovascular diseases

P. Otašević (Belgrade, RS)

10.00 a.m. - 10.20 a.m. Impact of pollution on respiratory and cardiovascular diseases

I. Mudway (London, UK)

10.20 a.m. - 10.40 a.m. Impact of smoking and vaping on respiratory and

cardiovascular diseases: is vaping a safe alternative to

smoking?

A. Bush (Londond, UK) - Virtual

10.40 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Discussion

11.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. Coffee Break

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

	CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES – PART I Chairpersons: E. Agabiti Rosei (Brescia, IT), R. Djukanovic (London, UK)
11.15 a.m 11.35 a.m.	Coronary artery disease and acute myocardial Infarction B. Beleslin (Belgrade, RS)
11.35 a.m 11.55 a.m.	Arterial Hypertension E. Agabiti Rosei (Brescia, IT)
11.55 a.m 12.15 p.m.	Congestive heart failure P. M. Seferović (Belgrade, RS)
12.15 p.m 12.35 p.m.	Pulmonary hypertension S. Obradović (Belgrade, RS)
12.35 p.m 12.55 p.m.	Discussion
12.55 p.m 01.55 p.m.	Lunch

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 2025 - AFTERNOON

SESSION III - MANAGEMENT AND UNMET NEEDS OF
CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES - PART II

Chairpersons: P. M. Seferović (Belgrade, RS),

S. Dimić Janjić (Belgrade, RS)

01.55 p.m. - 02.15 p.m. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

I. Barjaktarević (Los Angeles, US)

02.15 p.m. - 02.35 p.m. Asthma

R. Djukanović (Southampton, UK)

02.35 p.m. - 02.55 p.m. ILD

M. Jones (Southampton, UK)

02.55 p.m. - 03.15 p.m. Obstructive sleep apnea

L. Ristić (Niš, RS)

03.15 p.m. - 03.35 p.m. Discussion

SESSION IV - CARDIORESPIRATORY INTENSIVE CARE

Chairpersons: **S. Stojković** (Belgrade, RS), **N. Jarjour** (Wisconsin, US)

03.35 p.m. - 03.55 p.m. Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)

G. Bellani (Milan, IT) - Virtual

03.55 p.m. - 04.15 p.m. Noninvasive respiratory support (NIRS)

D. Obradović (Novi Sad, RS)

04.15 p.m. - 04.35 p.m. Different types of shock

B. Creagh-Brown (Guilford, UK) - Virtual

04.35 p.m. - 04.55 p.m. Discussion

04.55 p.m. - 05.10 p.m. *Coffee Break*

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

	CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES Chairpersons: B. Beleslin (Belgrade, RS), V. Ćupurdija (Kragujevac, RS)
05.10 p.m 05.30 p.m.	Primary and secondary prevention of asthma and COPD I. V. Čekerevac (Kragujevac, RS)
05.30 p.m 05.50 p.m.	Primary and secondary prevention of coronary artery disease and AMI S. Stojković (Belgrade, RS), E. Omerović (Gothenburg, SE)
05.50 p.m 06.10 p.m.	Discussion
06.10 p.m 06.30 p.m.	First Day Closing Remarks
06.30 p.m 06.45 p.m.	Survey event: Appreciation survey with certificate

SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2025 - MORNING

SESSION VI - RESPIRATORY AND CARDIOVASCULAR CO-MORBIDITIES

Chairpersons: **L. Fabbri** (Modena,IT), **P. M. Seferović** (Belgrade, RS)

09.00 a.m. - 09.20 a.m. Obesity and metabolic syndrome

A. Ristić (Belgrade, RS)

09.20 a.m. - 09.40 a.m. Comorbidities of ILD

G. Jenkins (London, UK)

09.40 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Comorbidities of COPD

L. Fabbri (Modena, IT)

10.00 a.m. - 10.20 a.m. Comorbidities of asthma

N. Jarjour (Wisconsin, US)

10.20 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Discussion

11.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. Coffee Break

SESSION VII - HYPERTENSION AND CARDIOVASCULAR CO-MORBIDITIES

Chairpersons: E. Agabiti Rosei (Brescia, IT),

D. Obradović (Novi Sad. RS)

11.15 a.m. - 11.35 a.m. Hypertension and atrial fibrillation

M. Polovina (Belgrade, RS)

11.35 a.m. - 11.55 a.m. Hypertension and coronary artery disease

S. Masi (Pisa, IT)

11.55 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. Hypertension and chronic heart failure

K. Tsioufis (Athens, EL)

12.15 p.m. - 12.35 p.m. Hypertension and cerebrovascular disease

D. Lovic (Niš, RS)

12.35 p.m. - 12.55 p.m. Discussion

12.55 p.m. - 01.55 p.m. Lunch

SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER

SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2025 - AFTERNOON

	SESSION VIII - WORKING TOGETHER: MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS (MDT) AND PATIENT REGISTRIES Chairpersons: M. Abdelhamid (Cairo, EG), G. Jenkins (London, UK)
01.55 p.m 02.15 p.m.	What can a respiratory MDT achieve better than a single physician? S. Dimić Janjić (Belgrade, RS)
02.15 p.m 02.35 p.m.	What can a cardiovascular MDT achieve better than a single physician? M. Abdelhamid (Cairo, EG)
02.35 p.m 02.55 p.m.	Management of hypertension in real-life: from the NHS database G. Mancia (Milan, IT)
02.55 p.m 03.15 p.m.	European CVD registries G. Savarese (Stockholm, SE)
03.15 p.m 03.35 p.m.	European respiratory registries S. Hromis (Novi Sad, RS)
03.55 p.m 04.15 p.m.	General Discussion
04.15 p.m 04.30 p.m.	Second day Closing remarks and Take-Home Message
04.30 p.m 04.45 p.m.	Survey event: Appreciation survey with certificate
04.45 p.m 06.30 p.m.	Round Table (Faculty Members only)
06.30 p.m 08.30 p.m.	Faculty Debriefing: what have we learned and what is next on challenges in Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases?

FACULTY

Magdy Abdelhamid	Cairo, EG
Enrico Agabiti Rosei	Brescia, IT
James Peter Allinson	London, UK
Igor Barjaktarevic	Los Angeles, US
Branko Beleslin	Belgrade, RS
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Andrew Bush 🔯	London, UK
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Benedict Creagh-Brown 🔯	Guilford, UK
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Gianluigi Savarese	Stockholm, SE
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Konstantinos Tioufis	Athens, EL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

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SECRETARIAT DURING THE MEETING

The Secretariat will be open at the following times: Friday, 17th October from 9 am to 5 pm Saturday, 18th October from 9 am to 6.15 pm

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting will be English

REGISTRATION

The meeting is free to attend.
For more information and to register please visit the following website: www.fondazione-menarini.com

TECHNICAL FACILITIES

Facilities will be available for computer presentations and overhead projections.

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LUNCHES AND COFFEE BREAKS

Lunches and coffee breaks will be served in the Meeting area.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE AND SURVEY

At the end of each day, faculty members and participants will have the possibility to answer a short appreciation questionnaire accessible using the QR code projected on the screen. After completing the survey it will immediately be possible to download the Attendance Certificate which can be kept, printed and shared.



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