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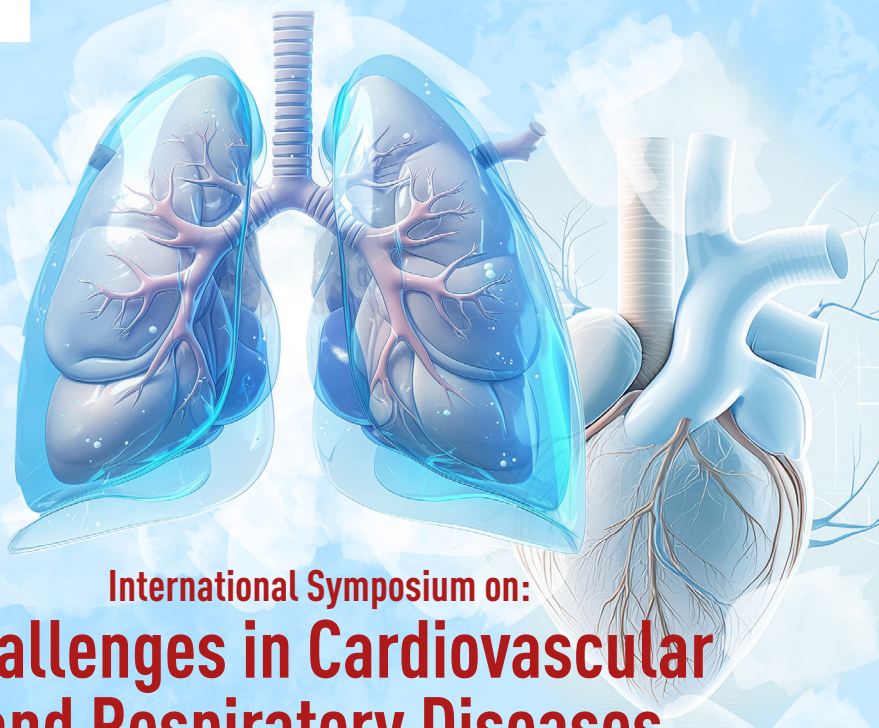


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International Symposium on:  
**Challenges in Cardiovascular  
and Respiratory Diseases**

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**17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 | Belgrade (Serbia)**

**Venue: SAVA CENTER - 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.

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## THURSDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 - AFTERNOON

05.00 p.m. - 07.30 p.m. **Pre-Conference Briefing** (Faculty Members only)  
Briefing and Management of October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Scientific Sessions and Participants' method of  
interaction

## FRIDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> 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)

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

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

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## SESSION II - MANAGEMENT AND UNMET NEEDS OF 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. 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*

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

Chairpersons: **P. Seferović** (Belgrade, RS), **S. Dimic Janjic** (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)

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** (Surrey, UK)

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

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

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## SESSION V - PREVENTION OF RESPIRATORY AND 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. Cekerevac** (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

**SATURDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> 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. Obradovic** (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  
**TBD**
- 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*



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## SATURDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> 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. Mancina** (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. - 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?

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<b>Branko Beleslin</b>	Belgrade, RS
<b>Giacomo Bellani</b>	Milan, IT
<b>Andrew Bush</b>	London, UK
<b>Ivan V. Cekerevac</b>	Kragujevac, RS
<b>Benedict Creagh-Brown</b>	Surrey, UK
<b>Vojislav Ćupurdija</b>	Kragujevac, RS
<b>Sanja Dimic Janjic</b>	Belgrade, RS
<b>Ratko Djukanovic</b>	Southampton, UK
<b>Leonardo Fabbri</b>	Modena, IT
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<b>Arsen Ristić</b>	Belgrade, RS
<b>Lidija Ristić</b>	Niš, RS
<b>Gianluigi Savarese</b>	Stockholm, SE
<b>Petar Seferovic</b>	Belgrade, RS
<b>Siniša Stojković</b>	Belgrade, RS
<b>Konstantinos Tioufis</b>	Athens, EL

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### SECRETARIAT DURING THE MEETING

The Secretariat will be open at the following times:

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October from 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### LUNCHES AND COFFEE BREAKS

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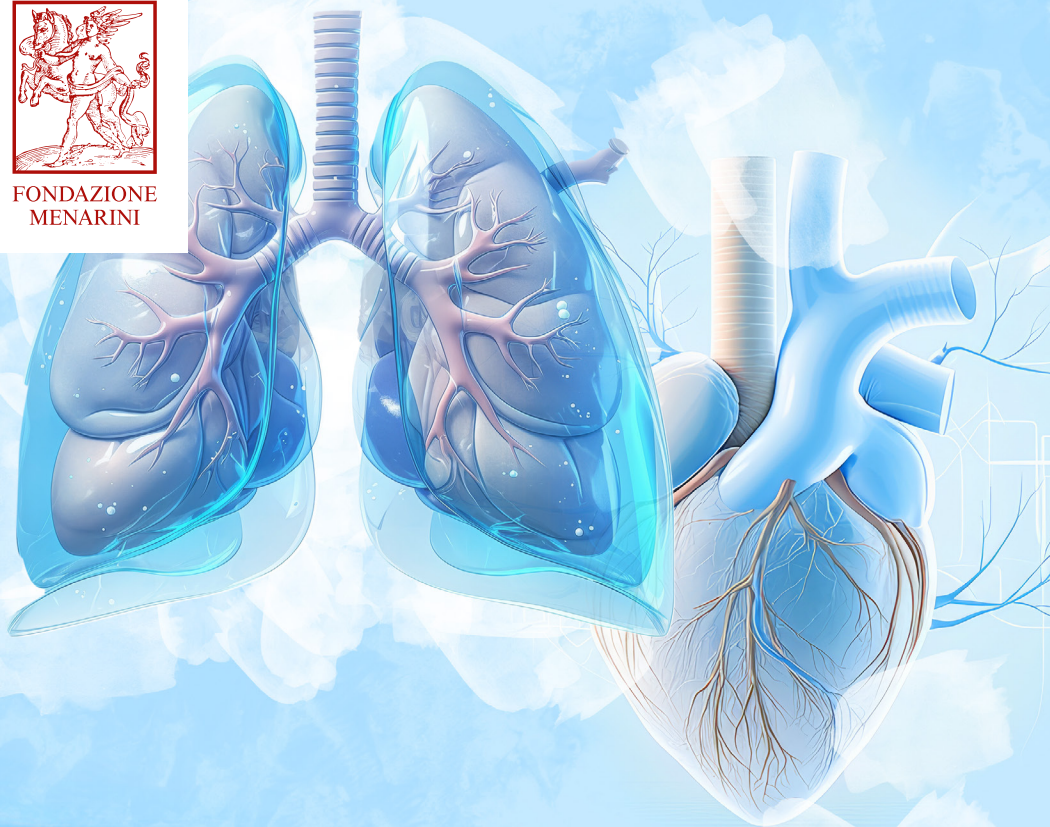
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