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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON:

HOT TOPICS IN CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE

(with the editors of the *European Heart Journal*)



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30th-31st October, 2026 - Pisa (IT)

Venue: HISTORICAL GREAT HALL – PALAZZO DELLA SAPIENZA

Via Curtatone e Montanara, 15, 56126 Pisa

WHO WE ARE

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The “**Fondazione Menarini**” was established in the spring of **1976** to promote research and knowledge in the fields of biology, pharmacology and medicine as well as economy and human sciences.

One of the main tools the Foundation uses to achieve its goals is the organization of **international congresses** with a specific focus on medical disciplines.



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The logo the **Fondazione Menarini** adopted at the time of its establishment derives from a famous seventeenth-century treatise, the **Novissima Iconologia del Ripa** (Ripas' New Iconology), rich in symbolic meanings from Parmenides to Plato's Myth of the Soul.

The image, which depicts a man leading a horse while firmly gripping the bridle, was chosen as it effectively represents the Foundation's goals and topics based on its **balanced interests in humanistic and biological sciences**.



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RATIONALE

Cardiology and – more broadly – Cardiovascular Medicine over the last 4 decades have witnessed some of the most remarkable advances in Medicine. Considering the management of myocardial infarction, heart failure, or valve diseases, despite advances in diagnosis, effective management lagged until the end of the past millennium. But recent leaps forward have changed dramatically strategies that we can offer patients to prevent and treat cardiovascular conditions. Indeed, we were fortunate to witness such incredible developments. Yet, despite these advances, we must together confront new challenges, new unsolved problems, and new questions.

To frame these residual problems and evolve a path forward, this conference gathers a stellar panel of experts in the various areas of cardiology, ranging from prevention (risk assessment and biomarkers; lipid-lowering, antihypertensive, and anti-inflammatory drugs), to advances in ischemic heart disease, cardio-oncology, congenital heart disease, heart failure, cardiomyopathies, valvular heart disease, and arrhythmias/electrophysiology. We have selected the distinguished international faculty primarily from the Executive and Associate Editors of the European Heart Journal, which continues to grow as a leading cardiovascular journal. The full two-day program will explore areas which, despite remarkable progress, demand even further action.

We aim to forge a path for future research and development to meet the challenges investigators ponder and clinicians confront to increase knowledge and continue the conquest of the world's leading scourge.

Presidents of the Meeting:

Prof. Raffaele De Caterina

Prof. Peter Libby

PRESIDENTS OF THE MEETING

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 2026 - AFTERNOON

06:30 p.m. - 07:30 p.m. Editors' Meeting (Editors of the *European Heart Journal*)
Chaired by **F. Crea** (Rome, IT) *with the participation of the
Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board members attending
the conference*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 2026 - MORNING

08:15 a.m. - 08:30 a.m. Registration of participants

08:30 a.m. - 08:45 a.m. Welcome addresses and Introduction
Institutional greetings:
R. Zucchi, Rector - University of Pisa
A. Gemignani, President, School of Medicine, University of Pisa
M. Conti, Mayor of Pisa

Conference chairs:
R. De Caterina (Pisa, IT), **P. Libby** (Boston, US)

08:45 a.m. - 09:00 a.m. Fondazione Menarini
G. Caracciolo (Florence, IT)

SESSION I: Prevention – Risk assessment and biomarkers

Chairpersons: **L. Gargani** (Pisa, IT),
A. Tybjaerg-Hansen (Copenhagen, DK)

09:00 a.m. - 09:20 a.m. Current risk algorithms: do they capture residual risk?
E. Di Angelantonio (Cambridge, UK)

09:20 a.m. - 09:40 a.m. Troponins and other soluble biomarkers for risk assessment
and diagnosis of acute conditions: Where are we?
C. Müller (Basel, CH)

09:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Is imaging better than soluble biomarkers for cardiovascular
risk assessment?
C. Antoniades (Oxford, UK)

10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Are polygenic risk scores ready for clinical use?
H. Schunkert (Munich, DE)

10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Discussion

10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. *Coffee Break*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 2026 - MORNING

SESSION II: Prevention – Lipid-lowering, antihypertensive, and anti-inflammatory drugs

Chairpersons: **R. De Caterina** (Pisa, IT),
C. Linde (Stockholm, SE)

- 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Lipid-lowering drugs: what comes next?
L. Tokgozogl (Ankara, TK)
- 11:20 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Anti-hypertensive drugs: what comes next?
S. Taddei (Pisa, IT)
- 11:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Next generation metabolic drugs
F. Cosentino (Stockholm, SE)
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:20 p.m. Colchicine in cardiovascular medicine
M. Imazio (Udine, IT)
- 12:20 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. Discussion
- 12:40 p.m. - 01:50 p.m. *Lunch*

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SESSION III: Ischemic heart disease I

Chairpersons: **P. Libby** (Boston, US), **D. Morrone** (Pisa, IT)

- 01:50 p.m. - 02:10 p.m. Mechanisms of aging: what are the new therapeutic targets?
G. Camici (Zürich, CH)
- 02:10 p.m. - 02:30 p.m. Do we need a new nomenclature for ischemic heart disease?
W. E. Boden (Boston, US)
- 02:30 p.m. - 02:50 p.m. Diagnostic workup in suspected angina: anatomy, function or both?
D. Neglia (Pisa, IT)
- 02:50 p.m. - 03:10 p.m. Discussion
- 03:10 p.m. - 03:30 p.m. *Coffee Break*

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SESSION IV: Ischemic heart disease II

Chairpersons: **F. Crea** (Rome, IT), **R. Madonna** (Pisa, IT)

03:30 p.m. - 03:50 p.m. Mechanisms of acute coronary syndromes: are we ready for a stratified pathophysiology-based treatment?

C. Berry (Glasgow, UK)

03:50 p.m. - 04:10 p.m. Antithrombotic treatment in secondary prevention: single or dual antiplatelet therapy?

D. Gorog (London, UK)

04:10 p.m. - 04:30 p.m. PCI vs current best medical management in lower-risk patients: do we need PCI?

K. Huber (Wien, AT)

04:30 p.m. - 04:50 p.m. PCI vs CABG in high-risk patients: do we need PCI?

U. Landmesser (Berlin, DE)

04:50 p.m. - 05:10 p.m. Cardiac surgery for ischemic heart disease: what innovations are on the horizon?

O. Alfieri (Milan, IT)

05:10 p.m. - 05:30 p.m. Discussion

05:30 p.m. - 05:45 p.m. Survey event: Appreciation survey with certificate

05:45 p.m. - 06:00 p.m. Final remarks and closing of the first day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 2026 - MORNING

**SESSION V: Cardio-oncology, congenital heart disease,
and heart failure**

Chairpersons: **L. Badimon** (Barcelona, ES),
G. Sinagra (Trieste, IT)

09:00 a.m. - 09:20 a.m. Challenges in cardio-oncology: how to manage in the absence of trials?

T. Lopez Fernandez (Madrid, ES)

09:20 a.m. - 09:40 a.m. Challenges in adult congenital heart disease: how to articulate the difficult transition from children to adults?

M. A. Gatzoulis (London, UK)

09:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. HFpEF: the adipokine hypothesis

M. Packer (Dallas, US)

10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Discussion

10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. *Coffee Break*

**SESSION VI: Valvular heart disease, heart failure,
and cardiomyopathies**

Chairpersons: **P. M. Elliott** (London, UK), **M. De Carlo** (Pisa, IT)

10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. TAVI vs SAVR in aortic stenosis: where is the sweet spot?

B. Iung (Paris, FR) - *virtual*

11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Polytherapy for heart failure: what's next?

J. Bauersachs (Hannover, DE)

11:20 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Discussion

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 2026 - MORNING

SESSION VII: Arrhythmias

Chairpersons: **R. Hatala** (Bratislava, SK), **G. Zucchelli** (Pisa, IT)

- 11:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Does device-detected atrial fibrillation merit the same pharmacological treatment as clinical atrial fibrillation?
P. Kirchhof (Hamburg, DE)
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:20 p.m. Atrial fibrillation recurrence prevention: ablation by pulse field, radiofrequency, or cryoablation, with or without drugs?
C. Pappone (Milan, IT)
- 12:20 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. Leadless pacing: status quo and quo vadis
P. Vardas (Athens, EL)
- 12:40 p.m. - 01:00 p.m. ICD implantation: have the indications advanced through the decades?
H. Crijns (Maastricht, NL)
- 01:00 p.m. - 01:20 p.m. Discussion
- 01:20 p.m. - 02:20 p.m. *Lunch*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 2026 - AFTERNOON

SESSION VIII: Closing Roundtable

Chairpersons: **F. Crea** (Rome, IT), **P. Vardas** (Athens, EL)

- 02:20 p.m. - 04:20 p.m. The Future of Cardiology: challenges, innovation, integration and implementation while striving for access and equity
All the speakers
- 04:20 p.m. - 04:35 p.m. Survey event: Appreciation survey with certificate
- 04:35 p.m. - 04:45 p.m. Take-home message and closing remarks

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The center will be open at the following times:
Friday, October 30th 2026: 08:15 a.m. – 06:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31st 2026: 09:00 a.m. – 04:45 p.m.
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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the meeting is English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

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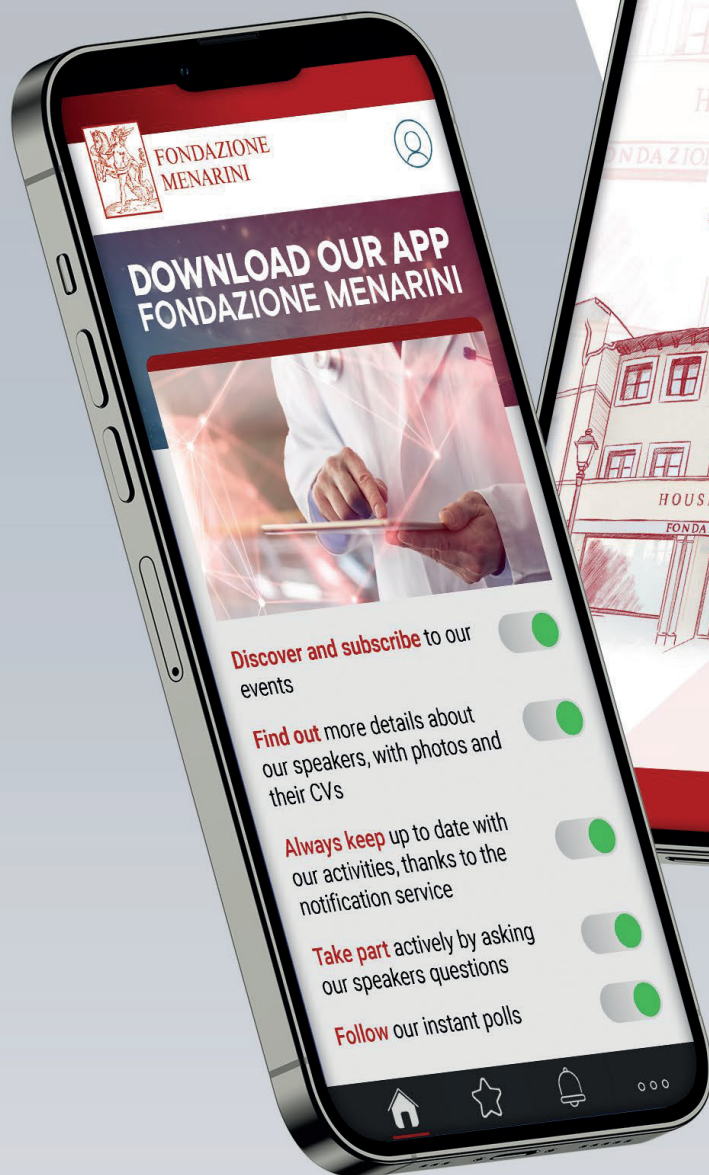
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