



4. godišnji kongres European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society

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Od 13. do 15. travnja ove godine održan je u Marseilleu 4. godišnji kongres Europskog društva za srčane aritmije. Glavne teme kongresa bile su fibrilacija atrija (od mehanizma do ablacije i kirurškog liječenja), mehanizmi i liječenje supraventrikulskih tahikardija, liječenje ventrikulskih aritmija, posebno ablacija ventrikulskih ekstrasistola, zatim epidemiološki, klinički i terapijski aspekti iznenadne srčane smrti, neurokardiogena sinkopa, primjena kardioverter defibrilatora u pojedinim kliničkim sindromima, komplikacije, neriješena pitanja i daljnji tehnološki razvoj kardioverter defibrilatora, te novi aspekti resinkronizacijske terapije srca.

Kongresu je nazočilo oko 500 sudionika iz čitavog svijeta, uključujući i one iz Japana, Kine i Južne Afrike. Na kongresu je sudjelovala i mala skupina od četiri kardiologa iz KB "Sestre milosrdnice". Prof. dr. sc. **Dubravko Petrač** održao je predavanje "Ventricular fibrillation in acute STEMI patients treated with primary PCI". Druga prezentacija bila je u vidu postera s naslovom "Reperfusion arrhythmias in patients with acute STEMI treated with primary PCI", od mr. sc. **Zdravka Babića**, dr. med. i suradnika. Sažeci navedenih radova objavljeni su u *Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology* (Volume 21, Number 2, March 2008). U sklopu ceremonije otvaranja kongresa prof. dr. sc. Petraču je uručena nagrada Europskog društva za srčane aritmije za širenje ideje ECAS-a i višegodišnju potporu tom društvu. U obrazloženju predsjednika društva, dr. **Cappatoa**, naglašena je posebna uloga prof. Petrača u širenju novih spoznaja iz elektrofiziologije srca u ovom dijelu Europe.

Sva izlaganja na kongresu bila su na visokoj znanstvenoj i stručnoj razini, a društveni život u skladu s mediteranskim ugođajem i tradicijom poznate francuske kuhinje.



From the 13th till 15th of April this year the 4th European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society congress was held in Marseille. The main topics of the congress were atrial fibrillation (from the mechanism to ablation and surgery treatment), mechanisms and treatment of supraventricular tachycardia, treatment of ventricular arrhythmias, especially ablations of ventricular extrasystoles, then epidemiologic, clinical and therapeutic aspects of sudden cardiac death, neurocardiogenic syncope, application of cardioverter defibrillator in some clinical syndromes, complications, unresolved issues and further technological development of cardioverter defibrillator, and some new aspects of resynchronization of heart therapy.

Some 500 participants from all over the world attended the congress, including even those from Japan, China and South Africa. Even a small group of four cardiologists from the Clinical Hospital "Sestre milosrdnice" were present at the congress. Prof **Dubravko Petrač**, MD, PhD held a lecture "Ventricular fibrillation in acute STEMI patients treated with primary PCI". Another presentation was given in a form of a poster entitled "Reperfusion arrhythmias in patients with acute STEMI treated with primary PCI", prepared by **Zdravko Babić**, MD, MS and his associates. The summaries of their papers were published in the *Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology* (Volume 21, Number 2, March 2008). On occasion of congress opening ceremony Prof Petrač was awarded a prize by the European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society for disseminating the ECAS idea and providing a long-time support to this Society. The explanation given by the Vice President of the Society **Cappato** about Prof Petrač's special role in disseminating new knowledge from the area of heart electrophysiology in this part of Europe.

All presentations at the congress were at a very high scientific and professional level, and the social life was in line with the Mediterranean atmosphere and tradition of the famous French cuisine.

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