

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT | 18TH INTERNATIONAL PULMONARY HYPERTENSION FORUM

IMPROVING OUTCOMES IN PAH – THE RIGHT DECISIONS AT THE RIGHT TIME

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NETWORK
REGISTRY DATA
TRITON STUDY
DIAGNOSTIC
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
DISEASE
BURDEN
CASE SERIES
COLLABORATION
COMBINATION
THERAPY
QUALITY
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CLINICAL
PERSPECTIVE
RV COMBINATION
OF LIFE
FUNCTION
CO-MORBIDITIES
PERSPECTIVE
PATIENT
WSPH NICE
TRIAL UPDATES
WORKSHOPS
PAH-CTD
DOUBLE
PGI₂ COMBINATION
PATHWAY
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STUDY
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PH-LHD
GENDER
HEMODYNAMICS
FONTAN
PAH-
CHD
EXERCISE REHABILITATION
RISK ASSESSMENT
AGEING
DOUBLE CO-
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
PROPHET
PULMONARY
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HYPERTENSION
PAH
EXPERT
CENTER
DOUBLE
COMBINATION
SYMPTOMS
NURSE
IMAGING
REGISTRY DATA

DEAR COLLEAGUE,

Years of dedication and collaboration within the pulmonary hypertension (PH) community have vastly increased our knowledge of this progressive disease. This has led to the increasingly intelligent use of targeted therapies and evidence-based management strategies, resulting in improvements in long-term patient outcomes.

Recently there has been a strong focus on further improving outcomes for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) patients by using multi-parameter risk assessment and by making timely use of all the therapeutic options that are available. Several studies have highlighted the importance of attaining a low-risk profile, and the importance of risk assessment in guiding treatment strategies. Nevertheless, all too many patients do not attain a low-risk profile and despite the mounting evidence to support combination therapy, it is underutilized in clinical practice. These challenges will be a focus for discussion during the Forum alongside practical considerations of what constitutes optimal therapy for patients at different stages of disease.

The 18th International PH Forum will provide an opportunity to discuss these key themes, as well as exploring PAH populations of special interest, such as portopulmonary hypertension, and other forms of PH beyond group 1 that represent a substantial burden for society due to the significant numbers of patients affected. The burden that PH has on the everyday lives of patients will also be examined as part of a multidisciplinary patient-centred discussion. Targeted breakout sessions will encourage discussion of multiple topics of interest and will provide insight into PH subtypes and challenging aspects of PH management using patient cases as illustrative examples. Additionally, interactive workshops will provide practical guidance on cardiopulmonary rehabilitation and the art of imaging in PH. The main program will once again be accompanied by a dedicated nurse program to underline the crucial role that nurses play in the management of all patients with PH.

We are delighted to invite you to this year's PH Forum. We hope this opportunity to share knowledge and exchange experiences can be utilized to broaden our understanding and further benefit our PAH patients.



Prof. Nazzareno Galiè



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SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2019

09:00–10:30 | PLENARY 1

MODERN STRATEGIES FOR STAYING AHEAD OF DISEASE PROGRESSION

CO-CHAIRS – I LANG, S ROSENKRANZ

What to expect over the next two days | M Lankeit
Comprehensive patient care starts with a calculated risk | O Sitbon
From monotherapy to combination therapy | N Galiè
Taking a clinical approach to treating PAH patients | S Gaine

*10:30–11:00 | COFFEE BREAK
WITH POSTER EXHIBITION*

11:00–12:35 | PLENARY 2

ADVANCED TREATMENT OPTIONS – MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR PATIENTS

CO-CHAIRS – I PRESTON, L RUBIN

Beyond triple oral combination –
Strategies for patients with advanced PAH | K Chin
Are we walking the talk? –
An imperative for change | V McLaughlin
Facilitated discussion:
Reducing disease burden for patients – A concerted effort
Facilitator – R Channick
M Burks | L Howard | D Moritz

12:35–14:00 | LUNCH

14:00–15:15 | PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSION
ROUND 1

UNDERSTANDING CURRENT CHALLENGES AND DRAWING THE RIGHT CONCLUSIONS

Interactive patient cases – Learning from practice
Co-Chairs – V McLaughlin | T Pulido
A Hemnes | K Olsson | M Palazzini
PH due to left heart disease
Co-Chairs – G Rådegran | A Torbicki
A Manes | C Opitz | JL Vachiéry
Room to grow – PH from pediatrics to adulthood
Co-Chairs – G Diller | M Gatzoulis
M Beghetti | R Berger | P Clift

14:00–15:15 | WORKSHOP 1

IMAGING IN PH WORKSHOP

Co-Chairs – D Kiely | A Vonk Noordegraaf

14:00–15:15 | NURSE PROGRAM WORKSHOP 1

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE – RISK-BASED MANAGEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON PATIENTS' WELLBEING

Co-Chairs – W Gin-Sing | H Ryfstenius
J Barbosa | R Crackett
For nurse specialists only

*15:15–15:30 | SWITCHING ROOMS
AND COFFEE BREAK*

15:30 – 16:45 | PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSION
ROUND 2

DRIVING PROGRESS – FROM DATA TO DAY-TO-DAY PATIENT CARE

Interactive patient cases – Strategies for difficult cases

Co-Chairs – M Humbert | M Lankeit

T Lange | T Pulido | R Souza

PH due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia

Co-Chairs – Y Adir | MM Hoeper

R Channick | M Delcroix | I Preston

Living with PAH – Challenges and insights on specific populations

Co-Chairs – N Galiè | M Li

A Hemnes | D Kiely | D Langleben

15:30 – 16:45 | WORKSHOP 2

CARDIOPULMONARY REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

Co-Chairs – E Grünig | TBC

15:30 – 16:45 | NURSE PROGRAM WORKSHOP 2

TACKLING A MULTIFACETED DISEASE – THE NURSE'S ROLE IN SPECIALIZED CARE

Co-Chairs – C Harries | M Kingman

N Benjamin | M Burks | J Graarup

For nurse specialists only

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Participants are invited to contribute to the scientific program by submitting abstracts for poster display by Monday, 4 February 2019.

09:00 – 11:00 | PLENARY 3

BEYOND GROUP 1 PH – DEFINITIONS, DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT

CO-CHAIRS – H MATSUBARA, G SIMONNEAU

Debate: Do you agree with the new PH definition?

Moderator – R Souza

MM Hoeper | A Torbicki

Multiple facets of PH – Differential diagnosis | S Rosenkranz

Multiple facets of PH – Treatment options | N Kim

*11:00 – 11:30 | COFFEE BREAK
WITH POSTER EXHIBITION*

11:30 – 12:45 | PLENARY 4

PAH POPULATIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

CO-CHAIRS – M HUMBERT, J PEPKE-ZABA

Portopulmonary hypertension –

Delivering optimal management | M Krowka

PAH-CTD –

From early identification to modern treatment | D Khanna

Highlights of the 18th International PH Forum | HA Ghofrani

12:45 – 14:00 | LUNCH

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