

Thursday 12 March 2009 - Afternoon

	Pearl A	Crystal Room	Pearl C
15:00	Medtronic Symposium	DEBATING THE GUIDELINES: WHICH ONE SHOULD WE FOLLOW? (CASE PRESENTATION) Co-chair: H. Mourad (Tun) M. Fayyad (KSA) Atrial fibrillation N. Al Rawahi (Oman) CRT and ICD's JC Daubert (France) Syncope J. Mansourati (France) Ventricular tachycardia and sudden death G. Lascault (France)	THE WORKUP OF PATIENT WITH HYPERTENSION Co-chair: R. Tabalat (Jor) Z. Imad (Leb) Are we measuring the real blood pressure? H. Tamimi (Syria) Diagnostic and prognostic value of ambulatory measurement of blood pressure R. Asmar (France) Should we screen all hypertensive patients for Microalbuminuria? Therese Maroun (Lebanon) Cardiovascular imaging in hypertension E. Chammas (Lebanon)
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17:00	CHALLENGES IN MANAGEMENT OF HEART FAILURE Co-chair: N. Timany (Leb) W. Tarcha (Leb) Management of heart failure with preserved LV function H. Skouri (Lebanon) Management of heart failure in patients with renal failure M. Burnier (Switzerland) Anemia and and hyponatremia in heart failure S. Sayegh (Lebanon) Causes and management of non-responders to CRT G. Lascault (France)	DETECTION OF ARRHYTHMIAS AND RISK STRATIFICATION TOOLS Co-chair: H. Abdeddayem (Tun) M. Khoury (Leb) Evaluation of EF in the post MADIT and SCD-HEFT era. Variations and reproducibility W. Jaber (USA) How can Heart rate variability and other parameters help in selecting patients for ICD Maria Teresa La Rovere (Italy) Indications and limitations of ambulatory electrocardiography N. El Sherif (USA)	COMBINATION THERAPY IN HYPERTENSION: RATIONALE AND RESULTS Co-chair: Evidence for the benefit of "ARB's" in hypertension TBA Combining anti-hypertensive drugs: From Guidelines to practice R. Asmar (France)
18:30	Management of sleep apnea in heart failure T. Kikano (Lebanon)	Role of implantable devices in the diagnosis of arrhythmias L. Jordaens (The Netherlands)	with an educational grant from NOVARTIS
19:00		St. Jude Medical Symposium DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES FOR IMPLANTATION AND OPTIMIZATION OF CRT DEVICES Co-chair: A. Fagih (KSA) M. Khoury (Leb) New techniques for CRT optimization: QuickOpt P. Mortensen (Denmark) CRT Implants: Techniques and Tricks A. Curnis (Italy)	Novartis Symposium Chairman: THE RAAS: WHERE TO BLOCK IT, HOW TO BLOCK IT? M. Burnier (Switzerland)