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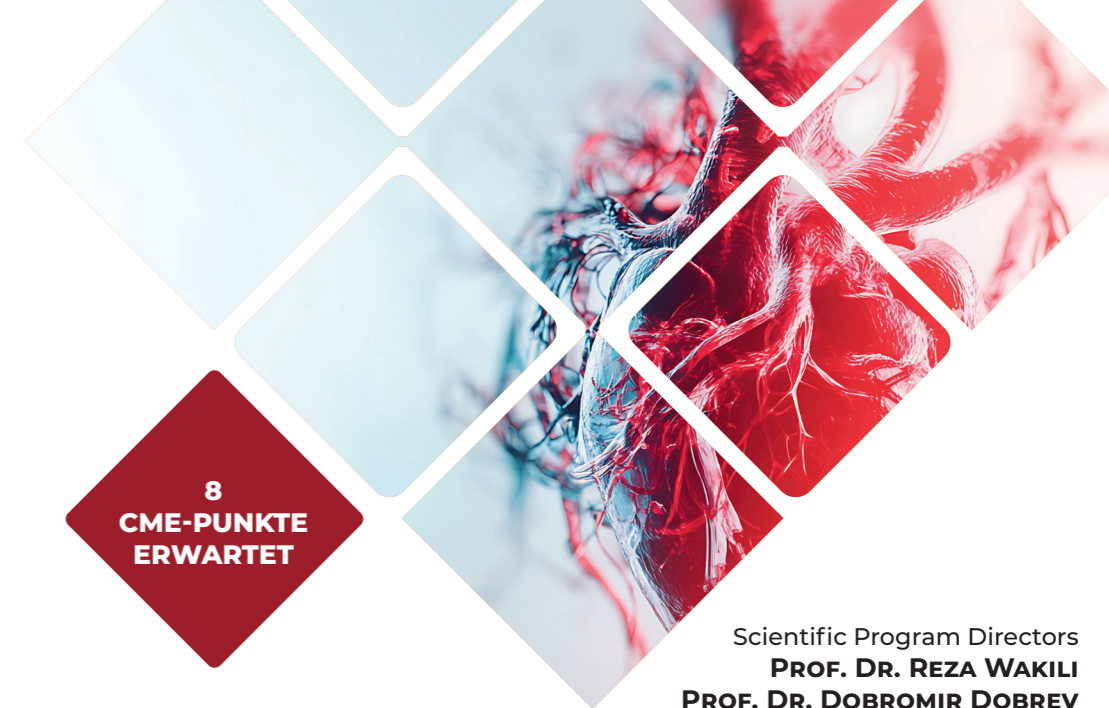
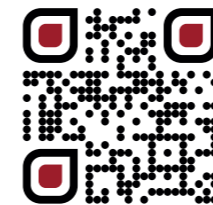
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# INVITATION

We are delighted to welcome you to the Sky AF Summit Frankfurt, an international scientific meeting dedicated to the latest advances in the understanding and treatment of atrial fibrillation (AF). The program brings together leading experts in clinical cardiology, electrophysiology, and cardiac surgery to explore new data, evolving technologies, and translational insights that are shaping the next era of AF management.

Our discussion will include the most recent trials from the **ACC, EHRA and Heart-Rhythm-Society** meetings and will cover the full therapeutic spectrum – from oral anticoagulation and stroke prevention to novel ablation techniques, hybrid strategies, and future directions in device-based therapy. In addition, sessions will focus on comorbidities such as heart failure, metabolic disorders, and renal dysfunction, emphasizing their impact on patient outcomes.

Through scientific exchange, live case sessions, and interactive debates, the Sky AF Summit aims to bridge evidence and experience, connecting innovative research with everyday clinical practice.

## PROGRAM | 27.05.2026

08.45 am **PROF. DR. REZA WAKILI & PROF. DR. DOBROMIR DOBREV**

**09.00 – 10.20 am**

### TRANSLATIONAL INSIGHTS INTO AF MECHANISMS

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dobromir Dobrev | Prof. Dr. Dominik Linz

Panel Discussion: Prof. Dr. Joachim Ehrlich | Prof. Dr. Christian Ukena | Prof. Dr. Constanze Schmidt

Role of Atrial Cardiomyocyte Inflammatory Signaling

**PROF. DR. DOBROMIR DOBREV** Universitätsmedizin Essen

Genetics – Lessons Learned and Current Implications

**PROF. DR. STEFAN KÄÄB** LMU Klinikum

Role of Large Animal Models and In-Vitro Experiments

**PROF. DR. CONSTANZE SCHMIDT** Universitätsmedizin Göttingen

Role of Mitochondrial Dysbalance

**PROF. DR. NIELS VOIGT** Universitätsmedizin Göttingen

AF & HFrefEF – Translational View on Mechanisms and Therapy

**DR. ANDREAS BÖHMER** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

**10.20 – 11.30 am**

### STROKE PREVENTION IN AF – PART I

Chair: Prof. Dr. Thorsten Lewalter | Prof. Dr. Reza Wakili

Panel Discussion: Prof. Dr. Lars Eckardt | PD Dr. Verena Tscholl | Prof. Dr. Christian Ukena

Oral Anticoagulation in 2026 – Real-World Perspectives on Factor Xa & XI Inhibitors

**PD DR. JULIA ERATH-HONOLD** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

Role of AHREs – Who Benefits Most From Oral Anticoagulation?

**PROF. DR. PAULUS KIRCHHOF** Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf

Oral Anticoagulation After Successful PVI – Still Required?

**PROF. DR. ANDREAS METZNER\*** Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf

Epidemiology of AF – what do we know, what do we need to know?

**PROF. DR. RENATE BONIN-SCHNABEL** Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf

POAF – Insights Into the Role of New-Onset Atrial Fibrillation after CABG?

**PD DR. FLORIAN HERRMANN** LMU Klinikum

**11.30 am** Coffee Break and Industry Exchange

**11.55 am – 01.00 pm**

### NOVEL DRUG THERAPIES IN AF BEYOND OAC AND PVI

Chair: Prof. Dr. Paulus Kirchhof | Prof. Dr. Constanze Schmidt

Panel Discussion: Prof. Dr. Dobromir Dobrev | Prof. Dr. Joachim Ehrlich | Prof. Dr. Niels Voigt

Role of Novel Antiarrhythmic Drugs

**PROF. DR. JOSÉ LUIS MERINO LLORENS** La Paz University Hospital, Madrid/Spain

Role of Traditional Antiarrhythmic Drugs

**PROF. DR. LARS ECKARDT** Universitätsklinikum Münster

Comorbidities Metabolic Syndrom and Chronic-Kidney-Disease – Role of SGLT2-I, MRA, GLP1-A

**DR. VICTORIA JOHNSON** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

AF Therapy in HOCM and Amyloidosis

**PD DR. MARIA PAPATHANASIOU** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

**01.00 pm** Lunch Break and Industry Exchange

**01.45 – 03.00 pm**

### STROKE PREVENTION IN AF – PART II

Chair: Prof. Dr. Arian Sultan | Prof. Dr. Reza Wakili

Panel Discussion: Prof. Dr. Lars Eckardt | Prof. Dr. Jeff S. Healey | PD Dr. Verena Tscholl

LAAO – Closure AF

**DR. SEBASTIAN HABERKORN** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

CHAMPION

**PROF. DR. REZA WAKILI** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

Outlook 2027 – LAAOS IV and What Else Is Coming and Needed

**PROF. DR. JEFF S. HEALEY** McMaster University, Hamilton/Kanada

OPTION Trial

**PROF. DR. THORSTEN LEWALTER** Osypka Herzzentrum München

Optimal Choice and Regime of Anticoagulation After LAAO

**PROF. DR. BORIS SCHMIDT** MVZ CCB Frankfurt und Main-Taunus

**03.00 – 04.15 pm**

### SURGERY MEETS CARDIOLOGY IN AF TREATMENT

Chair: Prof. Dr. David M. Leistner | Prof. Dr. Thomas Walther

Panel Discussion: Prof. Dr. Armin Luik | PD Dr. Philipp Seppelt | Prof. Dr. Daniel Steven

Epicardial PVI + LAAO – The Surgeon's View

**PROF. DR. NICOLAS DOLL** Schüchtermann-Klinik Bad Rothenfelde

Endocardial PVI + LAAO – The Electrophysiologist's View

**PROF. DR. ARIAN SULTAN** Asklepios Kliniken Hamburg

Mitral Valve Repair Combined With PVI and LAAO

**DR. FABIAN EMRICH** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

PVI ± LAAO After mTEER

**PROF. DR. DANIEL STEVEN** Uniklinik Köln

LIAB: PFA-PVI + LAAO (FARAWAVE + WATCHMAN With VersaCross)

**PROF. DR. REZA WAKILI & DR. SEBASTIAN HABERKORN** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

**04.15 pm** Coffee Break and Industry Exchange

**04.40 – 05.40 pm**

### MAPPING AND ABLATION WITH PFA

Chair: Prof. Dr. Philipp Sommer | Prof. Dr. Reza Wakili

Panel Discussion: Prof. Dr. Armin Luik | PD Dr. Obaida Rana | Prof. Dr. Christian Sohns

Focal PFA – For Which Arrhythmia?

**PD DR. OBAIDA RANA** Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf

PVI+ With PFA-Integrated 3D Mapping – Overview

**PROF. DR. PHILIPP SOMMER** Herz- und Diabeteszentrum Nordrhein-Westfalen

LIAB: PVI „+“ PFA Single-Shot integrated in 3D Mapping

**DR. ANASTASIA FALAGKARI** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

LIAB: AFFERA – Re-Do Ablation With Sphere-9 & PVI-only With Sphere-360

**PD DR. LAURA ROTTNER** Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt

**05.40 – 06.50 pm**

### PVI IN HFREF, HFmREF, HFpEF – OR ALL HFPAF?

Chair: Prof. Dr. Nassir F. Marrouche | Prof. Dr. Andreas Metzner\*

Panel Discussion: PD Dr. Melanie Gunawardene | Prof. Dr. Thorsten Lewalter | PD Dr. Laura Rottner

HFrefEF

**PROF. DR. CHRISTIAN SOHNS** Herz- und Diabeteszentrum Nordrhein-Westfalen

HFpEF

**PD DR. ABDUL SHOKOR PARWANI** Deutsches Herzzentrum der Charité (DHZC)

HFxEF – What Trials are Required for the Future?

**PROF. DR. NASSIR F. MARROUCHE** Tulane University Heart & Vascular Institute, New Orleans/USA

HOCM and Amyloidosis: Role of Single Shot PFA-PVI

**PROF. DR. PATRICK LUGENBIEL** Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg

Role of AF Burden vs. Freedom From AF in HF&AF

**PROF. DR. JASON G. ANDRADE\*** The University of British Columbia, Vancouver/Kanada

**06.50 – 07.00 pm**

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**PROF. DR. DOBROMIR DOBREV** Universitätsmedizin Essen

**07.00 – 08.00 pm**

### MEET THE EXPERTS IN THE SPEAKERS' CORNER

**08.00 pm** Adjournment

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