Maltese Cardiac Society Annual Conference 2016
Preliminary programme

20th October 2016
Cardiology Update for the Family Physician
Venue: Xara Lodge, Sqaq tac-Cawla, Triq il-Belt, Rabat

17:45: Opening Address. Dr Philip Sciortino, Dr Terence Tilney

18:00: MAIN SESSION

- The ECG in Primary Care: have you still got it? Dr Melanie Burg
- Treating lipid disorders in Primary Care – role of risk stratification. Dr Myra K Tilney
- Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery. Mr Kevin Schembri
- The Role of the Primary Care Physician in Chronic Heart Failure. Dr Daniela Cassar Demarco
DAY 1, 21st October 2016

Main Conference

Venue: Main Auditorium, Mater Dei Hospital, Birkirkara, Malta

08:30: Health Minister Address

08:40: Opening Speech. Dr Robert Xuereb, President Maltese Cardiac Society

08:50: Opening Speech. Prof Fausto Pinto, President European Society of Cardiology

09:05: SESSION 1: Sports and the Heart
- Screening for heart disease in athletes. Dr Kirill Micallef Stafrace
- Distinguishing Athletic Heart from cardiac disease: the role of the ECG. Dr Mark Sammut
- Distinguishing Athletic Heart from cardiac disease: the role of imaging. Dr Tiziana Felice

10:00: SESSION 2: Meet the ESC Experts
- Applying the 2016 ESC heart failure guidelines in clinical practice. Prof Alberto Margonato
- 2015 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of pericardial diseases: A summary and what next? Prof Yehuda Adler
- Genetics of cardiomyopathy and impact on clinical practice. Prof Eloisia Arbustini

11:15: Coffee Break, Exhibition and Posters

11:35: SESSION 3: An Update on infective endocarditis
- The microbiology of infective endocarditis. Dr Claire Marantidis Cordina
- Emergency and urgent surgery in endocarditis: when to take the plunge. Mr Joe Galea

12:15: SESSION 4: Abstract session 1

13:15: Lunch Break

13:20: LUNCHTIME BREAKOUT SESSION 1: The Myths and Challenges of Patient Prosthesis Mismatch. Mr Alex Manche

14:15: SESSION 6: A showcase of new cardiac technology
- Evolution in CAD treatment - From 3rd Generation DES to the first Magnesium Scaffold. Dr Stefan Hoffmann
- Fire and Ice. Dr Matthew Shibu
- TAVI in low to intermediate risk patients. Prof Ahmed Khattab
- The Sutureless Valve: The Local Experience. Mr Aaron Casha
15:45: SESSION 5: Keynote Lecture
   - The role of cardiovascular imaging in the management of heart failure patients. Prof Fausto Pinto

16:30: Coffee Break, Exhibition and Posters

16:50: SESSION 7: Focus on prevention of cardiovascular disease
   - Primary prevention starts in childhood: The Malta National Childhood BMI study and its implications. Prof Victor Grech
   - Dietary Recommendations in Adults with established cardiovascular disease. Ms Debbie Holman
   - Strategies to encourage exercise in the Maltese population. Mr Nathan Farrugia

17:50: SESSION 8: A Day in the life of a Cardiologist
   - The Cardiac Imager – Valve Disease. Dr Daniela Cassar DeMarco
   - The Coronary Interventionist. Dr Philip Dingli
   - The Structural Heart Disease Specialist. Dr Elton Pllaha

18:30: Closing Remarks. Dr Robert Xuereb, President Maltese Cardiac Society

19:45: Maltese Cardiac Society Conference Speakers and Organiser’s Dinner. Venue - Fumia, Pieta’
DAY 2, 22nd October 2016

Main Conference

Venue: Main Auditorium, Mater Dei Hospital, Birkirkara, Malta

08:20: Day 2 Opening Speech. Dr Robert Xuereb, President Maltese Cardiac Society

08:30: SESSION 9: New insights in coronary artery disease
- Coronary Artery Disease: the epidemic of the 21st century. Dr Robert Xuereb
- Clinical Presentations of stable ischaemic heart disease. Prof Filippo Crea
- Title tbc. Prof Javier Escaned
- The Impact of a CT-based approach on the diagnosis and management of chest pain. Dr Luise Reichmuth

10:00: SESSION 10: Congenital Heart Disease – the local scene and beyond
- Long-term outcomes of repaired tetralogy of Fallot in Malta. Dr Maryanne Caruana
- Interventions for Congenital and Structural Heart Disease. Prof Joe Degiovanni

10:50: Coffee Break, Exhibition and Posters

11:10: SESSION 11: The Cardiology Consult: overlaps with other specialties
- Cardiac Imaging in Thalassaemia and Iron Overload. Dr JP Carpenter
- Myocarditis: the infectious disease specialist’s viewpoint. Dr Tonio Piscopo
- Assessing cardiac risk prior to non-cardiac surgery. Dr Daniel Farrugia
- PFO closure to prevent stroke: the state-of-the-art. Prof Patrizia Presbitero

12:40: Lunch Break

12:50: BREAKOUT SESSION 2: Invasive Cardiology. Speaker and title tbc

13:40: SESSION 12: Cardiology in the Emergency Room
- Point-of-care focused echocardiography in the Emergency Department. Dr Konrad Borg
- Improving outcomes in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Dr Mary Rose Cassar

14:40: SESSION 13: Abstract session 2
15:40: Coffee Break, Exhibition and Posters

16:00: SESSION 14: Know the latest ESC guidelines
- Heart Failure. Dr Alice Moore
- Ventricular Arrhythmia and Sudden Cardiac Death. Dr Melanie Burg
- Infective Endocarditis. Dr Kentaro Yamagata
- Pulmonary hypertension. Dr Matthew Balbi
- Non ST-elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes. Dr Caroline Magri

17:00: Closing Remarks and Best Abstract Award. Dr Robert Xuereb, President Maltese Cardiac Society

17:10: Issuing of Participation Certificates
DAY 3, 23rd October 2016

Educational Seminar for Patients and Public

Venue: Catheterisation Lab, Cardiac Lab, Mater Dei Hospital. Ground-floor lecture room (opposite Chapel Entrance), Mater Dei Hospital

09:00 – 09:30: Open Day – visit the Catheterisation Lab

10:00 – 10:30: Open Day – visit the Cardiac Lab

09:00 – 12:00: Assess your heart risk. Run by MMSA (Main Foyer or Foyer in front of chapel)
   - Weight, Height, BMI and ideal weight calculation
   - Waist circumference
   - Capillary blood glucose
   - Blood pressure

11:00 – 11:15: Public Lecture
   - State-of-the-art Heart Care at Mater Dei Hospital. Dr Robert Xuereb

11:15 – 11:30: Public Lecture
   - Preventing Cardiovascular Disease: a Global, National and Personal Problem. Dr Alexander Borg

11:30 – 11:45: Public Lecture
   - Title tbc. Dr P Vassallo

11:45 – 12:00: Concluding Comments: Dr Robert Xuereb, Chairman of Cardiology