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20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the  
**Arrhythmia**  
**Section**

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Dear colleagues and friends,

It has now been 20 years since we started our Arrhythmias Unit at Hospital Clinic in Barcelona. We have worked intensely during these years to provide services to patients with arrhythmias, incorporating new techniques and making every effort to be at the forefront of our specialty. We have decided to celebrate this occasion by holding a session with senior colleagues who have had a special impact on the evolution of Arrhythmology and are also good friends of ours as a result of many years of shared work and experience. Specifically, we have invited the following honoured guests:

*Dr. Pere Brugada*, who, in addition to his extraordinary scientific contributions, is a decisive factor in the success evolution of the Arrhythmia Section, giving us the training that allowed us to begin work in this field 20 years ago.

*Dr. Karl-Heinz Kuck*, one of the pioneers in the ablation of arrhythmias, from whom all of us have learned so much and who also has continued his frenetic activity and professional achievements throughout the years.

*Dr. Michel Haissaguerre*, universally recognized as the father of atrial fibrillation ablation, who has also introduced many other important concepts.

*Dr. Angelo Auricchio*, one of the fathers of resynchronization therapy, which has had a spectacular effect on the treatment of patients with heart failure.

*Dr. Antonio Zaza*, has made extremely relevant contributions in the field of Basic Electrophysiology.

We would be very happy if you could join us for this celebration of a very special time for us - not only in celebration of a milestone for our centre, but of cardiology in Catalunya.

Warmest regards,

Josep Brugada / Lluís Mont / Antonio Berruezo  
José M<sup>o</sup> Talasana / Elena Arbelo

## Scientific Ceremony:

“Past, present and future of Clinical Arrhythmology”

09:15 **Welcome**

Dr. Josep Brugada and Dr. Lluís Mont

09:30 • 10:30 **History, achievements and future developments of catheter ablation of tachycardias.**

Prof. Karl-Heinz Kuck

10:30 • 11:30 **Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: from pioneering observations to present applications.**

Prof. Michel Haissaguerre

11:30 • 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 • 13:00 **Resynchronization therapy: The history, “Past, present and future” of an incredibly successful concept.**

Prof. Angelo Auricchio

13:00 • 14:00 **Brugada Syndrome and genetic disorders: The huge step towards understanding genetically mediated sudden death.**

Prof. Pedro Brugada

14:00 • 16:00 **Lunch**

16:00 • 17:00 **What a clinical electrophysiologist should know on arrhythmia mechanisms.**

Dr. Antonio Zaza

17:00 • 19:00 **Fellows Session**

19:00 **Farewell**

Dr. Josep Brugada and Dr. Lluís Mont

21:00 **Dinner**