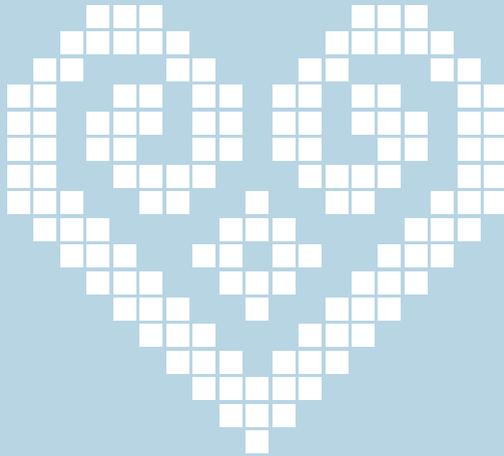


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SOCIETIES OF CARDIOLOGY



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Founded in 1960
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Journal: Cardiologisk Forum

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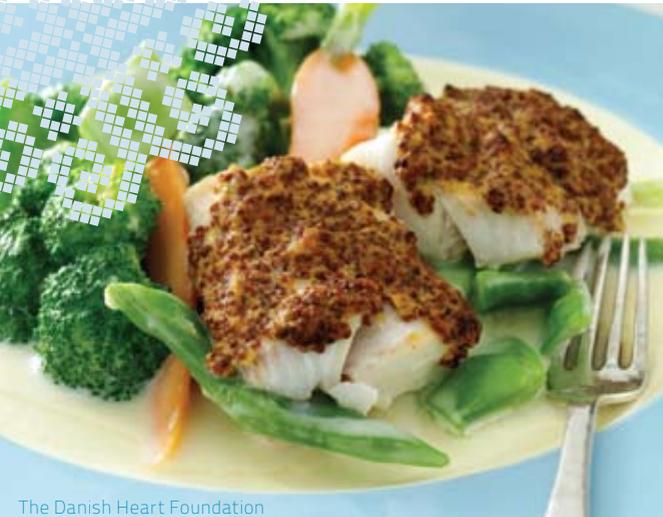
ABOUT SOCIETY:

The Danish Society of Cardiology is celebrating its 50 years anniversary this year. The Danish Society of Cardiology is a non-profit organization with 1400 members. The core of our organization is the Board that comprises 10 cardiologists representing Denmark's five geographic regions, and 12 very active working groups, matching the working groups in the European Society of Cardiology.

Our prime mission is to advocate for high quality cardiovascular care in Denmark. We accomplish this through

- Education
- Research promotion
- Development and application of standards and guidelines
- Close collaboration with national authorities about health care policy

Our Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs are always accredited by The Danish Board for Accreditation in Cardiology (DBAC). The Danish Society of Cardiology has its own web site www.cardio.dk and its own membership journal, «Cardiologisk Forum», which is in Danish and published quarterly. One of our major recent achievements is the development of a web-based national practical standard treatment guide, which covers all common cardiac conditions and diseases. The web-based treatment guide is updated annually, is widely accepted and used every day in all Danish hospitals. The Danish Society of Cardiology has used and is still using a lot of resources on this project, but it has been a brilliant way of securing practical implementation of the European and national expert guidelines. Through this the Danish Society of Cardiology ensures that heart disease is diagnosed and treated in a uniform way all over Denmark.



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220 members

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ABOUT SOCIETY:

Estonian Society of Cardiology (ESC) was founded in September 1963 to support and represent all those working in cardiovascular care and - research. There are currently 220 members, most of them are cardiologists, but ESC includes also other doctors and professionals with an interest in cardiovascular medicine. ESC has also 20 industrial members representing both the pharmaceutical and device companies in the field of cardiology.

The main objectives of ESC are to promote prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases and to provide possibilities for professional educational and continuous training. To achieve these objectives ESC collaborates with the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonian Health Insurance Fund and with other national and international medical societies.

Everyday activities are based on eight Working Groups, which cover most important topics in cardiology and represent most important sub-specialities. Working Groups actively participate in the preparation of local guidelines and clinical standards and organize national training sessions. They are also responsible for organizing scientific meetings throughout the year. Several educational meetings have been organized in collaboration with other national medical societies. ESC has annually four main meetings usually in February, May, October and December.

Each year ESC gives a scientific award in order to acknowledge Estonian researchers who succeeded to publish results of their research in best international journals. Also, every year one young cardiologist or resident in the field of cardiology is supported by educational grant to cover training costs abroad.



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Founded in 1967

785 Members

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ABOUT SOCIETY:

Education. FCS arranges educational events in the field of cardiology in Finland. The society hosts three national meetings annually. The Annual meeting in January includes lectures on hot topics related to national health care system, politics and economical aspects of cardiology and Young Investigator Award Competition. The Spring Meeting in March is organized in close collaboration with cardiac surgeons and anaesthesiologists. The four-day program consists of state-of-art and up-to-date lectures in the field of cardiology, as well interactive workshops for young and training cardiologists. The Autumn meeting in October gathers around 400 participants in Helsinki. The three-day program with two to three simultaneous sessions is aimed to all doctors working in the field of cardiovascular diseases.

Research. FCS supports national research by giving grants to Finnish research groups and travel grants for abstract presenters in cardiovascular congresses and young cardiologists learning new techniques in heart centers all over the world.

Member Journal. FCS publish news, summaries of national meetings, original articles and reviews in cardiovascular field in a member Journal (Heart Sound, Sydänääni), available for members to download from the FCS website.

Collaboration. FCS collaborates with European Society of Cardiology (ESC) as a National Society member and Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes section of cardiology (UEMS). FCS and its Working Groups have also a close collaboration with Nordic-Baltic countries national societies and working groups. FCS is an affiliated member of the American Heart Association and World Heart Foundation.



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75 members
Journal: Læknabladid

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ABOUT SOCIETY:

Members. The Icelandic Society of Cardiology (ISC) has 75 members, of which 38 are cardiologists, and 37 belong to other medical specialties, involved in the care of cardiovascular patients. Of the cardiologists, 30 (11/100.000 population) are professionally active and currently living in Iceland.

Activities. The main activities of the ISC are; arrangement of educational meetings, management of ESC collaboration, endorsement of ESC clinical guidelines and promoting and funding scientific research in Iceland. The ISC also has an advisory role to the Icelandic health authorities. ISC members publish scientific work and health policy opinions in the Icelandic Medical Journal (Læknabladid) and contribute to the Icelandic Medical Association's biannual scientific meeting. In the summer of 2008 the Nordic-Baltic Cardiology Congress was held in Reykjavik by the ISC.

Education and training in Cardiology. All cardiology speciality training is carried out outside of Iceland, mainly in Scandinavia, USA, the Netherlands, and the UK. The practice of cardiology in Iceland reflects this and is like a melting pot, influenced by a variety of experiences from different cultures in European, American and Scandinavian cardiology.

Cardiology in Iceland. The main Cardiology Clinic is at Landspítali University Hospital in Reykjavik, where the only invasive centre for cardiology is placed. In the north, in Akureyri Hospital there is also a cardiology department. At Landspítali the PCI lab has a 24 hour PCI service for STEMI (around 160 per year, > 95% go to primary PCI), and 750 PCI's and 2000 coronary angiograms are performed annually. Busy services for electrophysiology and an emergency cardiac clinic are located in the same facilities at Landspítali. The DES rate in Iceland is 30% and 30 day mortality after AMI in 2008 was very low, 3.7%.

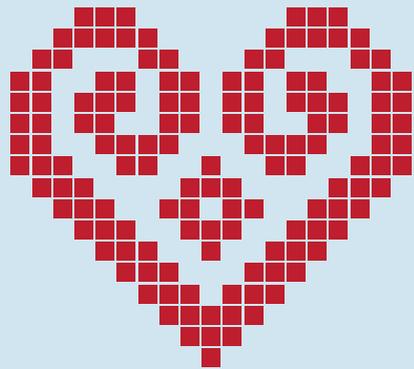


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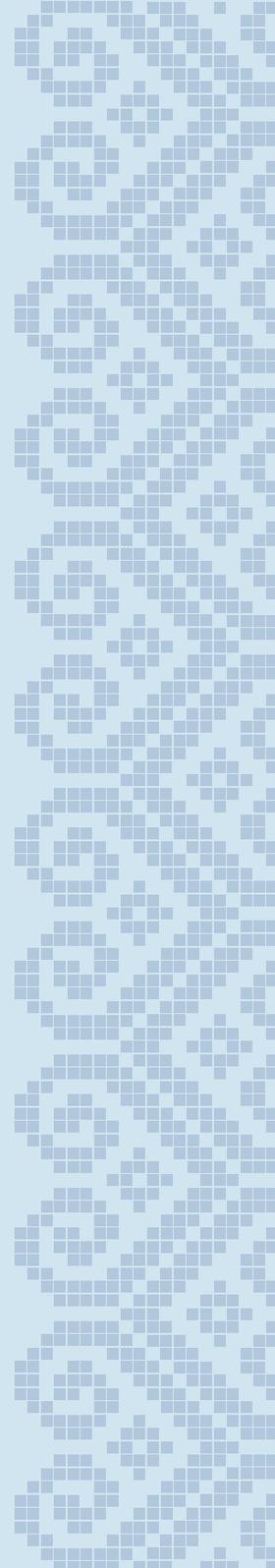
XXIII NORDIC-BALTIC CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY



16 - 18 June, 2011, Riga, Latvia
www.kardiologija.lv

On behalf of the Nordic Baltic societies of cardiology, it is my great pleasure to invite you to attend the XXIII Nordic-Baltic Congress of Cardiology to be held in Riga, Latvia. I warmly welcome you to join us in the city of inspirations for the NBCC 2011.

Sincerely yours,
Andrejs Erglis
President, Latvian Society of Cardiology



LATVIAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY

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Founded in 1972
425 members
Journal: Tautas veseliba

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ABOUT SOCIETY:

The Latvian Society of Cardiology (LSC), is founded in 1972 and currently comprised of 425 members including cardiologists, cardiac nurses and the related professionals.

The prime activities of LSC, are the following:

- Heart health promotion and increasing the awareness of the current knowledge of health issues and healthy lifestyle both at patient and population level which includes permanent contacts with mass media.
 - Organisation of «World Heart Day» and «Go Red for Women Day», bringing up the heart health topics and providing feedback with the readers of a number of well-read and popular magazines. The substantial contribution to promotion is the publication of the book about heart health and healthy food «Heart and Cuisine».
 - Participation in creating health politics in Latvia by expressing health care perspective, arranging meetings for health care professionals, politicians and, representatives of mass media dealing with reorganization of health care system in Latvia.
 - Taking part in research projects on local and international level. One of the most significant researches is Population based cross-sectional epidemiological survey (2009-2010) where 4022 randomly selected respondents of Latvia were involved.
- One of the most challenging researches Latvian outstanding cardiologists have been working on is Stem Cell Research. The specialized Stem Cell Laboratory at the Paul Stradins Clinical University Hospital was established in March 2008.
- Organisation of post graduation seminars and conferences. Organisation of national and international congresses, i.e., annual Congress of Interventional Cardiology «Baltic Summer 2010», every second year Congress of Latvian Society of Cardiology, II Baltic Heart Failure Meeting (30 September – 2 October, 2010), XXIII Nordic Baltic Congress of Cardiology (16 – 18 June, 2011). LSC is the leading National Society of Nordic Baltic group for 2010 – 2011.



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Founded in 1964
267 members
Journal: Seminars in Cardiovascular Medicine

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ABOUT SOCIETY:

The mission of the Lithuanian Society of Cardiology (LSC) is to promote the advance in cardiology through education, research, and development of the best practices and standards of healthcare.

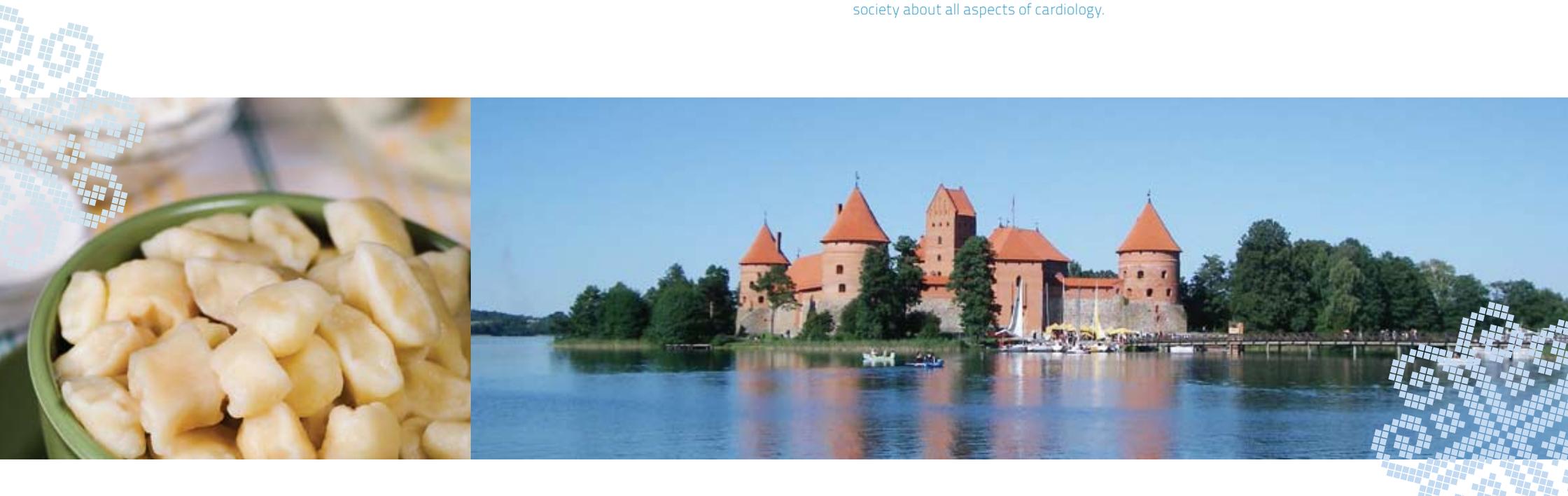
LSC was founded in 1964 and currently has 267 members. It comprises 3 councils, 10 working groups and 5 regional societies. LSC is increasing both in its size and scale of activities.

LSC provides a wide spectrum of activities including organization of 2 annual conferences «Updates on cardiology» and «Updates on coronary artery diseases», international congresses on arrhythmias, heart failure, and atherosclerosis. LSC has translated into Lithuanian and disseminated 6 European clinical practice guidelines and participated in 6 Euro heart surveys.

Currently LSC is involved in two large-scale projects: «Reduction of Cardiovascular Disease-related Mortality and Morbidity in the Eastern, South-eastern and Western Regions of Lithuania» and «The implementation of primary and specialized cardiovascular aid and teaching of the staff: shifting to the new standards of training». The cooperation with pharmaceutical industry enabled LSC to promote the project «Development of medical science for the healthy society» supporting scientific research of young cardiologists.

LSC is a permanent participant in public actions «World Heart Day», «European Heart Failure Awareness Day» and «Heart Day in the Parliament» devoted to advocate the healthy lifestyles.

The society through years has built a network of professional, interdisciplinary, social and political alliance leading to the recognition of its role in Lithuania. LSC is open to any initiative or innovation in Europe and in the world, directed to educate and inform the professionals and society about all aspects of cardiology.



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Founded in 1969
822 members
Journal: Hjerteforum

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ABOUT SOCIETY:

The Norwegian Society of Cardiology is a branch of the Norwegian Medical Association and a member of the European Society of Cardiology.

The main focus of the Norwegian Society of Cardiology is to promote the field of Cardiology in Norway. The society organizes doctors and researchers and arranges scientific meetings with thematic agendas on research and updated clinical practice.

The society

- gives research support such as awards and travel grants to young colleagues
- arranges thematic meetings for the pre- and post specialty education
- is represented in advisory boards (health authorities, Norwegian Medical Association)
- gives comments on published guidelines and is represented in the continuing work on European guidelines

The society has three yearly meetings: The annual congress (spring meeting), The winter meeting, The autumn meeting, organized by the national WG of echocardiography. Every 2-3 years we arrange educational meeting for cardiologists-in-training.

The Norwegian Society of Cardiology has five national working groups

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Founded in 1947
1200 members
Journal: Svensk Cardiologi

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ABOUT SOCIETY:

The Swedish Society of Cardiology, founded in 1947, is an organisation for doctors with a main interest in cardiology. The number of members is approximately 1200 of whom approximately 750 are active as cardiologists (8 per 100 000 inhabitants). The task of the Society is to promote professional development and stimulate research in the field of cardiology. We have 6 very active working groups: Arrhythmia, Coronary Heart Disease, Percutaneous Coronary Intervention, GUCH, Heart Failure and VOC and Ethics and Health Economics.

Our main activities include:

- Scientific meetings. This year the Swedish Cardiovascular Spring Meeting took place in Göteborg with 1250 participants. In 2011, this meeting will take place in Orebro May 4-6. For the first time we will arrange the annual Swedish Cardiology Up-date Meeting in European Heart House, Sophia, Nice on October 7-9
- Examination of specialists in cardiology, not mandatory but 10 - 15 trainees are examined each year
- Repeated surveys and certification of clinics that provide cardiology training program.
- Consultation responses to the Swedish Society of Medicine and the National Board of Health and Welfare
- Scientific grant programs

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