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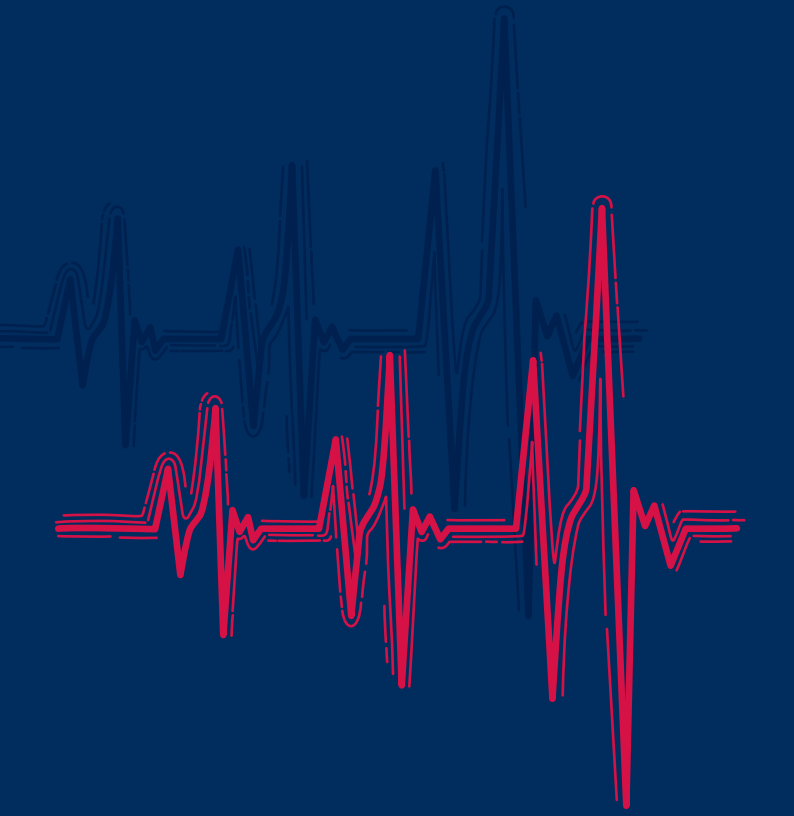

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Dear colleagues and friends,

it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 16th edition of FAFA – the Frankfurt Academy for Arrhythmias.

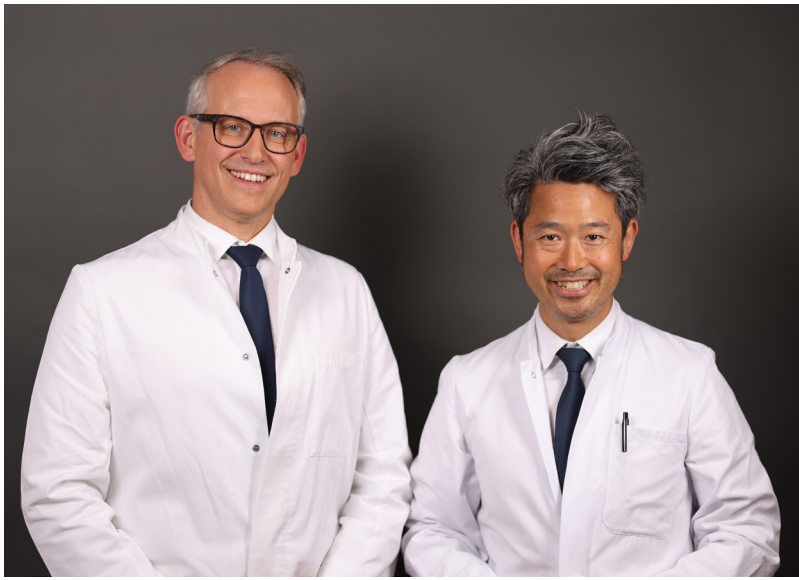
This year's symposium brings together an outstanding international faculty of leading experts in cardiac electrophysiology, reflecting the rapid evolution and growing global relevance of our field. FAFA 2026 continues to serve as a dynamic platform for the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge, innovative technologies, and practical clinical experience in modern rhythm management. The 2026 program has been carefully designed to address the most relevant developments in atrial fibrillation management and interventional stroke prevention.

Highlights include:

- State-of-the-art updates on atrial fibrillation ablation in 2026
- Critical perspectives on lifestyle modification and patient pathways such as same-day discharge
- In-depth discussions on stroke prophylaxis and left atrial appendage closure (LAAC) strategies
- A comprehensive series of live cases showcasing the latest advances in pulmonary vein isolation, pulsed field ablation (PFA), and repeat ablation techniques
- Cutting-edge technologies including AI-guided ablation, novel catheter designs, and dual-energy approaches
- A keynote session bridging translational science and clinical application in pulsed field ablation

With a strong emphasis on real-world application, innovation, and interactive learning, FAFA 2026 offers a unique opportunity to gain practical insights into current and future standards of care. Our live case sessions and expert discussions are designed to foster critical thinking, exchange of ideas, and open dialogue on controversial topics. Beyond the scientific program, FAFA remains a place to connect with colleagues from around the world, strengthen professional relationships, and inspire new collaborations within the electrophysiology community. We are delighted to welcome you to Frankfurt and look forward to an inspiring and engaging meeting.

Warm regards,
Prof. Dr. B. Schmidt & Prof. Dr. KR. J. Chun



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7:30 – 8:15 Uhr

NEW: FAFA EDUCATIONAL SESSION 1

- **7:30 Uhr** Arrhythmien im EKG verstehen
  (Feickert)
- **7:45 Uhr** Basics intrakardiale EKG und SVT verstehen
  (Bordignon)
- **8:00 Uhr** Anatomie für Elektrophysiologen
  (Geller)

WELCOME

- **8:20 Uhr** Opening and highlights 2025
  (Chun / Schmidt)

8:30 – 9:30 Uhr

LIVE SESSION 1

- **8:30 Uhr** LIVE CASE #1: Nanosecond PFA PVI + light sedation, PulseCare
  (Shuanglun Xie)
- **9:00 Uhr** LIVE CASE #2: Green EP-3D ICE guided Pulse Field Ablation
  (Chenyang Jiang)

Block 1 9:30 – 10:00 Uhr

MANAGEMENT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Panel: Chun / Schmidt / Pürerfellner / Marx / Scherr Nuyens / Ouyang / Chen

- **9:30 Uhr** Atrial Fibrillation (AF) ablation in 2026
  (Pürerfellner)
- **9:40 Uhr** Lifestyle Modification for AF rhythm control critically revisited
  (Marx)
- **9:50 Uhr** Same Day Discharge - the new NOW
  (Scherr)
- **10:00 Uhr** Stroke prophylaxis after AF Ablation
  (Nuyens)
- **10:10 Uhr** **DISCUSSION**

10:20 – 11:00 Uhr

LIVE SESSION 2

- **10:20 Uhr** LIVE CASE #3: SDD PVI VOLT + Amulet
  (Urbani / Gunawardene / Schmidt)
- **10:40 Uhr** LIVE CASE #4: SDD PVI FARAVIEW+WM FLX
  (Urbanek / D'Andria / Schmidt)

11:00 – 11:15 Uhr

COFFEE BREAK

Block 2 11:15 – 12:00 Uhr

INTERVENTIONAL STROKE PREVENTION

Panel: Chun / Skurk / Bergmann / Garot

- **11:15 Uhr** LAAC for patients with high bleeding risk?!
  (Skurk)
- **11:25 Uhr** LAAC for all patients?!
  (Bergmann)
- **11:35 Uhr** LAAC to avoid strokes?!
  (Garot)
- **11:45 Uhr** **DISCUSSION**

12:00 – 12:40 Uhr

LIVE SESSION 3: ADVANCES IN PULMONARY VEIN ISOLATION

Panel: Schmidt / Schaack / Marx / Gunawardene

- **12:00 Uhr** LIVE BOX CASE #5: SPHERE 360 PVI
  (Schaack / Marx / Azzam)
- **12:20 Uhr** LIVE CASE #6: Dual-Energy TactiFlex +/- VOM Ethanol Ablation
  (Kheir / Urbanek / Chun)

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12:40 – 14:00 Uhr

LUNCH

12:40 – 13:40 Uhr (during Lunch in Room München)

NEW: FAFA EDUCATIONAL SESSION 2

- **12:40 Uhr** Hands-on an Simulatoren
- **12:55 Uhr** Basics transseptale Punktion (Bologna)
- **13:10 Uhr** Komplikationen erkennen und beherrschen (Nies)
- **13:25 Uhr** Hands-on an Simulatoren

14:00 – 14:20 Uhr

KEYNOTE SESSION

- **14:20 Uhr** From Bench to Bedside - Understanding Pulsed Field Ablation (Miklavčič)

14:40 – 15:10 Uhr

LIVE SESSION 4: ADVANCES IN REPEAT AF ABLATION

- **14:40 Uhr** LIVE CASE #7: Focal PFA catheter, Farapoint (Kheir / Urbani / Schaack)
- **14:55 Uhr** LIVE BOX CASE #8: Lattice tip RFC and PFA, Affera (Gunawardene / Rocchetti)

Block 3 15:10 – 16:25 Uhr

UPDATE ATRIAL FIBRILLATION ABLATION

Panel: Chun / Schmidt / Peichl / Hocini / de Potter / Chen

- **15:10 Uhr** Improving outcomes in AF Ablation (Peichl)
- **15:20 Uhr** Role of left mitral isthmus and how to ablate (Hocini)

LIVE BOX CASE

- **15:30 Uhr** LIVE BOX CASE #9: Novel PFA waveform and flexible catheter for PVI and linear lesions (de Potter)
- **15:40 Uhr** Persistent AF – First Line Ablation? (Chun)

LIVE BOX CASE

- **15:50 Uhr** LIVE BOX CASE #10: AI guided AF ablation
  - Intracardiac signal guided AF ablation (VOLTA)
  - 12 lead EKG guided AF ablation (VEKTOR) (Nair)
- **16:10 Uhr** Risks of PFA: SCD and vasospasms - tip of the iceberg? (Reddy)
- **16:20 Uhr** **DISCUSSION**

16:30 Uhr

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

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