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## Welcome Address

The treatment of end-stage heart failure by mechanical circulatory support systems was initiated in Berlin in 1987 by Prof. R. Hetzer. Since then researchers and clinicians of the German Heart Center Berlin (DHZB) have continuously pioneered the advancement of mechanical circulatory support (MCS) devices and the DHZB has evolved into one of the leading institutions in this field.

This experience has been presented and discussed at the biannually held international MCS Symposia in Berlin since 1995. In 2014 the Berlin team joined the European Mechanical Circulatory Support Summit (EUMS) which has run in parallel and was organized by the teams from Bad Oeynhausen and Paris. In November 2016 the EUMS meeting will, for the first time, be held in Berlin. The joint efforts of three of the most experienced teams in Europe – the Heart and Diabetes Center in Bad Oeynhausen, the University Hospital La Pitié-Salpêtrière, Paris and the German Heart Center Berlin (DHZB) make this year's EUMS Congress one of the most exciting events in the field of mechanical circulatory support worldwide.

For the first time EUMS will also be held under the auspices of the European Association of Cardiothoracic Surgery (EACTS) and be part of the EACTS Academy programme.

The Berlin EUMS congress will reflect the growing role of cardiologists in the MCS field, including the exploding use of short-term support. Current heart failure guidelines will be discussed in the light of the indications and timing of VAD therapy. Traditionally, EUMS presents new surgical techniques and these will be explained by leading experts using video presentations. Current problems of long-term MCS and possible solutions, challenges in pediatric MCS and news in the area of myocardial recovery will also be discussed.

The organizers are also delighted to announce the honorary lecture to be given by the famous cardiologist Eugene Braunwald.

We look forward to seeing you in Berlin in November 2016.

Sincerely yours,



Volkmar Falk



Jan Gummert



Pascal Leprince

## Sweet Freedom –

Heart Failure Network

## Be Quick or Be Dead –

Short-term support in acute heart failure

## Magic Mirror –

Are we appropriately utilizing VAD therapy?

## Rising Force:

EUROMACS report

## If You (Don't) Want Blood –

Minimally invasive VAD surgery

## The Cure –

VAD weaning

## Sad but True –

Right ventricular failure and LVAD

## The Song Remains the Same –

How to reduce side effects of long-term LVAD therapy

## Honorary Lecture:

Wise Man; E Braunwald; Boston

## Nothing Else Matters –

The role of and need for VAD coordinators

## Long Way Home –

Postoperative rehabilitation

## Kinderszenen –

Old problems and new perspectives

## That is the Way –

Unusual cases and creative solutions

## Street of Dreams –

Innovations in the VAD field

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