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# From Bench to Bedside

## The German Society of Cardiology (DGK) Annual Meeting 2018

The German Society of Cardiology's Annual Meeting took place as in previous years in Mannheim on 5–7 April 2018. It was once again an enormous success with 8700 participants mainly from Germany but also from other European countries.

The theme of the meeting was *Translating basic science to clinical practice*, a topic which is close to the heart of this year's President of the Congress, Thomas Eschenhagen from the Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Hamburg-Eppendorf, an expert in cardiovascular biology.



There was a total of 253 oral presentations which included 9 Keynote sessions, 6 international symposia, 68 Abstract lectures, and 102 Poster Sessions. A total of 1433 abstracts had been submitted of which 1048 were accepted. The whole spectrum of cardiovascular medicine was covered by experts in the field and the most recent data in all areas were presented and discussed with the participants.

## Publishing highlights

Traditionally, a symposium on *Publishing Highlights in 2017* was held under the chairmanship of Michael Böhm, Editor-in-Chief of Germany's national scientific journal *Clinical Research in Cardiology* and Thomas F. Lüscher, Editor-in-Chief of the *European Heart Journal*. This year the current President of the American College of Cardiology Dr C. Michael Valentine, MD, FACC from Lynchburg Virginia joined the team.



(L) to (R) Thomas F. Lüscher,  
Michael Böhm, Michael Valentine

As with every year the large auditorium was packed with interested participants listening to lectures on the newest publications in *heart failure* reviewed by Prof. Thomas F. Lüscher, in *interventional cardiology* reviewed by Dr Michael Valentine, *arrhythmias* reviewed by PD Dr Thomas Rostock from Mainz and *valvular heart disease* by Prof. Helge Möllmann from Dortmund. The session did indeed provide an optimal overview on the most recent developments in the most important fields of cardiology and was highly appreciated by the participants.



**Helge Möllmann**

**Stefan Frantz, Würzburg. Highlight Session**

**Thomas Rostock**