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# **TOPIC:** Hemodynamic balance in intensive care: is that all what you expect from an inodilator?

#### Matthias Heringlake (Germany)

Following medical education at the Free University of Berlin and a residency at the Department of Cardiac Surgery, Schüchtermann – Clinic, Bad Rothenfelde, Matthias Heringlake received his training in Anesthesiology at the Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine, University of Lübeck. After almost 20 years as a Professor of Anesthesiology and Deputy Director of Cardiothoracic



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# **TOPIC:** Indications for levosimendan in the acute cardiac care unit: why not milrinone?

#### Antoine Herpain (Belgium)

After having completed his internal medicine residency, Dr Antoine Herpain has been trained by Pr Jean-Louis Vincent et Pr Daniel De Backer in the intensive care unit of the CHU Erasme Hospital (Brussels); where he is now in charge of the transient mechanical circulatory support and acute cardiac cares supervision. In addition to his clinical investments, he is also leading several doctoral projects on experimental investigations with large animal models of contic and cardiac



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# **TOPIC:** Levosimendan use in practice: what the large RCTs are not saying?

#### Massimo Girardis (Italy)

Prof Girardis is the head of the Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Department of the Modena University Hospital. His clinical activity and research is mainly dedicated to intensive care medicine, particularly in the field of sepsis and oxygen transport, from basic pathophysiology to therapy. He participated as principal investigator or national coordinator to



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## **TOPIC:** Inotropes and inodilators: let's BEAT shock!

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