

Nurses and Allied Professionals Newsletter

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"To represent European nurses and allied professionals working in the field of interventional cardiology and to improve the level of competency throughout Europe by continuous education and professional development"

The Forming of a New Committee and a Newsletter

Dear friends and colleagues from around the globe,

It is an honor to introduce the new members of EAPCI Nurses and Allied Professionals (NAP) Committee and the creation of this newsletter. The main objective of the NAP Committee is to be the voice of nurses and allied professionals working in interventional cardiology in Europe and to provide them with the necessary communication and networking opportunities.

This newsletter will publish news, highlight upcoming events, and present the latest research and surveys.

The EAPCI NAP Committee, founded in 2014, was successfully led during the last two years by Lene Kloevegaard of Denmark. For the next two years, it will be my responsibility to continue this journey, but I am fortunately not alone.

The twelve European members of the new committee of Nurses and Allied Professionals were chosen for their excellence and prominence in the field of interventional cardiology. In the upcoming editions of the newsletter, you will learn more about them.

In the meantime, stay updated on our website, check out our **LinkedIn group** and do not hesitate to contact us through David.Sparv@med.lu.se

Enjoy!



David Sparv, Chairman

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David Sparv, Sweden
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Sandra Griggio, Italy
Tony van Henc, Belgium
Lynne Hinterbuchner, Austria
Lene Kloevegaard, Denmark
Johannes Laub, Germany
Tanja Odeneg, Austria
Vera Rodriguez, Spain

To reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease in Europe through Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions.

Report from APIC Portugal by Lynne Hinterbuchner (Austria)

The new curriculum for Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory for the Continuing Professional Development of Nurses and Allied Health Professions was first published online in EuroIntervention this month. This is an exciting time for the NAP and it shows that we are moving forward as a multidisciplinary team.

We are grateful to the Association of Portuguese Interventional Cardiologists (APIC) for inviting Lynne Hinterbuchner to speak at the NAP session in Portugal and present the new curriculum. This was a Nurses & Technicians working group session. Lynne presented the learning objectives, syllabus, themes and competencies matrix of the Core Curriculum.

This was followed by a presentation from Salome Coelho, co-chairperson of the NAP Committee, on how to implement the curriculum with a focus on the ESCeL platform and future models for education.



To tie these areas together, Rafael Manies, President of the Portuguese Society of Cardiology, made a presentation on how to create a network between cath labs. To wrap up the session, Ricardo Esteves summed up the situation with the Portuguese experience. In the discussion that followed, many participants expressed excitement about the new work on standardisation. Many were unaware that things

were being done at a European level.

This was an impressive session. Only positive things can develop from it. **If more nurses and allied professionals spread the word during state or country level conferences - or during professional group meetings** - the curriculum will more likely be implemented.



**Salomé Coelho,
Ricardo Esteves &
and Lynne Hinterbuchner**

EAPCI NAP Core Curriculum | Now online!

During the last edition of EuroPCR, the [EAPCI NAP Core Curriculum](#) was presented in a dedicated session.

**A short edition is now
accepted for publication in
EuroIntervention.**

What's up with networking?

One of the key to reach out to our community and committees, is a sufficient and effective network and communication department.

Our networking group, chaired by Vera Rodriguez (Spain), has successfully mapped out almost every corner of the ESC member countries in Europe. This will be vital to publicise the educational platform and the research foundation the EAPCI NAP Committee wishes to create.

This is important for both the EAPCI board and the ESC. We will use the EAPCI website, our **LinkedIn group** and EuroPCR Course. During the last Course in 2016, we performed a survey on communication and education in Europe, that shortly will be presented. Vera will also be a part of the EAPCI Web and Communication committee.

Communication is certainly multidisciplinary and should be a part of every heart team's strategy.

Join us !

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The EAPCI NAP Euroresearch Initiative

Research for nurses and allied professionals have historical been focusing in terms of nursing care, on the role of the radiographer or study coordinator.

Research is the foundation for everything, and as part of one of the most expanding field of medicine, **the EAPCI NAP Committee plans to form a research community.**

The objectives of the research committee will be three-fold:

I: In regards to research from a NAP perspective, analyse the different conditions, obstacles and potential advantages, and the variation among the European community.

II: Investigate the possibility for a multicenter trial addressing a current and important topic from a NAP perspective.

III: In collaboration with the education working group, develop consensus documents about NAP praxis of care.

The working group, consisting of Tanja Odeneg, Lene Kloevegaard, Sandra Griggio and David Sparv will begin soon the first step of the research trail.

Downtime – Meet the Committee David Sparv

What is your background?

My name is David Sparv and I am 38 years old. Born and raised in the southern part of Sweden where I started working at the Skane University Hospital in 2001. During my nursing training, I attended a three weeks rotation at the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU) and after that, **I was completely hooked on cardiology.**

In 2003, I started working in the coronary cathlab, and basically never left: between 2007-2014 I was the manager and today I run the cathlab and the CICU. In my spare time, I work on my PhD in interventional cardiology with the title "Evaluating treatment and diagnostics in cardiac intervention" with a special focus on oxygen and hemodynamics".

What gets you motivated and encourage you professionally?

First and foremost, I consider myself very fortunate to work in one of the most creative and expanding field of medicine. I am genuinely intrigued by the development of interventional cardiology and **it's almost breathtaking to think about the progress of the 40 years since the first PCI was performed.** Who would have thought in 1977 that a PCI would be the golden standard for acute myocardial infarction, and a life saver for countless of patients with ischemic heart disease. I also find great motivation in meeting all amazing and dedicated health care professionals in interventional cardiology with such a great patient focus.



David Sparv

How do you spend your weekends?

One of my mentors once said: "always put family first". This is indeed a great advice, and since I am a frequent traveler and quite busy during the weeks, the weekends are sacred time for family and recovery.

I typically start my Saturday by having a really slow morning with breakfast/lunch at 11, and then, my wife and I try to get our three boys away from their computers, long enough to get some fresh air by the sea or in the woods, close to where we live. I am an outdoor-person, and enjoy all kinds of activities, as long as it involves nature. That's probably why I am also engaged in environmental matters.

After all, we've only got one planet, so let's take care of both humans and nature!

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