



## European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions



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The European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI) was formally launched at the World Congress 2006 in Barcelona. As a registered branch of the ESC, we share the ESC mission within the scope of our activity, "to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease in Europe through Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions", with three words governing our action: synergy, focus and credibility.

Thanks to its rich heritage and proud parents (EuroPCR and Working Group on Coronary Interventions), the association already offers important assets including the EuroPCR course in Barcelona, two websites namely EuroPCRonline.com with outstanding educational content and escardio/EAPCI.org, the Euro Heart Survey and Registry, a comprehensive education-training-accreditation programme, and the EuroIntervention journal.

For EAPCI, there are many opportunities to pursue, especially at a moment in time where our field is experiencing a wave of expansion. The association relies on close collaboration with national working groups, societies and other bodies representing interventional communities throughout Europe as the building blocks of these actions. EAPCI wishes to be an open forum for all professionals whose primary activity is percutaneous intervention, be it in the field of coronary disease, peripheral obstructive disease or valvular and structural heart diseases.

The exceptional 3 year mandate for this first EAPCI board has already set up a leadership structure containing 8 committees, each with a well defined mission that is delineated on our web site and future communications to our members : Communication, Euro Heart Survey, Scientific Initiatives, Clinical Initiatives, International Affairs and National Societies, Education, Training Fellowship and Accreditation. We encourage national representatives to engage in these various committees and make EAPCI an essential component of your professional life in the years to come.

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