

AsiaIntervention – “you cannot open a book without learning something”

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In 2005, together with a small team of dedicated individuals, we started *EuroIntervention*. In the subsequent years, the journal has evolved into an important academic publication within the field of interventional cardiology. Today, *EuroIntervention*'s submissions continue to grow and the journal has a more than respectable impact factor with its website frequently visited and PDF's downloaded. The Journal is present not only at *EuroPCR* but also at other international meetings. Two aspects come to mind when assessing the success of the Journal – the concept of teamwork, and achieving and maintaining a solid and esteemed reputation.

We have been lucky to have been supported by a great team not only “front stage” but also “behind the scenes”. These are colleagues who trust the journal with their papers when submitting and those who advise and guide us in the review process. This great team effort has ensured that the Journal is not only well regarded but also respected within the field and for this we remain sincerely grateful.

A recent paper in *EuroIntervention* from Rodriguez-Granillo et al reported the relationship between economic variables such as gross domestic output (GDP) and scientific output in cardiovascular medicine¹. The authors concluded that “economies with higher rates of GDP growth and increasingly larger expenditures on R&D and healthcare are expected to show a visible escalation in the scientific global picture in the near future”. This so-called “escalation” is borne out when, on assessing annually the geographical origin of *EuroIntervention*'s submissions, we have seen a remarkable and steady increase in submissions from the Asian-Pacific Rim. In fact, last year this region accounted for 22% of all submissions. These encouraging developments have led our publishers,

Europa Digital & Publishing, to develop and launch a journal for interventional cardiology for the Asian-Pacific Rim. Last year saw the publication of a pilot issue of *AsiaIntervention*, which met with great success, including articles on the local national societies as well as abstracts from *AsiaPCR*. This year sees the official launch of *AsiaIntervention* with original papers predominately from the region. *AsiaIntervention* has been placed in the capable hands of Runlin Gao, Upendra Kaul, Takeshi Kimura and Seung-Jung Park. I am personally delighted that they are the Chief Editors since they are not only fantastic interventionalists with a great understanding of science, but they also possess great visionary and leadership talents for promoting and improving healthcare in the region. They are, above all, committed team players, fostering cultures that value collaboration. It is for me, a tremendous honour to be invited and to be involved in the birth of another new journal, this time as a Consulting Editor to *AsiaIntervention*. It will be a privilege to serve Runlin, Upendra, Takeshi and SJ in this exciting new chapter of interventional cardiology. After all, the great philosopher Confucius once said “you cannot open a book without learning something”.

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