

## A panoply of milestones and achievements

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We begin 2017 having passed several milestones, among which we count this new edition of AsiaIntervention. As you, our readers, are well aware, while this is not the first edition of our fledgling journal, we are still at the early stages of establishing our reputation. Anyone who has ever been involved with a serious, peer-reviewed, scientific publication will know that the growing pains can be considerable and the remedy – at least at first – difficult to apply or find... namely, greater participation from our readership. Our journal is now picking up speed, and developing its own rhythm and personality, but the future depends on your submissions and your critical response. We are convinced both of the quality we offer here and of your active involvement in the coming years.

The dynamic Asian region, which we all represent and which we serve through our educational programmes and the care we offer our patients, is not only a rich and growing source of clinical research, but has gained an international reputation for our experience and clinical excellence. This new edition of AsiaIntervention reflects this, and it is not by chance that its publication coincides with another milestone, AsiaPCR/SingLIVE 2017, a meeting which has established itself as one of the leading educational courses in Asia and worldwide.

### Dedicated AsiaIntervention session at AsiaPCR/SingLIVE

AsiaPCR/SingLIVE has been conceived to offer the highest degree of exchange among participants. In this spirit, on

Thursday 19 January 2017, we offer a special AsiaIntervention session during the congress that will explore, through open and interactive discussions, some of the topics and concerns we touch on in the journal. Chaired by U. Kaul, T. Santoso and H.C. Tan, this session will focus on clinical research, helping us to understand the clinical development of medical devices as well as the evolution in regulatory pathways within Asia, and will try to provide insights into interpreting data as we move from clinical research to evidence-based medicine. Patrick W. Serruys, Editor in Chief of EuroIntervention and senior consulting editor of AsiaIntervention, will speak on “the art of writing a research paper”. U. Kaul, H.C. Tan and S.J. Park will also be speaking. Other topics will include the challenges of innovation as well as recognising current needs and opportunities for conducting clinical trials in Asia.

### Well-deserved congratulations

If we need further proof of the rising reputation of Asia – or the recognition we receive from both North America and Europe – then we need look no further than the Editorial Board of AsiaIntervention. Runlin Gao has been repeatedly singled out in Asia and internationally for the quality of his teaching, his clinical practice and his leadership. We, the other Senior Editors of this journal who have the honour of collaborating with him, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on the occasion of his latest achievement. Following the prestigious European ETHICA Award, which he received in 2011 at EuroPCR, Professor Gao has now received

the coveted Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) career achievement award during the recent TCT/Cardiovascular Research Foundation (CRF) conference in Washington, DC, USA. We can only endorse the accolades he has already received as the pioneer of interventional cardiology in China, and a leader throughout Asia and the world in advancing patient care, and note the important role he plays in our speciality in general, and in this journal in particular.

### **Moving forward**

The true attributes of a leader in interventional cardiology – including a certain humility and rigour in research and clinical practice – are something we take very seriously in Asia. This journal offers

a range of some of the best critical thinking available today within, but not limited to Asia. We would like to thank all our many contributors including our Consulting Editors, Patrick W. Serruys, Christoph Naber and Richard Ng, for helping us to make this journal relevant for your clinical practice.

To grow strongly, we must grow together. For this journal to represent the best of what we do today and in the future, we need your participation. Submit your articles, become involved in our meetings, visit our websites. Participate, and by participating make the future of our discipline your own. Together we can do so much more and, working together, sharing our work together, we can all offer a better future for our patients, here in Asia and throughout the world.