

AsiaIntervention: marking the beginning of a new era in scientific publications in Asia



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As President of the Asian-Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology (APSIC) and one of the Chief Editors of this journal, it is a great pleasure to introduce this latest edition of AsiaIntervention. Our young journal is growing rapidly and with this new edition we are entering a watershed period, where the rigorous development of our first issues is beginning to bear fruit in terms of the influence and recognition we receive from you our readers throughout Asia and internationally as well.

From the beginning, our goal has been to provide a showcase of the very best clinical and academic work coming out of Asia, work which we believe has an impact on the way we practice. It is thus only natural that APSIC has chosen AsiaIntervention as the official journal of our society, and we are not alone. AsiaIntervention has also been selected by the International Cardiology Foundation of India (ICFI) as its official journal, further underlining the representative nature of our work throughout the region.

When the APSIC was founded almost twenty-five years ago, we were convinced that for our region to continue to be a source of innovation in cardiovascular care it needed a dynamic forum in which we “could share knowledge and expertise in the field

of catheter-based therapies”. In addition, we committed ourselves to develop “joint academic research and education programmes”. APSIC has grown since these early days, but remains true to its initial commitment, taking its place as a driving force representing the diversity of our membership and the clinical, academic and research work in Asia.

The match between the goals of APSIC and AsiaIntervention is clear. This journal – our journal – came into existence out of the belief that no adequate academic and clinical publication existed that was specifically “by and for” the Asia-Pacific interventional cardiology community. Convinced that by working together we can better advance the quality of cardiovascular care, AsiaIntervention has striven to be an open forum for all. There is no better proof of the diversity of our approach than a look at our editorial board which includes internationally respected Chief Editors coming from China, India, Japan, Korea and Singapore and who have given both of their time and credibility to further foster the reputation of our journal. Our Senior Consulting Editor, Patrick W. Serruys, and Consulting Editors, Christoph Naber and Richard Ng, offer us the depth of their experience and international outreach.

Active presence at AICT – AsiaIntervention session

It is little wonder that we are confident that the coming year will offer increased visibility and growth for AsiaIntervention, and this will be seen in several substantive ways.

It is not by accident that this issue of the journal is being published at the same time as the 13th Asian Interventional Cardiovascular Therapeutics (AICT) Congress taking place this year in Melbourne, Australia. AICT is the official scientific meeting of APSIC and, as our Society's official journal, it is only natural that AsiaIntervention be an active presence during this gathering. Similar to EuroPCR, AICT has gained a reputation for its educational use of stimulating live cases on a broad range of topics. Participants will be coming from throughout Asia and the world, participating in the interactive environment and presenting their best cases.

There are many joint sessions showcasing the collaboration with other societies and meetings and, this year, similar to EuroIntervention and its relationship to EuroPCR and the EAPCI, we are offering a dedicated AsiaIntervention session which will further spotlight the work and commitment of our journal. This dedicated AsiaIntervention session will bring together the best of our recently published articles, showcasing their quality and that of the journal. These articles, chosen by the editorial board for their scientific merit, clinical impact and rigorous methodology, will be presented during the session and followed by an open discussion.

Make this journal your own – a call for submissions

Today, AsiaIntervention publishes articles of merit often coming from Singapore, China, India and Japan, but through our presence in Melbourne we want to encourage all of you – wherever you are

located - to submit as well. AsiaIntervention and APSIC are platforms for your work, and we only exist if we can have the full and active participation of interventionalists from all over the Asian-Pacific region. By highlighting the quality and clinical impact of what we publish, we also want to underline an important fact – we need your submissions!

Entering our third year, we have applied for and expect PubMed listing shortly. When that recognition is obtained, submissions will increase and we urge you not to wait, but become fully part of our family now and submit today. As President of our Society, as an editor of AsiaIntervention, but more importantly, as a working clinical interventional cardiologist, I cannot emphasise enough how critically important your participation is for us.

While the challenges are complex in creating a scientific journal of note, we know that by bringing together the talent from all parts of our region we will – and are indeed – succeeding. Our society and our official journal have been created to facilitate the exchange of clinical knowledge, education and research. It is up to all of us to ensure that we are fully representative of the dynamic and far-reaching work that our region offers. The reward of having our own internationally recognised journal reflecting our own medical cultures is enormous, for us, and also for our patients.

The links we are creating today, between the different associations, meetings and organisations, the relations we have with the international scientific community, all of this adds to the strength and inherent value of APSIC and AsiaIntervention. Together, we remain committed more than ever before to the quality of our content and the excellence and breadth of our participation, dedicated, as always, to capturing the whole range of the vibrant medical academic, research and clinical culture of Asia. We look forward to your continued – and increasing – participation, as readers, as authors, but most of all as clinicians who want to offer the best interventional cardiovascular care to our patients wherever they may live.