

EAPCI at PCR London Valves 2023

PCR London Valves is the largest worldwide course focusing on the care of patients with valvular heart disease undergoing percutaneous valvular intervention. The programme is innovative and hands-on and is designed for the entire Heart Team including interventional cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, interventional imagers, nurses and allied professionals (NAPs).

PCR London Valves 2023 took place in November 2023 and was a particularly busy time for EAPCI with the launch of the new EAPCI Membership. Many friends and colleagues dropped by the EAPCI stand to update their membership and learn of the many benefits associated with EAPCI Membership, including preferential registration fees for EuroPCR and PCR London Valves, free access to the online EuroIntervention journal, as well as a discount on the printed version, plus a discount on the PCR-EAPCI Textbook.

The Nurses and Allied Professionals Committee launched their new online EAPCI NAP course. The course is delivered over 9 self-paced modules, with the key aims of providing the knowledge required to work at a higher level in the cath lab setting and delivering a standardised educational programme for all NAPs working in cath labs. There were numerous sessions dedicated to NAPs, with the hands-on learning and simulations particularly well received.

Many EAPCI members were involved presenting cases and abstracts and participated in sessions. A session chaired by EAPCI President, Emanuele Barbato, entitled “Challenges in TAVIs, are there guideline recommendations?” was dedicated to discussion of the two recent consensus statements from the EAPCI: “Management of coronary artery disease in patients undergoing transcatheter aortic valve implantation. A clinical consensus statement from the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions in collaboration with the ESC Working Group on Cardiovascular Surgery” and “Transcatheter interventions for left-sided valvular

heart disease complicated by cardiogenic shock: a consensus statement from the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI) in collaboration with the Association for Acute Cardiovascular Care (ACVC) and the ESC Working Group on Cardiovascular Surgery.” The session was lively and interactive, highlighting the many challenges and evidence gaps in this area as well as the role of EAPCI consensus documents.

Finally, seven young interventional cardiologists were awarded their EAPCI Fellowship Grants at a ceremony in the main arena. The EAPCI Fellowship Grants support interventional cardiology fellows to undergo a year-long period of training outside of their own country. Congratulations to the seven awardees:

- Dr Vince Bartos, Hungary;
Host centre – University Medical Centre Mainz, Germany
- Dr Esmâ Cetinkaya, Turkey;
Host centre – Careggi University Hospital, Italy
- Dr Amr Mansour, Egypt;
Host centre – Leipzig Heart Center, Germany
- Dr Christos Papageorgiou, Greece;
Host centre – San Raffaele Hospital, Italy
- Dr Aravind-Kumar Radha Krishnan, Germany;
Host centre – University Hospital Juan Ramon Jimenez, Spain
- Dr Mohamed Reda, Egypt;
Host centre – Radboud University, the Netherlands
- Dr Francesca Rubino, Italy;
Host centre – HartCentrum, Ziekenhuis Netwerk, Belgium

The 2023 edition of PCR London Valves was a highly educational event which provided our community with an opportunity to come together, share opinions and learn from each other.