

NEWS

■ The **EAPCI Fellows Course** will take place on the 19th and 20th of June at the Heart House, Sophia Antipolis, France. Covering all the core subjects in the interventional cardiology syllabus, it is aimed at medical doctors who have started or have recently completed a programme of training.

■ Also at the European Heart House, **the 2015 EAPCI Summit** on 23rd March is the yearly meeting for the Presidents and Representatives of the National Interventional Working Groups who will exchange ideas and projects this year focusing on "Mapping Interventional Cardiology in Europe".

■ Take part in the EAPCI endorsed **Resistant Hypertension Course - 3rd edition**, 26th to 28th February in Berlin, Germany.

EAPCI Focus on the Swiss Working Group for Interventional Cardiology

An interview with the President, Marco Roffi

What does EAPCI membership mean for a national society?

Switzerland currently plays a major role in the EAPCI as the President, Stephan Windecker, is from Switzerland. Other Swiss members of our Working Group are very involved in other key EAPCI positions. In Switzerland, interventional cardiology is not recognised as a subspecialty, and our Working Group has devised new national recommendations and interventional requirements based on EAPCI/ESC recommendations. We actively encourage the use of the ESC eLearning platform and advise our fellows to follow an interventional training programme for at least two years; however, we do not offer an official exam or diploma at the end of this training, nor do we sanction individuals if they do not follow specific training recommendations.

What are the current issues related to the national society?

The biggest issue, namely the introduction of recommendations for a minimum number of PCIs per operator and centre has only recently been resolved. A second issue is that as a Working Group we are now able to support two national registries TAVI (SWISS TAVI) and MitraClip (MITRASWISS), providing financial support as part of mixed funding with industry. Usually a Working Group member leads the registry. Concerning databases, none of the current databases is funded by the government, and government funding is definitely a priority for us. There is a nationwide registry on acute coronary syndromes, the AMIS Plus. We participate in a nationwide project called the "Swiss national strategy for cardiac diseases, vascular diseases, stroke, and diabetes". Our main objective is to achieve a reduction of STEMI mortality with standardised care and implementation of nationwide registries.

Read the full interview at http://www.pcronline.com/eurointervention/81st_issue/188b



Marco Roffi, President of the Swiss Working Group for Interventional Cardiology and Acute Coronary Syndromes



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Upcoming annual meeting:
Annual Scientific Session of the Swiss Society of Cardiology, 10-12 June 2015, Zurich, Switzerland

Founded:
Swiss Society of Cardiology 1948
Interventional Cardiology Working Group 1988

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Interventional Cardiology Working Group - 165
EAPCI members - 85

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