

## NEWS

■ **CathGo:** an online database of centres offering interventional and research opportunities. An EAPCI initiative that boosts Fellows' mobility and training across Europe!

■ **The EAPCI Young Committee** is pleased to announce the launch of its LinkedIn group dedicated to young interventionalists. Join the group, the EAPCI Young, and network with your peers, share news and experiences.

■ **The EAPCI Board elections** will take place online from 31 March to 30 April 2014. Join the EAPCI today and make sure you have updated your profile in order to be eligible to vote (some restrictions apply).

■ **An Interventional Summit on Coronary Microcirculation and Heart Disease** was organised earlier this month as a joint initiative between the EAPCI and the ESC Working Group on Coronary Microcirculation and Pathophysiology.

## EAPCI Focus on the Turkish Society of Cardiology Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (TAPCI-TSC)

### An interview with the President, Erdogan Ilkay

#### What does the EAPCI membership mean for a national society?

Being a member of the EAPCI means taking an active role in evolving developments in interventional cardiology, including emerging treatment modalities. For the members of the Turkish Society of Cardiology Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (TAPCI-TSC), the EAPCI plays an important role in keeping us up to date on protocols and procedures in this era of evidence-based medical practice. In the future, I hope that the EAPCI will be more comprehensive, furthering its goals and influencing physicians worldwide through expanded support of training and innovative educational programmes for interventional fellows.

#### What are the current issues related to the national society?

In recent years, we have seen the Turkish Society of Cardiology selected as the leading healthcare organisation in our country. Many of the latest procedures are available here such as TAVI and MitraClip and also percutaneous closure of paravalvular leaks, all of which are performed by our experienced members with high success rates. The mission of the TAPCI-TSC is to ensure that these interventions continue to be performed at the highest level practised in Europe today.

The TAPCI-TSC participates in the Stent for Life initiative resulting in a 3-4 fold increase in primary PCI since we joined. EuroPCR also plays a role in learning new treatment strategies and keeping abreast of developments in our field with many of our members attending each year.

We are a bridge between European and Asian physicians, both in our practice as well as being a crossroads between the different cultures.



Erdogan Ilkay, President of the Turkish Society of Cardiology's Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions



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**Upcoming annual meeting:**  
The 21<sup>st</sup> National Interventional Meeting, March 6-9, 2014; Antalya.

**Founded:** Turkish Society of Cardiology (1963), Working Group (1988), TAPCI-TSC (2010)

**Members:** 1,534 (including 331 members of the structural heart subgroup and 195 members of the peripheral interventions subgroup)

**EAPCI members:** 171

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