

## The EuroIntervention bifurcation supplement

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The European Bifurcation Club (EBC) represents an example of what is best in medicine, a profound sense of collaboration in order to improve the quality of care for all. It is little wonder, that EuroIntervention is proud to publish this special supplement concentrating on their work in this complex and fast evolving field.

The EBC captures completely the spirit of the EAPCI, a sort of “think-tank” to further the goals of evidenced-based medicine. Working together, the Club pushes the borders of our practice, reviewing our current and past protocols, offering and testing new theories, new lines of research and technologies, new approaches to the analysis and resolution of problems related to the treatment of coronary artery bifurcation lesions.

The European Bifurcation Club's deep sense of cooperation is furthered by their yearly meetings and publications such as guidelines, as well as the much awaited consensus documents that have been published regularly for the last several years in EuroIntervention itself. Though European based, the EBC has an international footprint, as is evidenced by the list of prestigious international authors present in this current supplement.

It is only natural that the EBC, well received, universally respected and dedicated to practical solutions and education, should have its

place at EuroPCR. EuroPCR 2011 will see a much greater and more visible role for the European Bifurcation Club in the programme, fully reflecting the nature of the work of both entities. The EBC will be coordinating two bifurcation sessions at EuroPCR – “Learning The Technique (LTT): How to treat bifurcation lesions”, and an “All you need to know about bifurcation stenting”, a new concept that will be implemented in EuroPCR 2011. The integration of EuroIntervention and the EAPCI with EuroPCR allows for wider and more effective transmission of information, learning and new developments; the EBC can take advantage of this, through their presence at EuroPCR and the pages of this dedicated supplement, as well as their continued presence in the regular journal.

This very first Bifurcation Supplement is the recognition of the EBC's years of dedication to research and resolution of challenges in this complex and specialised field, as well as their continuing search for best practice. It is an honour that Thierry Lefèvre, Yves Louvard and Robert-Jan van Geuns have agreed to be our guest editors, putting in the time and effort on behalf of the European Bifurcation Club to make this current supplement a reality and further advance the work of this admirable organisation, improving our own understanding of this complex and provocative subject.