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Update on the EAPCI Women Committee

An interview with Fina Mauri and
Maria D. Radu, Chair and Co-Chair

What are the aims of the EAPCI Women's Committee?

At present, our aims are to decrease gender disparity at the patient as well as the professional level such that hopefully, in the future, our committee will no longer be needed.

How are you working to attain these goals?

By investigating the extent and causes of cardiovascular issues related to gender, we seek to have an influence at the patient level. While we are not currently involved in public campaigns to increase awareness of women's poorer cardiovascular outcomes, we believe that the establishment of relevant data will positively influence the debate seen both from the patient and physician perspective. Furthermore, by working alongside our male interventional colleagues, we wish, together with them, to establish similar professional possibilities for both genders. Today we have an amazing network of women and men working on our different missions. We number around 50 members, with 30 in the steering committee. Our committee is composed of several subgroups, each dealing with different topics: scientific; network and web communications; career building; and subgroups working on improving our relationship with other similar networks, namely the EAPCI Women and WIN group, working with our colleagues in the US, and a subgroup dedicated to improving conditions for female patients and professionals in “challenging” countries.

What are the current challenges?

They are numerous: having the possibility of working as interventional cardiologists despite being women of child-bearing age; having more female representation on the councils of scientific societies; having the economic possibility of conducting trials in which the importance of gender differences is examined and detailed in both coronary and structural diseases.

And the future?

Currently, we are conducting a survey on radiation (see the April 2017 electronic issue of EuroIntervention), and a multicentre collaborative study on bioabsorbable vascular scaffolds (BVS) which merges BVS databases with the aim of examining outcomes and gender bias with BVS. In the long term, we hope to have a well-functioning international network which will have come a step closer to the understanding of gender differences in manifestations of cardiac disease and to improving treatment disparities. At the same time, we hope to have gained increased visibility for female interventionalists in both scientific research and daily clinical practice.

What would motivate a young interventionalist to join your committee?

The sense of belonging to an EAPCI committee, and hence being part of the ESC, further reinforces the way we approach our activities, but what really matters is having the possibility of working for something that has a personal meaning – to decrease the disparity between individuals – and to work with passionate professionals who are equally committed, dedicating their time towards a better development of care for all patients – irrespective of whether they are men or women.

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Committee for a
dedicated meeting at
EuroPCR 2017, Wed.
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