EDITORIAL

Welcome to PCR London Valves 2017

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Welcome to London for the 9th edition of the world's largest course focused on the rapidly transforming field of transcatheter heart valve therapies. Although we have been discussing transcatheter treatment of valvular heart disease for several years now, building the PCR London Valves agenda is always challenging as many topics need to be clarified and better understood in just a few days together. In other words, we never get bored! As is the tradition at PCR-branded courses, PCR London Valves will offer participants a unique opportunity to attend didactic and interactive sessions while discovering the latest advances in the field.

The EuroIntervention PCR London Valves supplement includes outstanding review articles authored by some of the world's key opinion leaders in the field and will be not only your companion during the meeting but also a source of knowledge to guide your daily clinical and academic activities back home. This year's edition includes state-of-the art papers on imaging, transcatheter therapies of aortic, pulmonary, mitral and tricuspid valves, and percutaneous closure of left atrial appendage – these will address some of the burning questions paying particular attention to the knowledge gaps and future direction of these devices. Completing the picture, we provide a large and comprehensive state-of-the-art paper on surgical valve replacement and a visionary article authored by Professor Serruys in the light of recent celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the first coronary angioplasty.

As Course Directors of PCR London Valves and on behalf of the entire clinical community, we would like to take the chance to express our profound gratitude to all the colleagues and friends who dedicated their time in sharing their knowledge and experience in this supplement.