



imaging for a practical day to day approach of the patient as imaging was central to clinical decision making. EACVI President, Professor Patrizio Lancellotti, from Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Liege, Belgium said: "The patient-centered strategy often requires a multi-imaging approach to define the appropriate management and clinical decision making. Stratifying the type of exams in a dedicated patient, clearly depends on the clinical context. The added value of new technologies from each modality is indisputable".

The NORRE study that was presented at Euro-Echo Imaging 2013 was mentioned as a key study during the inaugural session, with Professor Lancellotti explaining that NORRE was the first European multi-centre study aiming to provide a set of normal values for echocardiography using modern technologies. He said that it gave applicable data for clinical routine that would be swiftly implemented in all echocardiographic laboratories, with the potential of changing the life of all imaging stakeholders practicing echo routinely.

The inaugural session focused on the tenth anniversary of EACVI with talks from EACVI's first President Professor Fausto Pinto who is now ESC's President-Elect, and Luc Piérard, also a European imaging pioneer who took the audience through ten years of imaging history, starting with the early 2D echo days through to the most recent techniques. Predicting what the future will hold for the next ten years, Professor Lancellotti believed that the imaging community will most certainly grow and become influential at all different European and international levels.

Professor Habib concluded he would definitely ensure continuity by carrying on the fantastic work of his predecessors, particularly in the fields of education and research. According to him, young investigators represented the life blood of the EACVI organization and the future belonged to them. Rather than just focusing on one imaging technique in the course of their careers they were likely to use a variety of them and having a good overall knowledge of the different techniques would enable clinicians to determine the most appropriate strategy for their individual patient.

Associate Professor Tufekcioglu intends to continue to strengthen his excellent collaboration with EACVI, in terms of teaching and increasing the number of Turkish members in the EACVI's Club 35, the ideal platform to network with the rest of the young European imaging community.

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