

Dear ESCVS Members,
Dear Colleges and Friends,

may I draw your attention once again to our **2nd 'Aortic Live' Meeting 2014**, which will take place at the **University Hospital Essen from September 11th to September the 13th**. '.

Aortic Live 2014' is an international scientific meeting which absolutely fits to the spirit of our ESCVS, bringing together cardiac, vascular, endovascular surgeons and interventionalists!

We will have up to **20 live OR transmissions** from 3 ORs and our hybrid room as well as **remote transmissions from Marseille, France, Philadelphia, USA, and Beijing, China**. We are happy to have excellent international faculty of 80 cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons and interventionists with us performing their elaborate procedures from the aortic valve down to the bifurcation.

(INTERNATIONAL FACULTY Joseph E. Bavaria, Philadelphia, USA, Jean-Pierre Becquemin, Paris, France, Roberto Chiesa, Milan, Italy, Frédéric Collart, Marseille, France, Martin Czerny, Zurich, Switzerland, Nimesh D. Desai, Philadelphia, USA, Roberto Di Bartolomeo, Bologna, Italy, Gebrine El Khoury, Brussels, Belgium, Vlad Gariboldi, Marseille, France, Mattia Glauber, Milan, Italy, Martin Grabenwöger, Vienna, Austria, Arie Pieter Kappetein, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Wei-Guo Ma, Beijing, China and New Haven, USA, George Matalanis, Heidelberg, Australia, Tara M. Mastracci, Cleveland, USA, Yutaka Okita, Kobe, Japan, Davide Pacini, Bologna, Italy, Timothy A. Resch, Malmö, Sweden, Eric Roselli, Cleveland, USA, Hazim J. Safi, Houston, USA, Li-Zhong Sun, Beijing, China, Paschalis Tossios, Thessaloniki, Greece, Kazimierz Jan Widenka, Rzesz, Poland, Tristan D. Yan, Sydney, Australia, Christopher Young, London, UK, Yoshiki Sawa, Osaka, Japan,

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Moreover, scientific contributions and edited video presentations focusing on hybrid and interventional procedures with extra attention on evolving surgical, endovascular, and transcatheter techniques dealing with aortic valve, ascending aorta, the arch, and thoraco-abdominal aorta will be given. In addition, we will also have several 'hands on' courses and 'wet labs' for aortic valve repair, TAVI, aortic stent-grafting and aortic surgery, under expert guidance offered to young surgical and interventional colleagues.

Dear ESCVS Members, I would be very happy to welcome all of you at our Meeting or even as many ESCVS Members as possible and as already mentioned **ALL REGISTRATION FEES are FREE for ESCVS members!!!!** Only the social events on Thursday and Friday evening has to be charged with 35 Euro each! ESCVS Members should please indicate their ESCVS membership in the "Notice" field at the online registration or somewhere on the fax registration form.

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