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Editorial Board news

I am delighted to welcome a new member to the Editorial Board, Dr Charles Knight, who is a consultant cardiologist at the London Chest Hospital. Dr Knight is an interventional cardiologist who has been an investigator in a number of clinical trials and his appointment strengthens the cardiology expertise on the board. He brings considerable experience in interventional cardiology and in the renal complications of coronary artery disease and its treatment. He is a member of the British Cardiac Society Programme Committee and serves as a specialist advisor to NICE.

The Editorial Board met in January to plan the content for forthcoming issues of C²I², taking due consideration of the suggestions made in the recent readership survey. An interesting and varied series of papers have been commissioned including contributions on chest CT and endovascular aneurysm repair.

Clinical updates

This issue begins with a paper reviewing the cardiac applications of MR imaging that covers the use of the technique to study cardiac morphology, to assess myocardial perfusion, to diagnose myocardial infarction and for imaging of the coronary arteries. Radiofrequency treatment is an important technique for the control of severe chronic pain of spinal origin and the review in this issue discusses the mode of action, the indications and the use of the technique. Two papers address aspects of venous disease. One provides important background information on the prognostic implications of venous thromboembolic disease and reminds us of the importance of thromboprophylaxis. The other describes clinical experience of an endovascular laser-based technique that offers a less invasive alternative to conventional surgery for chronic venous insufficiency.

In this issue...

- Professor Hermann Eichstädt of Berlin and Dr Thomas Störk of Stuttgart review the cardiac applications of MRI
- Dr Menno Sluijter of Nottwil, Switzerland provides an overview of the use of radiofrequency ablation for spinal pain
- Dr Enrico Bernardi of Padua, Italy discusses the epidemiology of venous thromboembolic disease and the short- and long-term consequences
- Dr Dimitris Kontothanassis, Dr Giuseppe Camporese and co-workers, also at the University of Padua, Italy, present their experience with endovascular laser treatment for chronic venous insufficiency

We hope that you will enjoy reading this issue of C²I² and that you will find the content useful in your clinical practice.



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