



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[AQ1][AQ2] The first issue of 2020 brings an exciting change in the format of manuscripts including a new graphic appearance for publications and a highlighted Central Message. This change will allow us to have more content and constitutes an important step in our path to modernize the graphic design and web presence of our content.

In this issue, we published our first Focused Topic Series of the year on mitral valve disease, with some very valuable information and updates. When we invited the authors to write for this section, we had in mind the necessity to highlight and update minimally invasive surgical techniques together with sharing an update on beating heart (transseptal and transapical) approaches to repair the mitral valve.

Mitral valve repair is the surgery of choice and the gold standard for degenerative primary mitral valve disease. In this issue you can read about patient selection, operative technique for minimally invasive surgery, and Gore-Tex chord placement. We also included the newest approaches for mitral valve repair and placement of MitraClip and beating-heart neochords. The section also includes a few very carefully edited educational videos that facilitate learning the various options and techniques.

This issue also contains other very interesting manuscripts and case reports on 3-dimensional stereo vision echocardiography, presternotomy radial artery harvest strategy, complete

sternal-sparing left ventricular assist device approach for prior sternotomy, surveillance after treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer, endoscopic tricuspid valve surgery, long-term outcomes by approach after mitral valve repair, no-touch saphenous vein harvesting, application of cerebral protection system, and early experience with robotic assisted sutureless aortic valve replacement.

In 2020, we are going to continue to increase our presence on social media and will continue to share information about the journal and exciting publications. Web-based discussion will enrich our global presence, which is one of the goals for ISMICS.

Finally, we finalized the design and instructions for the much-anticipated visual abstract for online publication. Visual abstracts are important and will improve the communication and visibility of our content.

On behalf of the *Innovations* team, I wish the ISMICS community and our readers a happy new year.

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