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Professor Kaski's research areas include mechanisms of rapid coronary artery disease progression, inflammatory and immunological mechanisms of atherosclerosis, microvascular angina and biomarkers of cardiovascular risk. Professor Kaski has published more than 450 papers in peer-reviewed journals, more than 200 invited papers in cardiology journals and more than 130 book chapters. He has also edited six books on cardiovascular topics.

The readership of *European Cardiovascular Review* continues to increase rapidly as a result of the excellent quality of the articles submitted by our contributors and the hard work of our editorial board. The current issue offers an array of extremely important manuscripts, grouped under three main sections – ischaemic heart disease, heart failure and cardiovascular pharmacotherapy.

In the heart failure, cardiomyopathies and arrhythmias section, Gheorghe-Andrei Dan discusses whether we have reached the end of the road regarding rhythm management in AF, while Martinez et al. review different aspects of Chagas disease, an intriguing form of cardiomyopathy. In the same section, Elliott and colleagues explore different 'hidden' conditions in heart failure.

Scholarly articles providing great insight into topics such as microvascular angina (Gaetano Antonio Lanza), testosterone and the heart (Kirby et al.), and management of hypertension for the prevention of stroke (Wajngarten et al.) are proudly presented in the ischaemic heart disease section.

The cardiovascular pharmacotherapy section, edited by the International Society of Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy, boasts a variety of manuscripts on intriguing and challenging topics, including the anti-inflammatory effects of curcumin by Morimoto et al. and the effects of statins on T-cell function in acute coronary syndrome in Asian populations by Sorathia et al.

The Cardiology Masters section in this issue is devoted to Dr Eugene Braunwald, a true cardiology giant and one of the most influential cardiologists of our generation. His now legendary *Cardiology* textbook and more than 1,000 original manuscripts have informed several generations of cardiologists the world over.

As with previous issues, I have very much enjoyed editing this current issue; in particular, I very much value the interaction with authors and reviewers, as well as with members of the editorial team, all of whom contribute greatly to the success of *European Cardiovascular Review*.

I trust you will find this issue to be truly outstanding and enjoyable to read. I wish you every success in your endeavours and a good summer holiday – if you manage to have one! Do come and visit us at the Radcliffe booth at ESC 2019 in Paris, if you are attending the congress. ■