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## Imaging in the *European Heart Journal*: the team of Deputy and Associate Editors Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci, João L. Cavalcante, and Nina Ajmone-Marsan

The imaging mini-team is made up of three internationally recognized and accomplished multi-modality imaging experts based in Europe and North America.



The team is led by Dr Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci (Deputy Editor) from the Bristol Heart Institute, University of Bristol, in the UK. Chiara has trained in cardiology and echocardiography at the University 'La Sapienza' in Rome, Italy, in nuclear cardiology at the University of Zurich in Switzerland, and in cardiovascular magnetic resonance (CMR) at Northwestern University in Chicago, USA, as well as at the

Royal Brompton Hospital/Imperial College in London, UK, where she earned a PhD in CMR. She is the immediate past chair of CMR in the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI), EACVI Vice-President, and EACVI Secretary. She is the current chief executive officer (part-time) of the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR) while continuing to be a clinical academic cardiologist. Areas of research and publication track record include multi-modality imaging in acute and chronic ischaemic heart disease, including MINOCA, as well as imaging in cardio-oncology, heart failure, and heart disease in women. She represented EACVI in ESC guidelines and co-authored many EACVI position documents. She was also invited as an expert by the European Medicine Agency of the European Union to discuss matters related to contrast media agents in medical imaging and invited by the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations to discuss the role of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation medical imaging in cardiovascular diseases. She sits on the editorial board of EHJ-Cardiovascular Imaging and Circulation Cardiovascular Imaging and is an editorial consultant for JACC Cardiovascular Imaging.



Dr João L. Cavalcante (Associate Editor) earned his medical degree at the Universidade Federal do Ceará in Fortaleza, Brazil. He did his internal medicine residency, chief residency and cardiology fellowship training at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, with Level II training in nuclear cardiology. He completed a dedicated 2-year advanced cardiovascular imag-

ing fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic obtaining COCATS Level III in interventional echocardiography, cardiovascular CT, and CMRI. He is the Director of Cardiac MRI and Structural CT Labs of Minneapolis Heart Institute at the Abbott Northwestern Hospital, the largest cardiology practice in the Twin Cities. He is the Scientific Director of the Cardiovascular Imaging Research Center and Core Lab. His passion and track record is in multi-modality imaging and focus on valve and structural heart disease. He participated as a writing committee member for the CBCMR (CMR board examination) in the USA, and for the Core Competencies in Structural Interventional Imaging: Computed Tomography. He currently leads the SCMR—Valvular Heart Disease Working Group and is a new member for the Society for Cardiac Computed Tomography Board of Directors. He has acted as peer reviewer for many journals and serves as the associated editor for the Brazilian Archives of Cardiology (imaging section), and Editorial Consultant for the *Journal of American Society of Cardiology*.



Dr Nina Ajmone-Marsan (Associate Editor) is a cardiologist, specialized in non-invasive cardiovascular imaging and currently working at the Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands, where she is a Senior Academic Researcher after having been awarded a PhD cum laude in advanced echocardiographic techniques and CMR. Her main research interest is the clinical applications of imaging in cardiovascular disease, with special focus on valvular heart disease (including transcatheter interventions), cardiomyopathies, and systemic disease. She is also the principal investigator of international translational research projects in mitral and aortic valve disease. She is a member of the EACVI scientific initiatives committee (2018-2020), EACVI 2020 congress programme committee and she is a mentor for ESC and EACVI mentorship programme. She sits on the editorial board of *Heart* and of the *Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography*.

The team brings to the EHJ a broad range of imaging modalities expertise in a variety of cardiovascular diseases. The team will be focusing on how imaging can improve the risk stratification and management of patients with cardiovascular diseases as the technology and applications continue to evolve.