

## NEWSLETTER No. 6, February 2014

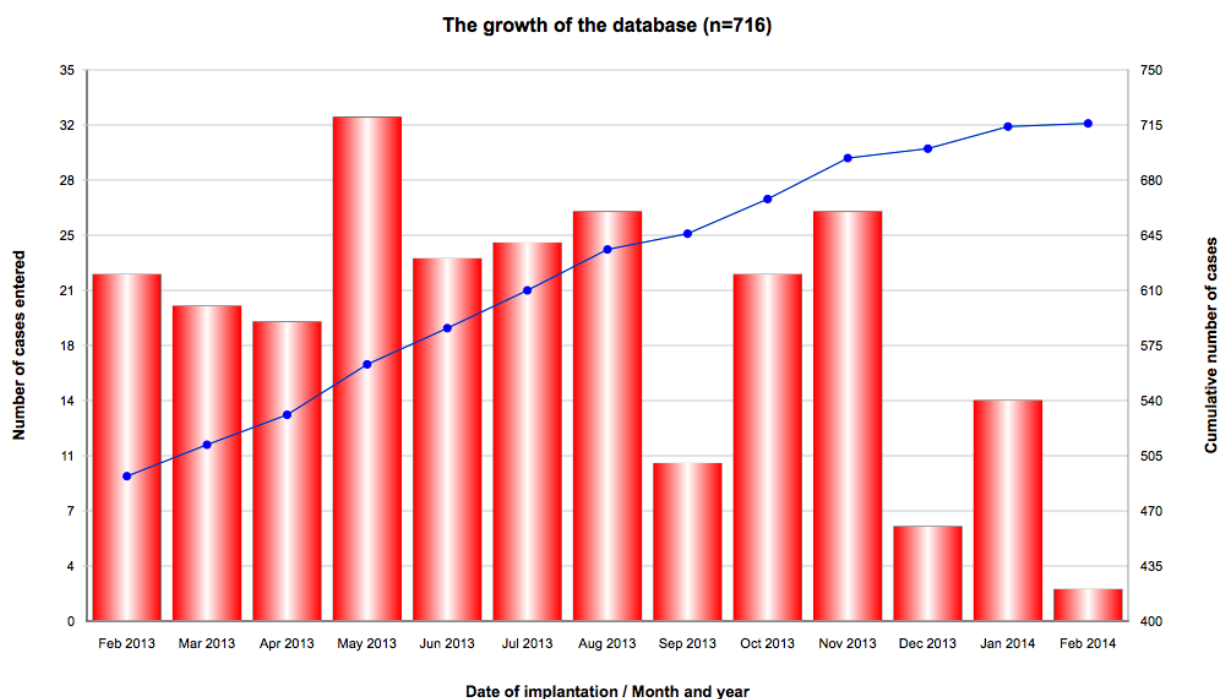
Dear readers,

This newsletter is sent to inform you about developments and updates within Euromacs over the last few months:

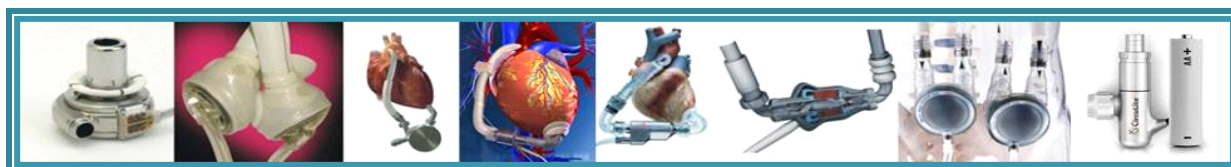
- Growth of the database
- Benchmarking of individual centers
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### 1. Growth of the Database: Annual Report

The figure below tracks growth of the database. The number of cases in the registry is now over 700. Different statistics, based on the data in the Euromacs registry, will be published and sent to the members shortly.



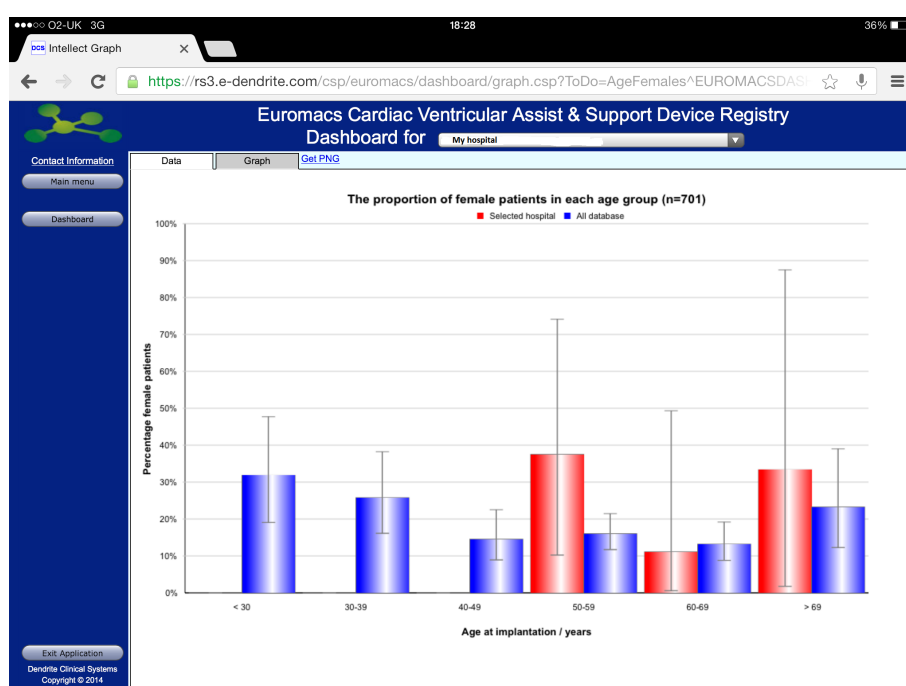
The quantity and the quality of data will enable clinicians and researchers to analyse outcomes with a higher probability. Presently, Euromacs has 50 institutional members in 15 countries.



While 23 centers are actually contributing to the database, the others are in the process of signing the standard agreement.

## 2. Benchmarking of Center Outcomes

One of the advantages of having a multi-center database is that surgeons and cardiologists can compare the data of their own center with statistics generated from the entire Euromacs database. Thus they can see the relative values of the local center. On the sample screen shown below you can see a comparison of age categories between “My Hospital” and the total Euromacs registry. In red, the data of “My Hospital” show that there patients over 50 years of age are over-represented as compared to all other centers in Euromacs (blue).



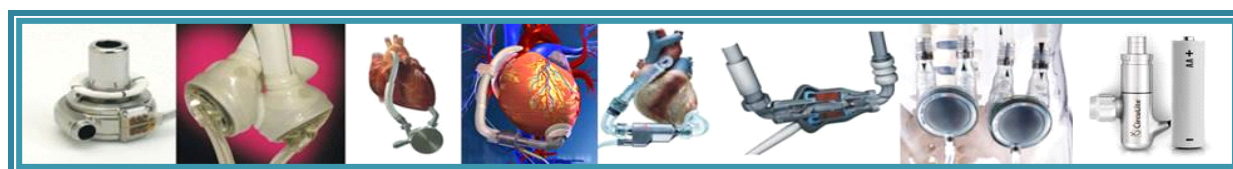
Within the next few months, the hospitals that contribute data to the Euromacs database will be offered more possibilities to benchmark their own data.

Furthermore, anyone can contact Euromacs to ask for (downloads of) anonymous data for scientific research.

## 3. Participation in the EACTS Quality Improvement Programme

In order to safeguard the quality of the database, Euromacs has joined the EACTS Quality Improvement Programme (QUIP). The QUIP has been established by the EACTS to encourage improvement of clinical outcomes for patients and to promote the importance of integrating quality improvement initiatives into daily clinical practice.

Also, QUIP aims to advance current EACTS database projects and develop global benchmarking for local quality improvement initiatives.



## QUIP Structure

The QUIP programme has established six member-led groups to support quality improvement projects.

- Clinical Consensus & Guidelines
- Publishing Outcomes
- Education
- Network for Outcomes Research
- Nursing & Allied Health Professions
- Perfusion

Euromacs is part of the Publishing Outcomes group, currently chaired by Ben Bridgewater (Manchester, UK).

## Participation

The programme of work relies on participation from EACTS members. You can nominate yourself for involvement in the QUIP via the Membership tab in your EACTS User Area.

EACTS encourages members, and by means of this newsletter those who are involved with VAD implantation, to get involved with the QUIP as your support will lead to more quality improvement projects and will increase the difference we can make to our patients.

## 4. Board/committee composition as per January 1, 2014

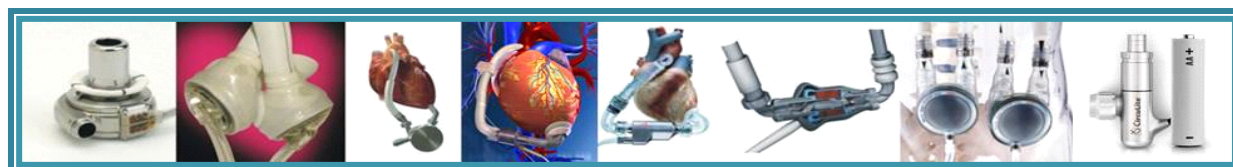
Since January 1, 2014 Euromacs has been – besides a registered non-profit association – an EACTS committee. Thus, the association held elections which took place on October 6 and November 10, 2013. The members are chosen for a three-year period. Following the elections, the board/committee is composed of the following executive board members:

Prof. Roland Hetzer, Berlin, Germany.	Chair	(until 1-1-2015)
Prof. Jan Gummert, Bad Oeynhausen, Germany.	Vice-chair	(until 1-1-2015)
Prof. Paul Mohacsi, Bern, Switzerland		(until 1-1-2015)
Prof. Luigi Martinelli, Milan, Italy		(until 1-1-2017)
Prof. Bart Meyns, Louvain, Belgium		(until 1-1-2017)

The executive board is supported by an extended board. The composition of the extended board as per January 1, 2014 is as follows:

Prof. Finn Gustafsson, Copenhagen, Denmark	(until 1-1-2017)
Prof. Pascal Leprince, Paris, France	(until 1-1-2017)
Prof. Ivan Netuka, Prague, Czech Republic	(until 1-1-2017)

Information about the governance of Euromacs and the task of the board as a committee of the EACTS can be found on the website: <http://www.euromacs.org/about/the-statute>



## 5. General members' meeting, April 10, 2014

The next general members' meeting will be held during The International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) Annual Meeting, on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 9:30am. The meeting will be held in the Gaslamp D room at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1 Market Place, San Diego, California. All members will receive an invitation with the final agenda per email.

Topics on the agenda will be:

- Approval of the annual accounts for 2013
- Annual Report 2013
- Quality Improvement Programme, QUIP
- Cooperation with Imacs

As Euromacs has 150 members, you are kindly requested to let us know if you will participate.

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## Upcoming events



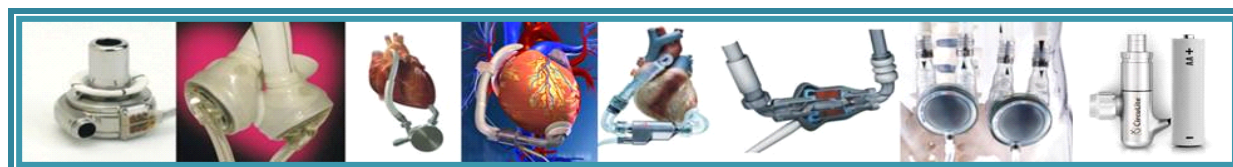
<http://www.isHLT.org/meetings/annualmeeting.asp>

The **22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the International Society for Rotary Blood Pumps** next conference will be held in San Francisco, CA, USA, on September 25 – 27, 2014. <http://isrbp2014.org>



<http://www.eacts.org/annual-meeting.aspx>

The **9<sup>th</sup> EUMS, European Mechanical Support Summit** will be held in Bad Oeynhausen, Germany, on December 3–, 2014.



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