INTRODUCTION

Consensus Documents on Current Topics in ECG Interpretation

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In this issue of *Annals of Noninvasive Electrocardiology*, we are pleased to start presentation of articles resulting from an electrocardiogram (ECG) consensus workshop that took place during the Barcelona-Mallorca (BA-MA) ECG meeting held in Mallorca, Spain, in November 2013. The group of experts worked under leadership of Drs Antoni Bayes de Luna and Miguel Fiol and was held under the auspices of the International Society for Holter and Noninvasive Electrocardiology to promote open discussions on different topics relevant to today ECG interpretation and practices. These discussions resulted in a series of expert documents that include three consensus articles published in this issue. The first document discusses the role of ECG in diagnosis, risk estimation, and catheterization laboratory activation, the second outlines the ECG characteristics of Prinzmetal

angina, emphasizing its relation with arrhythmia. The third article discusses the various aspects of the negative T wave in ischemic heart disease, firmly stating that a negative T wave is never originated in acute ischemia, instead, it is always the panoramic view after ischemia, as the devastating view seen after a *tsunami*. In addition, this series contains very interesting articles on left ventricular hypertrophy - cardiac magnetic resonance correlations and ECG abnormalities in both congenital heart disease and Tako-Tsubo syndrome, among others.

We feel that initiatives of such meetings are very valuable allowing experts to discuss topics that require clarification and consensus statements. As the result of the BA-MA meetings, held already by Drs Bayes de Luna and Fiol in the past, these review articles will benefit the field of cardiology and cardiology patients around the world.