

TOPIC 2019 In a second second

More than 3,000 participants have attended TOPIC each time during the last couple of years. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all of them.

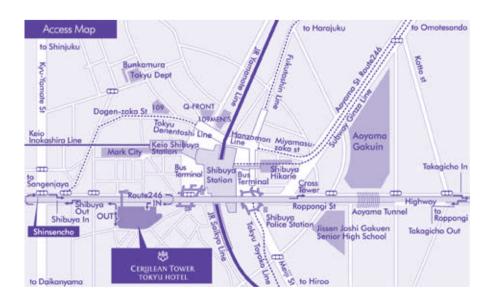
The next TOPIC will be the 16th event. While hardly realizing it, the founding members of TOPIC have now reached the age of around 60 years. Luckily, our strength is not declining yet and we are still able to perform interventional procedures while making further progress, so we would like to continue TOPIC as well. However, the time has almost come to think about its future. We cannot avoid the issue of generational change, and as the first step, Dr. Yoshiaki Ito from Saiseikai Yokohama-city Eastern Hospital will join the TOPIC administration from 2019. In addition, the faculty members in Japan have changed to a new generation, mostly selected by the year of graduation.

Although there are new members, the concept of TOPIC has not changed. From the very first, there have been two pillars, which are "dealing with complex lesions including CTO" and "education and passing on medical knowledge and techniques to younger interventionists". In particular, we have enhanced the latter pillar year after year and we hope to come up with even more ideas for it. There will be no radical changes in the TOPIC 2019 program, but we are planning to show live surgery focusing on the distal radial artery approach. We hope it will be a good opportunity to learn a series of procedures from puncture to hemostasis.

In addition to the Rotablator, the Diamondback has become available for calcified lesions in Japan too. In Western countries, shockwave therapy has been used in clinical practice, in which vascular compliance is improved by breaking calcification into small fragments using high-intensity ultrasound, rather than by cutting it. We are planning a live demonstration from England to show a patient treated by this shockwave therapy.

Finally, we introduced a paperless system for TOPIC 2018 that allowed participants to access information via our website. This is the current trend and there were no particular issues, so we will use the same system for TOPIC 2019.

We would appreciate your support and participation in the 16th TOPIC.



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