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*The primary objectives of the European Valve Repair Group (EVRG) are*

- to promote the professional and educational development in the field of heart valve reparative surgery
- to provide a forum for scientific presentations and discussions aiming at improving the quality of heart valve repair
- to promote the advancement of scientific knowledge and generate research projects in heart valve repair surgery
- to encourage, support and facilitate surgeons in training wishing to specialize in heart valve reparative surgery

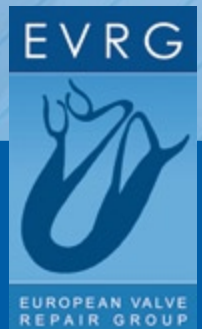
The European Valve Repair Group (EVRG) adheres to the statements of good clinical practice and strives to seek out opportunities for humanitarian work related to its objectives.

For all other activities and educational offerings of the EVRG, please check the website: [www.evrg.org](http://www.evrg.org)

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and St. Jude Medical announce:  
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# European Valve Repair Group (EVRG) Workshops on Heart Valve Repair 2008

## Heart Valve Repair. How you can do it.

In cooperation with St. Jude Medical the European Valve Repair Group (EVRG) offers several educational workshops to enhance the knowledge and clinical skills of the cardiovascular surgeon.  
The courses deliver high-level interactive learning programs focusing on the do's and don'ts of valve repair in all its aspects.  
All courses are conducted by members of the EVRG, international experts on valve repair.

### EVRG Interactive Sessions "Meet the Experts"

**Location:** Hospital San Raffaele,  
Milan, Italy



**Course directors:** Prof. Ottavio Alfieri and  
Dr. Francesco Maisano.

**Faculty:** EVRG members and local faculty.

**Number of participants:** max. 15

One-day training sessions at the EVRG training facility in Milan. Modular sessions given by local faculty and EVRG members based upon surgical video case presentations and live surgery. These courses provide the opportunity for course participants to meet with several experts on technical pointers and the many variations and modifications of valve repair procedures. The faculty will share its experience and discuss surgical procedures in a how-to-do-it format.

#### Target audience and objectives:

The Milan courses are intended for cardiac surgeons wishing to specialize or further expand their knowledge on valve repair.

The programs of the 4 modules are progressively built from a refresher course (Module 1) to more advanced courses (Module 2 and 3) followed by an expert course (Module 4).

#### 1. Mitral Valve Repair - I

- Anatomy and Physiology of the Mitral Valve
- Fundamental Repair Techniques
- Annuloplasty

**Date:** 13-14 March 2008

**Faculty:** EVRG members and  
Dr. Giovanni La Canna (local faculty)

#### 2. Mitral Valve Repair – II

- Advanced Mitral Valve Repair and Chordal Replacement techniques – Tips and Tricks

**Date:** 3-4 April 2008

**Faculty:** EVRG members and  
Dr. Alessandro Castiglioni (local faculty)

#### 3. Concomitant Mitral Procedures: Tricuspid Repair and AF Surgery

- Concomitant Approach
- Surgical Ablation

**Date:** 2-3 June 2008

**Faculty:** EVRG members and  
Dr. Stefano Benussi (local faculty)

#### 4. Challenging Mitral and Aortic Repairs

- Selected Complex Cases

**Date:** 2-3 October 2008

**Faculty:** EVRG members and  
Dr. Lucia Torracca (local faculty)

### Advanced Course on Heart Valve Repair Mitral and Aortic Repair

**Location:** Universitätskliniken des  
Saarlandes, Homburg Saar, Germany



**Course director:** Prof. Hans-Joachim Schäfers

**Date:** 27-28 November 2008

**Faculty:** EVRG members and local faculty.

**Number of participants:** max. 15

A 2-day interactive course for a small group. The format of the course includes moderated live surgery of different pathologies of the aortic and mitral valve and state-of-the-art presentations and didactic lectures.

#### Target audience and objectives:

The Homburg course is targeted to senior cardiovascular surgeons with special interest in new technologies of mitral and aortic valve repair.

The course is intended to extend the participants' knowledge of valve repair beyond the 'fundamentals'.

Sessions with limited number of participants, with a maximum of interactivity between course participants and faculty.

### Mitral Valve Repair Workshop Minimal Invasive Techniques

**Location:** Hôpital Cardio-Vasculaire  
Louis Pradel, Lyon, France



**Course director:** Prof. Jean-François Obadia

**Dates:** 14-15 January 2008

17-18 March 2008

19-20 May 2008

17-18 November 2008

**Faculty:** EVRG members and local faculty.

**Number of participants:** max. 6

A 2-day interactive program around the surgical aspects of video-assisted valve surgery. Major focus of the course is on life cases in the operating theatre and a practical hands-on session on cadavers.

#### Target audience and objectives:

The Lyon workshops are intended for surgeons interested to specialize in the minimal invasive approach of mitral valve repair. The format of the course is designed to introduce surgeons to innovative video-assisted approaches in this complex and often challenging setting.