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I'm a cardiologist, specialized in the field of echocardiography. I've been working in the Cardiology Department of the University Hospital of Nancy since my thesis in 1987.

Echocardiography allows to investigate quite a lot of themes in Cardiology, and I progressively became specialized in the fields of cardiopulmonary unit, cardiomyopathies and heart failure, and heart valves.

I'm a member of the French and European Societies of Cardiology and of their working groups on echocardiography and valvular diseases. I'm head of the echo lab of our University Hospital, where around 15 000 echos are performed each year. I'm responsible of the Endocarditis Team of our hospital.

My interest for endocarditis dates from the year 1990 when I participated as an active member to the first French population based epidemiologic study. Since that period, I belong to the French Association for the study and the prevention of IE (AEPEI Association pour l'Etude et la Prevention de l'Endocardite Infectieuse) and I'm its secretary since a very long time! Together with Pr Bruno Hoen as president of this association and with the multidisciplinary team of its members, we've conducted two other population based surveys (1999, 2008) allowing us to analyse the evolution of IE in France. We've created the French observatory on IE, a large registry gathering more than 4000 cases from 12 centers, which allowed us to publish many studies on IE. We also participated to other international registries (ICE, EuroEndo).

I've been participating to ISCVID symposia since Yverdon. These meetings represent a fantastic opportunity to meet and discuss with all the "great names" of IE. I was part of the organizing committee of the Chamonix meeting, in 2003. I'm now vice president of the ISCVID board and happy to help and contribute to the development of this society and to the research about this amazing disease that is endocarditis.