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Perfusion is certainly key to many procedures in the field of thoracic and cardio-vascular surgery and, therefore, it comes as no surprise that perfusion also plays a prominent role in ICVTS. A quick look at the table of contents of ICVTS (search term «CPB» in «2010» as per February 15) brings up 37 references for the first six weeks of the year out of which the most recent ones include topics like perfusion temperature [1], optimal hemoglobin levels during perfusion [2], closed perfusion systems [3], myocardial protection strategies [4, 5], anticoagulation strategies for perfusion [6, 7], fetal protection during perfusion [8], cannulation techniques for perfusion [9], and hemoglobinopathies in perfusion [10] etc.

There can be no doubt, that perfusion is evolving constantly and therefore, additional expertise in the field of perfusion is of prime importance for the communication on its development:

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- ICVTS invites submissions related to perfusion

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