



## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION HEART FAILURE ASSOCIATION (HFA)**

### **HFA Mission Statement:**

“To improve quality of life and longevity, through better prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart failure, including the establishment of networks for its management, education and research”.

### **Aims & Activities:**

The Heart Failure Association of the ESC was founded to create a broad platform where individuals interested and actively involved in managing the growing burden of heart failure can interact, network and participate in our numerous initiatives and activities. The HFA activities have expanded through various HFA Committees.

### **Membership:**

- The HFA represents over 2,830 health professionals across Europe with a special interest in heart Failure.
- HFA Membership is free of charge

### **The HFA Board:**

President: Prof. J. McMurray (GB)

President-Elect: Prof. P. Ponikowski, FESC (PL)

### **Committees:**

Committee on Acute Heart Failure | Committee on Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction | Committee on External Affairs | Committee on Heart Failure Surveys and Registries | Committee on National Societies | Committee on Translational Research | Committee HFA-Industry | Committee on Education | Committee on Patient Care | The HFA Winter Meeting Organization Committee

### **Study Groups:**

Study Group on Advanced Heart Failure | New Study Group on Peripartum Cardiomyopathy | Proposal for a Study Group on Exercise Rehabilitation in Heart Failure.

### **HFA Research Fellowships:**

The HFA is offering two Research Fellowships to be allocated for two years (each 25,000 Euros/year) to young cardiologists who wish to acquire basic or clinical research experience of high quality.

### **HFA/EHRA CRT Survey:**

The European CRT survey represents a joint initiative between two ESC associations; the Heart Failure Association and the European Heart Rhythm Association. The survey will be performed in collaboration with The Institut für Herzinfarktforschung in Ludwigshafen which will handle the data collection and data analysis.

The website [www.CRT-Survey.org](http://www.CRT-Survey.org) provides an overview of the Survey with the necessary documents. The Survey “in progress” button is updated every Friday.

**Heart Failure Matters:**

[www.heartfailurematters.org](http://www.heartfailurematters.org) is a dedicated website to accompany and educate heart failure patients and their carers. This website is designed to increase awareness of the importance of proper detection and management of heart failure in understandable lay terms and an innovative, user-friendly format. The website was launched in English and German; the French version will be launched at the HF Congress 2009 in Nice, and the Spanish version will be launched at the ESC Congress 2009 in Barcelona.

**Congresses & Meetings:**

Next Heart Failure Congress:

HF 2010 Berlin, 29 May – 1 June, 2010

Next Winter Research Meeting:

27-30 January 2010, Les Diablerets, Switzerland

**Educational Courses** are organised by the HFA. Biomarkers in Heart Failure course is planned from 3 May to 5 May.

**Journal:**

The European Journal of Heart Failure is the official journal of the HFA with 12 issues per year. Its impact factor is 2.986

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