

# **ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC REPORT 2001 - 2002**

## **ESC WORKING GROUP ON ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY (#7)**

The 2001-2002 annual report will focus on the 7 current core areas of WGE activities: Aims of the WGE; Membership; Financial Status; the ESC Annual Congress; Euroecho 5 and 6; ETP courses and the European Journal of Echocardiography.

### **Aims of the ESC Working Group on Echocardiography**

These are in line with the stated aims of all ESC WGs. A new development will be the development of a Programme for European Accreditation in Echocardiography.

### **Current WGE Nucleus Membership (as of 31<sup>st</sup>.August 2002)**

Chairman – Prof G Sutherland (Leuven)

Chairman Elect – Dr F Pinto (Lisbon)

Secretary – Prof G. Derumeaux (Rouen)

Treasurer – Prof A Cohen (Paris)

Chairman - Educational Sub Committee – Dr F Flaschkampf (Erlangen)

Member – Educational Sub Committee – Dr M Campana (Gussago)

Member – Educational Sub Committee – Dr M Pepi (Milan)

Chairman – Research and Scientific Sub Committee – Dr G Athanassopoulos (Athens)

Member – Research and Scientific Sub Committee – Dr J Zamorano (Madrid)

Member – Research and Scientific Sub Committee – Dr H von Bibra (Stockholm)

Prof. Sutherland will stand down as WG Echo Chairman during the ESC Annual Congress in Berlin and an election will take place for the new Vice Chairman.

### **WGE Membership**

The WGE membership was 1045 at the end of the year 2000. This represented an increase of 177 since December 1999. During 2001 the membership has further increased by 276 to 1321 (as at 09/08/01). During 2001-2002 the WGE membership increased by 86. The WGE membership as of 19/08/02 was 1407.

### **Educational Activities**

### **ESC –Berlin - Sept 2002:**

The WGE has been allotted 5 sessions at the Berlin meeting in which WGE is the sole organizer ; in addition the WGE is defined to be a joint organizer of 4 combined sessions held jointly with other Working Groups ( in which WGE is not the main organizer) and has been defined to be either the sole organizer / involved in organizing 5 Focus sessions and 4 other sessions This represents a significant fall in the number of WGE sessions compared to previous years despite a significant increase in WG Membership.

### **Euroecho 5 – Nice 5-8 Dec 2001**

The annual Euroecho meeting was held in Nice. There were a total of 1009 registered participants, a fall of almost 200 participants compared to Euroecho 4 in Lisbon. This fall in numbers was due to the combined effects of Sept 11 and a French air traffic control strike which occurred during the meeting. Despite this the meeting was an academic success!

### **Euroecho 6 – Munich December 4-7 December 2002.**

This year, Euroecho 6 will be held in Munich in collaboration with the WG on Echocardiography of the German Society of Cardiology. Other groups holding joint sessions during the meeting include the European Association of Cardiothoracic Anaesthetists and the ESC WGs on Valvular Heart Disease; GUCH; Cardiac Magnetic Resonance; Myocardial Function and Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases. Some 1200-1500 attendees are expected.

### **ETP Courses 2000-01**

During the year, two ETP courses were organized by WGE; one on Contrast Echocardiography, (held at the Heart House with some 60 attendees) and a second Teaching Course on Transoesophageal Echocardiography held in Florence (with over 200 attendees). Both were considered a success.

### **The European Journal of Echocardiography**

The first full volume of the new Journal of the Working Group on Echocardiography ( published by Harcourt) was available in March 2000. Initially, 4 issues were planned per year and this number will remain the same in 2002/03. The current total number of subscribers to EJE is 1052.

The total number of manuscripts submitted over the past 3 years is 344.

1st year: 123

2nd year: 106

3rd year: 116.

The current acceptance rate is: 28%

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