



HEART FAILURE ASSOCIATION OF THE ESC



Annual Report 2006-2007

During 2006-2007, the Heart Failure Association of the ESC has been growing with over 2,120 members, and has expanded its activities through various HFA Committees and Study Groups.

The HFA offers Research Fellowships for the period 2007-2008 to young cardiologists who wish to acquire basic or clinical research experience of high quality. The Association also offered 18 Travel Grants to young 2007 congress participants.

The HFA has explored new initiatives:

- An attractive, user-friendly heart failure patient website www.heartfailurematters.org is being developed that should represent an extremely useful tool for all health professionals involved in the management of patients with heart failure. This patient website will be launched in Vienna at the ESC Congress 2007.
- We are cooperating with EHRA, EAE and the Euro Heart Survey programme in creating a large European CRT registry that should provide essential information about everyday clinical practice, experience and outcomes in device therapy.
- The Committee on Translational Research has been established in order to more efficiently integrate basic science in the Heart Failure Association.
- The HF nursing curriculum, developed by the Committee on HF Management Programmes and accredited by the EBSC, is currently being implemented in 4 countries.
- Four Educational courses have been organised at the European Heart House during 2007: Acute HF, Chronic HF, HF Management Programme and the Management of HF in Primary Care.
- The Consensus Statement on Advanced Heart Failure has now in press in the European Journal of Heart Failure. The Consensus Statement on Diastolic Dysfunction is now in press in the European Heart Journal.

The HFA website continues to evolve. A number of innovations, such as a new interview each month with a chair from one of the National HF Societies/Working Groups have made the website more attractive and user friendly.

- The Heart Failure 2007 congress was held in Hamburg on June 09-12, 2007. 1,042 abstracts were submitted, 50% accepted, and the congress attracted more than 3,100 participants, with 57 scientific sessions, 4 poster sessions and 6 Moderated Poster sessions.
- In January 2007, the HFA Winter Research meeting was held for the second time in Garmisch-Partenkirchen with great success, and it will take place there again in January 2008.
- In April, the HFA of the ESC organised a comprehensive course on HF in Dubai with over 500 participants from 7 countries from the Middle East.

The financial status of the HFA remains strong and we have a well developed, comprehensive business plan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Dickstein".

Kenneth Dickstein
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