

Annual Report 2006-2007

Report of the ESC Working Group ‘Hypertension and the Heart’

Nucleus:

Chairman: R. Fagard (BE); Vice-chairman: S. Erdine (TR); Past chairman: G. Grassi (IT)

Members: E. Agabiti-Rosei (IT); G. Lip (UK); D. Clement (BE); G. Mancia (IT); A. Manolis (GR); G. Parati (IT); A. Zanchetti (IT).

Members: 129.

The following activities were developed in the last year:

- Participation in the Task Force for the Management of Arterial Hypertension of the European Society of Hypertension and of the European Society of Cardiology, which took care of the 2007 Guidelines for the Management of Arterial Hypertension. (*Journal of Hypertension* 2007; 25:1105-1187; 2007; 25: 1751-1762; *European Heart Journal* 2007; 28: 1462-1536; *ESC Pocket Guidelines*)

- Organisation of a session, together with the European Society of Hypertension and the European Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation at the 2007 EuroPrevent meeting, Madrid, 19-21/4/2007. The session was entitled: ‘Prognosis and management of hypertension’ with WG speakers G. Grassi and R. Fagard, and S. Kjeldsen, president of the European Society of Hypertension.

- Participation in the guidelines session at the 17th European Meeting on Hypertension, Milan, 15-19/06/2007, chaired by the WG chairman.

- Participation in the 1st International Congress on Hypertension and Cardiovascular Prevention, Rhodos, 28/06-01/07/2007, of which the WG was a cosponsor.

- Contribution to sessions on hypertension in the ESC meeting, Vienna, 01-05/09/2007. Altogether there were 10 preprogrammed sessions on hypertension (2 symposia; 2 debates; and 1 clinical seminar; 1 basic science track; 1 featured research session; 1 FOCUS session; 1 meet the experts session, and 1 EBAC program), and a number of abstract and poster presentations.

- Participation of the WG in the newly created ‘ESC Council for Primary Cardiovascular Care’, together with the heart failure association, the council on cardiology practice, the council for nurses and allied professions, and the association for cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation; the council is chaired by Prof. Hobbs from Manchester, UK.

- The chairman of the WG is ex-officio member of the council of the European Society of Hypertension, and participated in council meetings and the yearly ESH educational activities meeting, contributing to the activities of the European Society of Hypertension, with which the WG has a straight collaboration from its inception.

Current future plans are:

- Participation in the meeting of the Hellenic Society of Cardiology, Athens, 08/09/2008.
- Organisation of a main session on hypertension, together with the European Society of Hypertension and the European Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation, at the 2008 EuroPrevent meeting, Paris, 1-4 May 2008. In addition, the WG chairman will be involved in a 'Meet the expert' session.
- Organisation of a session at the joint meeting of the European Society of Hypertension and the International Society of Hypertension, Berlin, 14-19 June 2008.
- Organisation of scientific sessions at the ESC meeting in Munich, 30/8-03/09/2008.

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