

# **Annual Scientific Report of the Working Group 5 “Nuclear Cardiology” of the European Society of Cardiology**

## **1. Membership**

In July 2006, the number of members was 379.

## **2. New Nucleus members**

In 2005, 1 new member joined the nucleus and 1 member stepped down from the nucleus and joined our senate, which serves as an advisory board to the nucleus.

In 2006, one new member will join the nucleus, this will be established at the annual ESC meeting in Barcelona.

## **3. Finances**

The current budget of the WG5 is euro 204.072,90

## **4. European Council of Nuclear Cardiology**

In 2004, the European Council of Nuclear Cardiology was initiated. This organization consists of 6 nucleus members of the ESC Working Group on Nuclear Cardiology and 6 members of the Cardiovascular Committee of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine. The main task of the ECNC is to improve and support collaboration between Cardiologists and Nuclear Medicine physicians.

In 2006, the ECNC supported publication of a survey in the use of nuclear cardiology procedures in Europe (EJNM 2006, August).

A second achievement was the International exam on Nuclear Cardiology. The second exam was held in 2005 and the next is scheduled for 2006. The exam can be taken voluntarily by Cardiologists, Radiologists and Nuclear Medicine physicians; once successfully passed, the participants receive a diploma of “Nuclear Cardiologist”. Due to the complex legal aspects of Nuclear Cardiology in Europe, this exam will not have any legal value.

## **5. Presence at the European Congress of Cardiology**

In 2006, the Working Group was involved in 5 symposia at the annual meeting of ESC, and 2 abstracts sessions with oral presentations and 5 poster sessions were dedicated to Nuclear Cardiology.

## **6. ICNC8 in Prague, Czech Republic**

The joint venture among our Working Group, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and the European Association of Nuclear Medicine is preparing the 8 ICNC (International Conference of Nuclear Cardiology) meeting; this 8<sup>th</sup> ICNC meeting will take place in May, 2007. The ICNC meeting provides an update for cardiologists interested in cardiac imaging, with an emphasis on nuclear cardiology. This meeting also included collaborative sessions with other imaging working groups (CMR, echocardiography). Ten young investigators (presenting original scientific work at ICNC8) will again be selected to receive a travel grant to attend the meeting; these travel grants will be sponsored by the Working Group on Nuclear Cardiology.

## **7. Meetings of the Working group**

Meetings of the Working Group are organized every other year. In 2006, WG5 will hold the traditional “brainstorming” meeting in Crete, Greece. The scientific program is completed; 50 Working Group members will attend.