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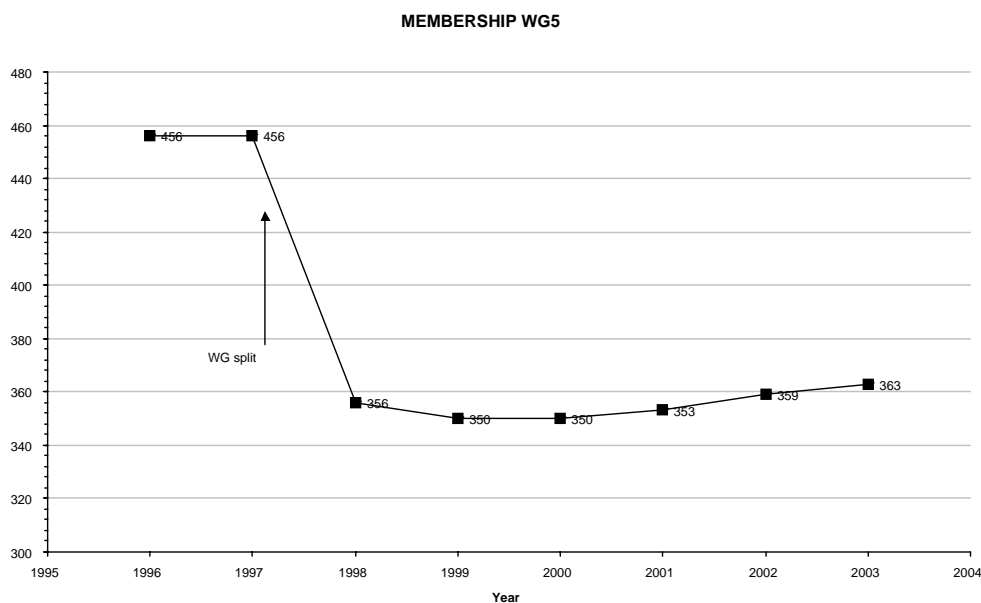
ESC WORKING GROUP ON NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY (#5)

1. New members

Since January 2002, a total of 10 new members joined our Working Group. This number documents the vitality of our activity, although it also implies the need for further work to increase the interaction between the WG members.

2. New Nucleus members

In year 2002, the WG5 began the renewal of the nucleus in order to satisfy the constitution requirements. Two new members entered the nucleus in 2002, and two new members will join in 2003. Elections will be held during the ESC Congress in Vienna. All WG members have been invited to vote, no proxies will be allowed. Election results should be available and declared at the WG business meeting during the Congress. The renewal of the nucleus implied the set up of a “WG senate” made by the nucleus members who completed their appointment. The trend of WG membership is shown in the following panel.



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indicated by the arrow, in the year 1997, there was the split of WG5 into 2 new groups: “Nuclear Cardiology” and “Magnetic Resonance Imaging”.

3. European Council of Nuclear Cardiology

A major effort has been put forward to begin the activities of the European Council of Nuclear Cardiology. This is body joining six representatives of our Nucleus and 6 delegates of the Cardiovascular Committee of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine. Task of the ECNC will be to improve the operational standards in Nuclear Cardiology, leading, in the short term, to the compilation of Guidelines documents and to an exam. The exam will be performed by

voluntary candidates and will provide the access to a diploma of “nuclear Cardiologist”. Obviously, due to the complex legal aspects of our work in Europe, this will not have any legal value.

Both tasks are in progress. A first document on guidelines is almost completed. Regarding the exam, two members (dr. Sochor and dr. Bengel) already contacted the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and verified the possibility to set up a common test, adapted to the needs of European nuclear cardiologists. This route was selected because the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology has already an important experience in this field and a co-operation with these structures might help to obtain an exam of high standards. At the moment, the work in progress seems to indicate that first exam might be available in Europe in 2004. The site and date of the event need to be decided.

4. Report on ICNC6 Florence and planning ICNC7 in Lisbon

The Joint venture among our Working Group, the American Society of Cardiology and the European Association of Nuclear Medicine was behind the last International Conference in Nuclear Cardiology, that was held in Florence last summer. Despite the complex international situation, the meeting was a success and profit was reached. The three parent structure decided to plan a new ICNC 7 to be held in Lisbon in 2005. For secretarial and logistic assistance the ESC Congress department was chosen confirming the success of previous co-operations.

5. Presence at the European Congress of Cardiology

In year 2002, we had 3 pre-arranged sessions, 2 sessions of oral presentation of abstracts and 4 sessions for poster presentations. Complete data are not yet available for the year 2003, however, we already know that in this year we Nuclear Cardiology will be discussed in 5 symposia involving WG members.

6. Meetings of the Working group

In year 2002, the WG5 held the traditional “brainstorming “ meeting in Camogli. The meeting was a success and attended by more than 40 WG members. For Year 2003, the WG plans to come back to the old tradition and elects again Kitzbuehel for Congress venue in dates ranging from second half of March to first half of April.

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