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Identification

Working Group on: **Peripheral Circulation**

Nucleus Composition

(Precise name, surname and country)

Chairperson	Marianne Brodmann, Austria
Vice-chairperson	Marco De Carlo, Italy
Past chairperson	Charalambos Vlachopoulos, Greece
Treasurer	Victor Aboyans, France
Secretary	Victor Aboyans, France
Nucleus Members	1- Damiano Rizzoni, Italy
	2- Reuven Zimlichman, Israel
	3- Christine Espinola-Klein, Germany
	4- Ignatios Ikonomidis, Greece
	5- Lucia Mazzolai, Switzerland
	6- Eugenio Stabile, Italy
Specific Committees	NONE
EX-OFFICIO NUCLEUS MEMBERS	John Lekakis, Greece
.....	Augusto F. Gallino, Switzerland
.....	Francesco Cosentino, Italy

Elections in 2015

NONE

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Activities of the Working Group in 2015

Meetings

WG Annual Meeting: has taken place at the ESC Congress in London
13 participants (nucleus) and around 30 members from the WG for
the general assembly
Endorsed Meeting(s): none
Education programme(s) – Training, Courses & Grants: none

Papers & Guidelines

Publications & Scientific Papers submitted by the WG, not by individuals

Position Paper

Published

The role of vascular biomarkers for primary and secondary prevention. A position paper from the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on peripheral circulation: Endorsed by the Association for Research into Arterial Structure and Physiology (ARTERY) Society. Leading Author : Charalambos Vlachopoulos

In Progress

"Diagnosis and management of acute deep vein thrombosis. A consensus document from the ESC working groups of Peripheral Circulation and Pulmonary Circulation and Right Ventricular Function
Leading Author : Lucia Mazzolai

"Biomarkers in Hypertension" by the WG on peripheral circulation and the ESC Council on Hypertension
Leading Author : Charalambos Vlachopoulos

Guidelines participation (writing or reviewing):

ESC Guidelines on Peripheral Arterial Disease
Chairperson Victor Aboyans France (WG on Peripheral Circulation) together the ESVS

Sessions

(For sessions, please precise titles and accepted/rejected status)

This is a special issue I want to address:

Our WG got the information from the responsible coordinator Marco Valgimigli that we are not allowed to have more than 2 sessions within the ESC congress for 2016. I will attach the how to say somewhat awesome conversation about this matter. We were encouraged to "feel and think" like cardiologists and give peripheral circulation the correct "place".

After Victor Aboyans and myself responded in a more reaching out manner we got the option to share a session with the stroke people.

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What are your perspectives for the next 2 years

List your future projects / business plan

From the experiences we had throughout this year and especially with this year's proposal process for the upcoming ESC congress in Rome

We want to the merge with the aortic people and have started this process (letters have been sent to the responsible people). This is the main issue for our WG, we need visibility and strength to be a respected member /WG of the ESC. So far with the experience of visibility which has been offered to us mainly this year we think that is necessary. It is really a shame to see how ESC is responding to peripheral circulation in contrast to the AHA. There peripheral circulation has its own track throughout all the specific congresses. As I'm very much involved with US interventional cardiologists and as I'm in the faculty of some of those congresses, I would advise to look over the ocean.

Provide us a SWOT analysis of your Working Group

Strength

Enthusiastic members, a specialty which is growing due to the development of the population's health development (people at older age will get PAD!!!)

Weakness

Not visible enough, seen and taken as not equal to other cardiac subspecialties

Opportunity

Could be a very outstanding and important/relevant future part of the ESC

Threaten

Being the last in the line! Just because is not regarded as an issue of ESC