



European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Myocardial & Pericardial Diseases

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Getting Started: The Message of the Chairman

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Dear Friends,

At the last General Assembly of our working group during the ESC meeting in Vienna, we announced principles of enhanced involvement of the members in the decision making process and activities of the working group. Following this meeting, the working group had the following major activities:

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Working Group in Marburg, organized by Prof Bernhard Maisch, between 11-14.10.2007, entitled "European Conference on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases with Additional Focus on Heart Disease in Women". This was an outstandingly successful meeting both because of the warm welcome we received from the organizers and the representatives of Marburg University, the exceptionally high scientific level and for the very friendly social aspect of the meeting for which Ms Inge Maisch was directly responsible. I would like to use this opportunity to thank again Prof Maisch, Prof Pankuweit and their collaborators for organizing the 2007 meeting of the Working Group.

The nucleus meeting of 12.10.2007. The discussions we had and the proposals received during the general assembly in Vienna were discussed and approved at the Nucleus meeting. They dealt with the Nucleus membership and election process, proposal for the position of "Associate Nucleus Member", election of Treasurer, rules of organizing future meetings, etc... **See the report** in <http://www.escardio.org/bodies/WG/wg21/> (Report section)

The election of new nucleus members in 2007. This was the first time we had elections using the website. This process was successfully coordinated by Celine Serio of the ESC team. We wish to thank Celine and the ESC team for their unrelenting support of our activities. The two new nucleus members elected by the general membership were Dr Tiina Helio from Helsinki, Finland and Dr Arsen Ristic from Belgrade, Serbia. We congratulate the new members of the Nucleus and thank all the members who participated in the electronic election process. We use this opportunity to thank again Prof Petar Seferovic from Serbia and Prof Bert Andersson from Sweden for their support and important contributions to the activities of our Nucleus and Working Group.

"I call for increased involvement and participation of our members in the everyday scientific and educational life of our working group, in development of joint scientific clinical and basic science research projects, active participation in or establishment of new fields on the website, organization of meetings, seminars and teaching courses and promotion of new ideas which you can coordinate as Associate Nucleus Members in the frame of our working group. Please contact me (using my email: andre.k@cc.huji.ac.il) or please contact other Nucleus Members responsible for specific activities of the Working Group, as published on our website".

2008 meetings of the Working Group. During 2008 the Working Group will have 2 meetings:

- The first will be a **"Workshop on Inherited Cardiomyopathies" organized by Prof Eloisa Arbustini between April 4-5, 2008 in Camogli, Italy. Only invited experts will participate at this meeting.** This conference will specifically address ways of improving the clinical translation of the great advances achieved in basic molecular and genetic research of cardiomyopathies.
- The second will be **the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Working Group. It will be organized by Prof Franco Cecchi in Florence between May 22-24 and will be entitled "Florence International Course on Advances in Cardiomyopathies. The 5th Meeting of the Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases Working Group of the ESC".** Please use the opportunity of enrolling for this important meeting now, using the information provided on our website

Approval by the ESC of the "Affiliate Nucleus Member" position.

At the recent meeting of the ESC Board Members with the Chairmen/Vice chairmen of the Working Groups (Nice, March 6, 2008), our proposal of establishing the above position was unanimously supported. This position will be accorded by decision of the Nucleus to members willing to participate or coordinate activities which will be identified as being of particular interest for our Working Group.

Accomplishments as "Affiliate Nucleus Members" will be taken into account during the future short listing process of candidates for the Nucleus and will be also summarized by the Chairman of the WG at the time of presentation of the candidates to the general membership for future elections of Nucleus members



Sincerely,

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WHO ARE WE ?

OUR WG NUCLEUS MEMBERS:

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