

Activity Report

ESC COUNCIL ON VALVULAR HEART DISEASE
FISCAL YEAR 2021 (APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021)

Chairperson's Introduction



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*Chairperson of the Council on
Valvular Heart Disease
2019-2022*

I am pleased to present the 2021 activity report of the ESC Council on Valvular Heart Disease. Despite this very unusual context, the Board has kept up with the development of projects to promote education in the screening, diagnosis and treatment of Valvular Heart Disease. Our wish remains to gradually create an accreditation process in connection with the ESC Core Curriculum. In this context, we have published the Heart Valve Specialists Core Syllabus.

Our membership is growing with more than 2300 members. We have identified 20 national ambassadors. Our ambition is to have an ambassador for each country whose role is to connect all of the colleagues dedicated to the care of valvular pathologies.

Our group has also participated in the writing or reviewing of many consensus documents and is actively part of the new ESC guidelines being developed on valvular diseases.

As Chairperson of the Council, I would like to thank all the members of the nucleus for the work done during these last months.

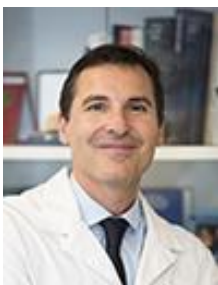
Let's take advantage of the ESC Council on Valvular Heart Disease!

Highlights from 2020-2021

- ➔ Membership grown to over **2,300 members** from multiple disciplines.
- ➔ Contributed to **scientific documents**.
- ➔ Further developed a network of **National Ambassadors** of the Council

Council on Valvular Heart Disease Nucleus

2020-2022



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Membership

As of March 2021, the Council on Valvular Heart Disease had over 2,300 members. The Council continues to reach out to members via a quarterly e-newsletter and a member directory.

In 2020-2021 the Council has encouraged members to act as 'National Ambassadors' to disseminate the mission and activities of the Council.

In order to share relevant news with a wider audience of healthcare professionals, the Council has launched the [ESC Council on Valvular Heart Disease LinkedIn Group](#).

Education

Scientific Documents

The Council is currently developing a position statement on Blood Biomarkers in Valvular Heart Disease. The Council has also been involved in developing Consensus Documents and Position Papers in collaboration with other ESC Constituent Bodies.

- [Management of antithrombotic therapy in patients undergoing transcatheter aortic valve implantation: a consensus document of the ESC Working Group on Thrombosis and the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions \(EAPCI\), in collaboration with the ESC Council on Valvular Heart Disease](#)

Congresses

The Council was involved with the development of the ESC Congress 2020 scientific programme for sessions on valvular heart disease.

Research

In 2020-2021 the Council carried out a survey to record the differences in clinical practice when dealing with valvular heart disease patients. Over 500 responses were received, and the results will be presented in an upcoming paper.