

2020

Activity Report

ESC COUNCIL ON VALVULAR HEART DISEASE
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Chairperson's Introduction



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

I am pleased to present the 2019 activity report of the ESC Council on Valvular Heart Disease. Although our Board is still very young, several projects have been initiated. Our wish is to gradually create an accreditation process in connection with the new ongoing ESC Core Curriculum. In this context, we have just completed the Heart Valve Specialists Core Syllabus.

Our membership is growing with more than 1,750 members. We have identified 17 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.

The EuroValve congress endorsed by the council will take place in October 2020 in Liège, if the COVID crisis allows.

In the meantime, there are many virtual sessions organised for this year's ESC Congress. We invite you to register.

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 2019-2020

- ➔ Membership grown to over **1,700 members** from multiple disciplines.
- ➔ Published a **Heart Valve Specialist Core Syllabus**
- ➔ Developed a network of **17 National Ambassadors** of the Council

Council on Valvular Heart Disease Nucleus 2019-2020



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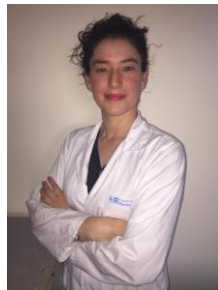
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Membership

As of March 2020, the Council on Valvular Heart Disease had 1,750 members. The Council continues to reach out to members via a quarterly e-newsletter and a member's directory.

Through close ties with the EuroValve Congress, the Council was able to offer reduced registration fees to its members for the 2019 and 2020 EuroValve Congresses.

In 2019-2020 the Council has encouraged members to act as 'National Ambassadors' to disseminate the mission and activities of the Council.

Education

In 2019-2020 the Council has continued to participate in the development of ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines as reviewers and/or writers, such as the 2021 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure.

In 2020, the Council developed a [Heart Valve Specialist Core Syllabus](#).



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In 2019, the Council joined the Quality of Care section of the ESC Council on Standards of Education and Accreditation

Since 2019, several Council Nucleus members serve as Reviewers in the Valvular Heart Disease Clinical Case Gallery.

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.

Congresses

The Council continued to be involved with the development of the ESC Congress 2019 scientific programme for sessions on valvular heart disease.

Research

Two members of the Council Nucleus are on the Executive Committee of the [European Infective Endocarditis Registry Registry](#).