This year, sustained efforts have allowed to consolidate the structure of the association and to contribute in fulfilling the EACPR mission “to promote excellence in research, practice, education and policy in cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation in Europe”.

**Structure**
The Board includes an Executive Committee, the six sections’ Chairs (epidemiology and public health, prevention and health policy, cardiac rehabilitation, sports cardiology, exercise physiology and basic science), the four committees’ Chairs (scientific guidelines, education & accreditation and website) and the ESC support team. The EACPR serves 1,394 members from 69 countries. It has set its vision and goals and is well structured to translate them into actions.

**Congress**
The EACPR has contributed scientifically to the World Congress of Cardiology in Barcelona. EuroPrevent 2007 in Madrid offered a good scientific programme with state-of-the-art lectures by leading experts, with over 350 abstracts in oral sessions and poster presentations, and with several awards including the Geoffrey Rose Prize for young scientists.

**Networks**
The EACPR acts as the implementation body of the ESC for the 4th JTF Guidelines on CVD Prevention and is part of the Joint Prevention Committee. The Association is partnering with its US counterparts, the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR).

**On-going projects**
The Association is engaged in broad scientific activities. Its flagship is the European Journal of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation. It is also involved in on-going projects such as EuroAction, EuroAspire III, HRQol study, HeartScore and the ESC Heart Plan for Europe initiative.

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