

# Annual Report ESC Working Group Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance

## Nucleus:

Chairman: Juerg Schwitter, MD  
Vice-chairman: Massimo Lombardi, MD  
Past chairman: Peter Buser, MD  
Treasurer: Herbert Frank, MD

### Committees:

Web and Communication Committee Chair:  
H. Mahrholdt, MD, PhD

Education Committee Chair:  
Sophie Mavrogeni, MD

### Study Groups:

Flow Study Group Chair:  
Philip Kilner, MD

Congenital Heart Disease Study Group Chair:  
E. Valsangiacomo, MD

### Nucleus Members:

Ana Almeida, MD, PhD  
Jerôme Garot, MD, PhD  
Eike Nagel, MD, PhD  
Jeanette Schulz-Menger, MD

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**Membership: 427**, currently largest WG of ESC

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## **VOTE:**

*(Elections during 2008)*

**Chair / organisation committee:** Peter Buser, Past-Chairman  
Place: via email among the WG members

Positions to be occupied: 2 Nucleus Member Positions

Names of Candidates: Francisco Alpendurada (UK)  
Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci (It)  
Thorsten Dill (Ger)  
Marco Gotte (NL)  
Matthias Gutberlet (Ger)  
Raad Mohiaddin (UK)  
Luigi Natale (It)  
Sven Plein (UK)  
Guenter Pilz (Ger)  
Burkhard Sievers (Ger)  
Marc Sirol (Fr)  
Holger Thiele (Ger)

Number of voting delegates (WG members): 427

Number of registered participants (votes): 106 participants, 212 votes

### **Results – elected:**

- Raad Mohiaddin, MD, UK
- Sven Plein, MD, UK

## **Activities**

### **WG Annual Scientific Meeting:**

Name: **EuroCMR Meeting**

Chair / organisation committee: A. Almeida, M. Lombardi, J. Schwitter

N° of participants: ~190

N° of exhibitors: 9 (one with interactive cases on workstations)

Revenue: to be determined

### **WG Annual Strategic Meeting:**

Name: **EuroCMR Strategic Meeting** (see also minutes of meeting)

Chair / organisation committee: J. Schwitter

N° of participants: ~15 (Nucleus Members, representatives from industry)

Venue: Zurich, CH

## Endorsed Meetings:

- **Meeting 1:**  
Name: **Clinical Update: Cardiac MRI and CT, Cannes**  
Chair / organisation committee: H. Frank and U. Hofmann  
N° of participants: 168  
N° of exhibitors: 4
  
- **Meeting 2:**  
Name: **Workshop on CMR, Athens**  
Chair / organisation committee: S. Mavrogeni  
N° of participants: 110  
N° of exhibitors: 5  
Revenue: Just covered the expenses
  
- **Meeting 3:**  
Name: **First advanced cardiac imaging course for the interventional cardiologist, London**  
Chair / organisation committee: D. Locca, A. Mathur, M. T. Rothman  
To be hold on Nov. 10, 2008

## Education programme(s)

- **Courses:**  
Name: **Basic CMR Course** during the EuroEcho Meeting 2007  
Chair / organisation committee: J. Schwitter, M. Lombardi  
N° of participants: ~50  
N° of exhibitors and Revenue: (see EAE Annual Report)
  
- **Fellowship Program / Grants:**  
2 Fellows are trained in CMR at selected sites in Europe.

## Publications / Guidelines / Scientific Papers

- **The WG EuroCMR is not officially affiliated to a Journal.**  
Preferred Journal (next to EHJ): Journal of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (JCMR), the official Journal of the Society of Cardiovascular MR.  
**Editorial Board Member of JCMR:** J. Schwitter, MD (Chair WG EuroCMR)

- **Position Paper / Consensus Document**

Title: **Magnetic resonance imaging in individuals with cardiovascular implantable electronic devices**

Chair / organisation committee / authors: Ariel Roguin, Juerg Schwitter, Christian Vahlhaus, Massimo Lombardi, Josep Brugada, Panos Vardas, Angelo Auricchio, Silvia Priori, and Torsten Sommer

*Europace (2008) 10, 336–346*

**Task Force /Study Group Flow:**

Chair / organisation committee: Philip Kilner, MD

Topic: Assessment of system performances for measurements of velocity (phase-contrast technique) in a multi-center setting using solid stationary phantoms.

Preliminary results available. Study ongoing. Results to be presented at the next EuroCMR Meeting 2009 in Athens.

**European CMR Registry**

The WG “EuroCMR” is joining the German CMR registry to form the new “European CMR Registry”.

Pilot phase (Germany) with 6530 patients included successfully completed.

Topic: General “Demographics” of clinical CMR examinations in Europe

Sub-Registries: Prognostic Significance of Scar Tissue in Ischemic Heart Disease and in Hypertrophic CMP.

**Booklet “CMR-Update”**

Comprehensive overview on CMR applications and indications. Providing examples and CMR protocols. 15 Chapters covering the entire field of CMR, 19 co-authors. Provides the basis for common examination protocols and study interpretation.

Editor: J. Schwitter, MD

Launched at the ESC Meeting 2008 in Munich: very well received.

**Other:**

- **Education and Accreditation/EuroCMR Exam:**

Committee Chair / organisation committee in charge:

S. Mavrogeni. Committee members: A. Almeida, J. Schulz-Menger, S. Plein. B. Gerber

- **Web and Communication Committee:**

Chair / organisation committee in charge: H. Mahrholdt, MD

Members: J. Garot, M. Goette, A. Chiribiri.

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## Future projects:

- Continuing the European CMR Registry project
  - Accreditation process, Education (Levels I-III): work on progress: Edu-C
  - Continue to increase communication and visibility of the EuroCMR WG: Web&C-C
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## Finances:

For 2008, about 50'000.- Euros of confirmed sponsorship is still outstanding. With this sum collected, a balanced budget for 2008 is expected.

For 2009, negotiations with potential sponsors are ongoing, but no definite estimate is possible at this time. The next EuroCMR Meeting in Athens must achieve a balanced budget given the present sponsorship situation.

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Juerg Schwitter, MD, FESC

Chairman "EuroCMR" of the ESC

