

Breakout Session A

The Public Role of EHRA

Patient Association

- Presence of national Patient Associations
 - In all countries
- Specific for Arrhythmia Problems
 - Lacking in many countries
 - Some for ICD, GUCH, genetic
- Needed
 - National PTAs devoted to arrhythmia problems

Patient Association

- Present cooperation at national level between Pt Association and WG
 - Experience: time consuming
- Needed:
 - Create group of dedicated contact people within EHRA to PTAs
 - Presence at patient congresses of WGs
 - Raising awareness: reimbursement, new indications, implementation of guidelines
 - Provide web based support from EHRA / WG
 - Application forms for research funds
 - Promote list of research topics which EHRA thinks is important

EHRA for National WGs

- Create educational materials for patients
 - Translation at national level
 - Identify major topics relevant to pts
- EHRA web site for patients
 - Q&A
 - information on guidelines treatment options
- Press conference after
 - Major meeting
 - Scientific Initiatives
- Distribute list of specialized centres in arrhythmias