



European Heart Rhythm Association



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Less than two years after its creation, EHRA has become the recognised professional authority in cardiac arrhythmia in Europe. Over the last months 1,000 members have joined the Association. The varied activities and areas of interest of the Association's committees are described on the dedicated website www.escardio.org/EHRA.

The Association participates actively in the scientific programmes of the ESC, particularly Guidelines. There are also several parallel interests and important exchanges with the other sub-specialty Associations of the ESC, as well as with the Heart Rhythm Society of North America.

The Europace 2005 was held in Prague at the end of June and attracted over 3,400 attendees, including an important exhibition.

The first EHRA accreditation examinations in invasive cardiac electrophysiology and in cardiac pacing were held at the time of Europace. This reflects a major step forward for EHRA led by a small group of dedicated EHRA leaders.

The Europace Journal has achieved an impact factor of 1.176 and is flourishing, becoming a monthly issue soon.

The Executive Board of EHRA completed its initial term of office at the end of the General Assembly held in Prague. The new Executive Board was elected directly by members for a two year term and comprises: S. Priori (President), J. Brugada Terradellas (President-Elect and Chair of Scientific Committee), H. Crijns (Treasurer), P. Vardas (Secretary).

The previous Executive Board expresses its appreciation to all those members and supporters who have enabled EHRA to commence the realisation of its mission which remains to improve the quality of life of the European population by reducing the impact of cardiac arrhythmias.

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