



## **ESC annual meeting --Barcelona 2009 WG nucleus meeting and General Assembly minutes**

The WG Developmental Anatomy and Pathology nucleus and general assembly was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, at 12:30 at the Gran Fira convention centre in Barcelona.

The meeting was presented by the WG Chairman Diego Franco.

Diego displayed a presentation (see attached document) where the recent and future activities of the WG were presented. He updated on the WG input to the Barcelona 2009 annual meeting, with two symposia and four Cardiac Anatomy Live sessions, the WG nucleus and scientific meeting held in Malaga, March 2009, the WG contribution to the ESC Council of Basic Cardiovascular Sciences (CBCS) activities, such as the Summer School in Cardiovascular Biology (EHH, June 2009) and the future Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology meeting in Berlin, July 2010.

Subsequently, he exposed the WG nucleus meeting proposals, in terms of the upcoming WG meeting calendar, and the proposal to change the WG name, into "Heart Development: from genes to morphology", as well as the current financial status.

After his presentation, several issues were raised by WG members. Several WG members suggested that some money could be used to support fellowships for young WG investigators to participate in the upcoming Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology. The proposals were well-taken by all attendees.

Gaetano Thiene argued that the proposed WG name was not appropriate to his point of view and that an alternative name should be found. Annalisa Angelini argued that the way the WG nucleus proposed the new WG name was against the ESC rules as the full GA should have been consulted. In this respect, Yen Ho supported this point. Diego reported that the WG new name proposals was a contentious issue that was frequently discussed by email by the end of last year and in order to provide a proper discussion forum, a WG nucleus meeting was organized after finding a suitable date for all WG nucleus members, and inviting them accordingly on due time. Within this WG nucleus meeting, a thorough discussion was held and final decision was taken by a democratic votation, following in all cases the ESC rules, as reported on-site by the ESC WG representative, Celine Serio. The WG nucleus meeting minutes were sent to all WG members and posted at the WG web site and no objection was received since, except from an email from Robert Anderson. Thus, a formal letter was sent to the ESC Board supporting and requesting the WG change of name and currently we are waiting for a reply. Shoumo Bhattacharya, Thomas Brand and Robert Kelly supported the opinion and position held by the WG chairman, as WG nucleus members. Gaetano cordially suggested that he will kindly send a letter to the WG nucleus to provide a solution to this issue.

No further questions were issued and the meeting was closed at 14:00.

Diego Franco, Chairman of the ESC WG Developmental Anatomy and Pathology