

Annual Report 2008

Working Group on Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis

Nucleus: see homepage

Chairperson: Lale Tokgozoglu

Vice-chairperson: Rob Krams

Past chairperson: Gerard Pasterkamp

Treasurer:

Secretary: i.vanhouwelingen@umcutrecht.nl (secretary chairman)

Web editor: Ass. Prof. J. Herrmann

Nucleus Members: see webpage

Specific Committees:

Other (Senate...):

VOTE: voting for vice-chairman

Chair / organisation committee: WG pathogenesis of atherosclerosis

Date: September 2 2008

Place: Munich

Position(s) to be occupied: 5: vice chair, web editor, secretary, internal communication, external communication

Names of Candidates: Rob Krams, prof Baker, Brenda Kwak, Joerg Hermann, Magnus Back, Imo Hoefer

Number of voting delegates (WG members): 10

Number of registered participants (votes): 10

Results: vice chairman: Rob Krams, secretary: Imo Hoefer, Internal communication: Magnus Back, External communication: Brenda Kwak, webeditor: Joerg Hermann.

Activities

WG Annual Meeting(s): None

Name:
Chair / organisation committee
N° of participants:
N° of exhibitors:
Revenue:

Endorsed Meeting(s):

▪ **Meeting 1:**

Name: Nucleus meeting with symposium: Translational medicine in cardiovascular disease

Chair / organisation committee: G. Pasterkamp/ P Doevendans

N° of participants: 60

N° of exhibitors: 0

Revenue: UMCU, Utrecht, The Netherlands

▪ **Meeting 2: Joined symposium on EAS meeting, Istanbul, April 2008.**

Name: European Society of Atherosclerosis

Chair / organisation committee: Lale Tokzoglu

N° of participants: 2000

N° of exhibitors:

Revenue: Istanbul.

So this is not a meeting organized by the WG, but we were invited to have a joined symposium in the meeting. In addition we advertised with our activities in the exhibition.

▪ **Meeting 3:.....**

Education programme(s)

▪ **Trainings:**

Name:
Chair / organisation committee
N° of participants:
N° of exhibitors:
Revenue:

▪ **Courses:**

Name:
Chair / organisation committee
N° of participants:
N° of exhibitors:
Revenue:

▪ **Fellowship Program / Grants:**

Chair / organisation committee

Publications / Guidelines / Scientific Papers

Submitted by the WG (not by individuals)

Please specify Topics & Authors (specify if ordinary member or nucleus members)

- **Is your WG officially affiliated to a journal? No**
Chair / organisation committee
Title:
Contribution:
- **Number of WG Publications: none**
Chair / organisation committee
Topic 1/author:
Topic 2/author:
- **Position Papers / Consensus Documents: none**
Chair / organisation committee
Topic 1/author:
Topic 2/author:
- **Participation to guidelines - writing / reviewing: none**
Chair / organisation committee
Title:
Contribution:

Proposals for pre-arranged sessions at the ESC main congress and/or ESC Sub-specialty meetings

Submissions: Sessions are gathered by the basic science council and not coordinated by the working group.

Reviewing Chair / organisation committee

- Topic 1/author:
Topic 2/author:

Task Force(s)

Chair / organisation committee

Topic

Registry / Survey

Chair / organisation committee

Topic

Other:

- **Accreditation:**
Chair / organisation committee in charge of accreditation project
- **Membership:**
Chair / organisation committee in charge of reviewing and evaluating application forms
- **Web:**
Chair / organisation committee in charge of web updates and e-communication: Dr J Hermann

Future projects:

- 1- Supporting Scientific Atherosclerosis Meeting Turkish Society, Istanbul, March 2009.**
- 2- Joined session during EuroEcho in Lyon, December 2008**
- 3- Extra nucleus meeting March 2009, Istanbul.**

Finances:

I have not seen the financial balance sheeth of 2007-2008.

INCOME:

Please specify amount & purpose.

Income from ESC entities:

- Actual
- Forecast for next fiscal year: balance sheeth will be reduced to 10.000 Euro

Industry sponsorship:

- Actual
- Forecast for next fiscal year

MAIN EXPENSES:

Please specify amount & purpose.

- Actual
- Forecast for next fiscal year

In 2007, the number of members of our working group increased to 265. Due to the increasing exposure of the working groups by the ESC, using flyers and webpages, it is expected that the number of members will further increase the coming years. The working group joined the bi-annual meeting of the European Society of atherosclerosis and shared the organisation of a session at that meeting. In addition we profiled ourselves at the exhibition where flyers and folders were distributed concerning activities of the ESC and our working group. The working group operates low profile which can be explained by the fact that within Europe larger organisational structures are operating in the research field of Atherosclerosis. The coming year we will increase visibility of the working group within and outside the ESC. For this purpose we have now created the positions of "Internal communication" and "external communication" within our WG. The working group will actively search for collaboration and active interaction platforms with other European organisation active in our field of research. In addition, we will more actively visualize our ambitions within the ESC. Already at present two of our past members have been elected as members of the ESC board. Main purpose of this increased interaction will be to increase the visibility of our working group and highlight the advantages of the embedding into a large scientific community as the ESC.

During the nucleus meetings in February 2008 and September 2008, the members have been asked to take responsibility in this communicative effort. Therefore, communication tasks have been defined and nucleus members appointed to deal with these communication issues. We have also been successful in appointing a web manager.

In 2009, it is our goal to become more active at the website of the ESC and newsletters will be spread by mail and by the ESC webpages. We will be more actively profiling the value and opportunities of the WG and the ESC at national and international meetings. In 2008-2009 two meetings will be supported: the meeting of the Turkish society of Atherosclerosis and the EuroEcjo meeting in Lyon.

Gerard Pasterkamp and Lale Tokgozoglu.