

Working Group on Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology

Nucleus composition (precise name, surname and country):

Chairperson: Lale Tokgozoglu, Turkey

Vice-chairperson: Rob Krams, England

Past chairperson: Gerard Pasterkamp, Netherlands

Treasurer:

Secretary: Imo Hoefer, Netherlands

Web editor: Joerg Hermann, Germany

Nucleus Members: Brenda Kwak, Switzerland; Wouter Jukema

Netherlands, Marek Narusewitz Poland

Ex-Officio members & tasks: Seppo-Yla Herttuala Finland, Christian Weber Germany, Andrew Baker England all for position paper

Previous and newly allocated Meetings

- ▶ WG Annual Meeting(s): We have two annual meetings. One is during the ESC and the other in spring. We had the annual meeting in ESC 2009 and planned to have the spring meeting in April 23, 2010 but due to the volcano eruption nobody could come and everybody had to cancel last minute.
- ▶ Joint Meeting: During Euroecho, we had a joint symposium with the Imaging Association on Atherosclerosis Imaging and it was very well attended.
- ▶ Our WG endorsed the FCVB meeting in Berlin and prepared several sessions for that meeting.
- ▶ A new spring meeting is planned and we will actively seek collaboration with other working groups.

Papers & Guidelines

A Position Paper has been prepared under the leadership of Prof Seppo-Yla-Herttuala and Prof Lale Tokgozoglu. All the WG members have participated in this paper. In addition, Prof Johannes Waltenberger, Prof Andrew Newby and other prominent scientists have also contributed to this paper. The paper has been submitted to the European Heart Journal for publication.

After our Nucleus meeting at the ESC we will provide new ideas for coming papers, probably in collaboration with other working groups.

Sessions

- ▶ Several sessions have been submitted to the Scientific Program of the ESC annual meeting as well as the FCVB Meeting by our Nucleus Members



Website Activity:

We significantly improved our website and made it more dynamic.

Future Projects and Business Plan:

Our WG has no income except that provided by ESC which limits our activities significantly. With this income, all we can do is have 2 nucleus meetings a year and a meeting for special activities like the one we did for the position paper.

For the future, in addition to the present activities, we would like to plan the following actions:

- 1-Offer a fixed program for National Society meetings: Basic Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology for the Clinician
- 2-Give out awards for the Young Scientist
- 3-Plan and conduct our own workshop
- 4 We will discuss the following topics in the next meeting
 - Can we accreditate experimental cardiologists
 - Shall we develop a text book (with other WGs)
 - Do we need to develop an educational program