

## Annual Report 2008-2009

### Part 1: Identification

Working Group on: **ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY**

The name of the **Working Group of Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis** has been changed to '**Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology**'.

The nucleus has had three meetings discussing this topic in depth and has taken a vote on this during the nucleus meeting in Munich (September 2008) where every nucleus member approved and strongly supported this change.

The main reason for this request is that we would like to embrace a large number of scientists in Europe working in the field of atherosclerosis, genetics and vascular biology. The current name restricts the interest of scientists. The working group has been campaigning very hard to increase the number of members under the leadership of Gerard Pasterkamp and last year we had a stand during the European Atherosclerosis Society Congress, where we were able to interact with scientists working in the field. There, we found out that the main reason for their lack of interest was the name of the group, some thought it was for pathologists only.

The Atherosclerosis field has undergone large changes in the last decade. While it was a lipid driven field around 1990, it changed completely by the introduction of genomics and the availability of knock out animals. This approach has broadened the field and focus has shifted towards finding vascular pathways leading to progression of atherosclerosis. In addition, several treatment modalities are being developed by this group. As a consequence societies have changed their name to include this effort. There is a large group of scientists we can interest in the ESC with the change of the working group name. We have considered this very carefully and found that none of the other working groups of the ESC are covering this field.

We have a very motivated and dynamic working group and hope that we can embrace a large group of scientists.

#### **Nucleus composition (name):**

Chairperson:	<b>Lale TOKGOZOGLU</b>
Vice-chairperson:	<b>Rob KRAMS</b>
Past chairperson:	<b>Gerard PASTERKAMP</b>
Secretary:	<b>Imo HOEFER</b>
Web editor:	<b>Joerg HERMANN</b>
Nucleus Members:	<b>Wouter JUKEMA, Brenda KWAK, Marek NARUSEWITZ</b>
Specific Committees:	<b>Seppo YLA HERTUALA, Christian WEBER, Andrew BAKER</b>

### Part 2: Turn-Over of the WG during the year

**Election: NONE**

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### Part 3: Activities of the WG during the year

- ▶ **WG Annual Meeting(s): 2 Nucleus Meeting**
- ▶ **Endorsed Meeting(s): TURKISH ATHEROSCLEROSIS SOCIETY MEETING**
- ▶ **Publications / Guidelines / Scientific Papers**
  - Position Papers / Consensus Documents : **IN PROGRESS**
- ▶ **Proposals for pre-arranged sessions at the ESC main congress and/or ESC Sub-specialty meetings:**
  - **SEVERAL PROPOSALS, MOST ACCEPTED AT MAIN CONGRESS**
  - **JOINT SESSION AT EUROECHO ACCEPTED**
- ▶ **Other:**
  - **Membership : Increased from 251 to 290**
  - **Web:** Renewal of webpage with monthly changes in paper posted

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### Part 4:

- ▶ **List your future projects**
  - **Position paper**
- ▶ **Finances:**
  - List your Income: **NONE**
  - List your main expenses: **ONLY NUCLEUS AND POSITION PAPER MEETINGS 10.000 EUROS EACH**