



**The European Society of Cardiology  
Working Group for Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases Annual  
Meeting  
October 2007, Marburg, Germany**

**Summary of the decisions reached at the Nucleus Meeting of 12  
October 2007**

**1 Rules for Nucleus Membership**

The Group discussed the ESC requirement that the Nucleus Membership reflect geographical representation across Europe. It was agreed by the Group that *there should be no more than two members from any country on the Nucleus at any one time*. In future, short listing priority should be given to members from countries from where there is no representation followed by countries from where there is one member on the Nucleus.

**2. Eligibility for Membership of the Nucleus**

The Group agreed the following baseline criteria for the future membership of the Nucleus:

- Membership of the working group for *at least one year*
- Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology
- A track record clinically and/or scientifically in Myocardial and Pericardial diseases
- Other markers of professional esteem relevant to the working group
- *A track record of previous activity in the working group*

**3. Information to Members on Candidates for Nucleus Membership**

It was agreed that in the future candidates should be asked to prepare in addition to the CV, list of publications and support letters, a short summary that would be circulated. *This summary will specifically address the previous activity of the candidate in the working group and personal contributions the candidate will have to the work of Nucleus, if elected*

#### 4. **Treasurer**

*The Group elected Prof. Claudio Rapezzi as Treasurer unanimously.* This was done in accordance with the recommendations of the ESC. A key role for the Treasurer will be to identify new resources of income to support the annual general meeting of the working group, to encourage activity and participation of members, and to sponsor prizes for young investigators.

#### 5. **Nominating Committee**

The ESC rules for working groups recommend that a nominating committee is established in order to identify candidate/s from the Nucleus for the Vice-Chairman post. This was discussed at some length and it was decided that a nominating committee would not be convened at this moment. This would be debated at the next Nucleus meeting.

#### 6. **Website**

The Nucleus identified the development of the website for the working group as a major initiative from the ESC. Guidance is awaited from the ESC on the rules for sponsorship of the site from the Industry. It was agreed by the Nucleus that working group membership be encouraged to participate in the website. The concept of "*affiliated members of the Nucleus*" was decided approved. Such members would be responsible for specific contributions to the website. These would be co-ordinated and monitored by the Nucleus Website Co-ordinator (*Prof. Philippe Charron*)

#### 7. **The Annual and Additional Meetings of the Working Group**

It was agreed by the Nucleus that there should be no limit on the number of annual meetings but there should be only one official Working Group meeting each year with two Nucleus meetings per year: one during the ESC and the second during the Annual meeting of the working group. *The Nucleus of the WG has to be a full partner in organization of the Annual meetings.* The extent of the financial partnership between the working group and the Annual Meeting organizers will have to be defined in the future starting with the 2009 annual meeting.

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Link towards general rules within ESC WGs :

<http://www.escardio.org/bodies/WG/ESC-Working-Group-Rules.htm>