Objective of the Working Group on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases

1. To promote and organize epidemiological, clinical and genetic research in the field of:
   - cardiomyopathies,
   - myocarditis,
   - inflammatory cardiomyopathies,
   - unusual cardiomyopathies,
   - pericardial diseases
   - tumors of the heart and pericardium
   - systemic autoimmune and genetic diseases with myocardial involvement

2. To promote educational programs within the Working Group and organize educational meetings on thematic topics.
3. To favor the participation of members of the Working Group to the ESC activities.
4. To contribute to the organization and preparation of the annual ESC Congress and to participate and support other scientific meetings and symposia.
5. To hold regular meetings of the Working Group
6. To arrange Task Forces dealing with pertinent issues for recommendations of good clinical practice and guidelines.

Sessions organised at the ESC annual Meeting - Berlin August 31- September 4, 2002

1. Gentotyping and Phenotyping of Myocardial Disease: role of cardiovascular magnetic resonance
   Sunday, 1 September
   11.00 - 12.30
   London Meeting Room - Green Zone
   Joint symposium with Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance WG and Microcirculation WG

2. Cardiac Tumours
   Sunday, 1 September
   16.30 - 18.00
   Warsaw Meeting Room- Red Zone
   Symposium of the cluster 7 Congenital & Myocardial Diseases and Surgery

3. Unresolved issue in Pericardial Diseases
   Monday. " September
   11.00 - 13.00
   Warsaw Meeting Room - Red Zone
4.
Evolving Concepts in Viral Heart Disease and Inflammatory Cardiomyopathy
Monday, 2 September
16.30 - 18.00
Stockholm Meeting Room - Green Zone
Joint Symposium with the WG on Heart Failure

Activities run outside the ESC Annual Congress

EuroEcho 5, Nice December 5-8, 2001

December 6, 2001
Joint symposium WGE/WG Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases
Cardiomyopathies/Tumors - Morphologic/Echo/MRI correlates

December 7, 2001
Joint symposium WGE/WG Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases
Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy

ESC Educational Programme 2002
Infectious diseases of the heart: Major Clinical Topics
16-18 May
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

ESC Educational Programme 2002
Recent advances in pericardial diseases and cardiac inflammation
07-09 November
Marburg, Germany
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ESC- WG 21 Endorsement
Meeting on Cardiomyopathies and Heart Failure
October 11-12, 2002
Trieste, Italy

Membership of our Working Group

New members:

Carlos Perez Munaz
Cardiology Service
National Health Service Hospital of Jerez de la Frontera
Espana

Luigi Tavazzi
President of the Italian Federation of Cardiology
Chief of the Cardiology Division
IRCCS Policlinico San Matteo
Pavia, Italy
Registries and Surveys
Although several registries and surveys are active in national cardiological societies and members of our WG are either running or actively involved in their management, no specific registry or surveys has been activated within our WG.

The business meeting of Berlin provides the opportunity for our WG to take a census of all national registries dedicated to cardiomyopathies, myocarditis, inflammatory cardiomyopathies, tumors of the heart and pericardium, rare diseases with myocardial involvement (i.e. amyloidosis), etc. that are run in European countries and that see members of our WG as active participants.

All WG members are kindly invited to fill the attached form B.

An expression of interest (EoI) for a project dedicated to European Registries of Inherited Cardiomyopathies has been submitted for the 6th European Framework.

Study Groups
Study groups of our WG are active in the fields of viral heart diseases, inflammatory cardiomyopathies, and pericardial diseases.


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