

Working Group 22

Annual Report 2000-2001

The total number of members of WG 22 as of July is 181.

In the last 18 months 10 new members have been accepted.

The nucleus has been renewed removed:116 votes were given: the suggested list was accepted by all; there was no rejection. The nucleus for 2000-2002 is as follow:

- ▶ Chair Ulf Thilen (Sweden);
- ▶ Co-chair Erwin Oechslin (Switzerland);
- ▶ Past-chair John Deanfield (England);
- ▶ Secretary Luciano Daliento (Italy)
- ▶ Erik Thoulow (Norway); Frantisek Kolbel (Czech Republ); Helmut Baumgartner (Austria); Rafael Hirsch (Israel);
- ▶ AEPC representative is John Hess.
- ▶ Jane Somerville has been appointed as an Honorary Member.

In the recent years in Europe and North-America the problems of GUCH seem to have exploded such as demonstrated by multiple cultural activities sponsored by WG 22 in different Centers (Padua, London, Munich, Toronto).

The WG 22 Task-Force has had a hard job and the results could be presented at the next congress of ESC in Stockholm.

Many members of WG22 participated in "2000 Consensus Conference on Adult Congenital Heart Disease organised by the Canadian Society of Cardiology.

The increased importance of GUCH was stressed by unexpected space (plenary sessions, lectures, communications and posters) dedicated to It at the 3rd World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery held in Toronto last May.

In October "Jane Somerville day "was very successful.

A fruitful cooperation/joint session with AEPC and other ESC WG has produced 8 main sessions in the next ESC Congress.

Dr. Mulders from Amsterdam leads a Euro Heart Survey on Adult congenital Heart Disease and Cardiomyopathies, a task force given by the ESC and some members of WG22 have been involved.

The influence of the WG members in the preparation of the ESC congress programme can be improved if suggestions (session title, complete list of the names of speakers) are sent on time.

Padua, August 16th,2001

Luciano Daliento
Secretary of 22 WG