



# EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY

## WORKING GROUP ON MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION

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### ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION 2005-2006

The objectives of the WG4 Myocardial function group is to bring together basic and clinical researchers working in the area of myocardial function.

The group organized 2 sessions in the ESC Annual Congress through the Council of Cardiovascular Basic Science. The WG is a founding member of the Council and Bertrand Crozatier (chairman of the WG until august 2006) is the secretary of the Council.

During the last 5 years, the annual winter meeting of WG4 took place in Isola. In 2006, the group participated in the organization and in the scientific activity of the Winter Meeting of the Heart Failure Association. The same participation of the WG in the 2007 Winter Meeting of HFA is scheduled. In addition, the group plans to organize its own meeting in 2007. Due to the absence of finances, it is expected to have a limited attendance of the group members to discuss their new results on a topic which will be decided during the Barcelona meeting.

There is a regular turn-over in the nucleus with the departure this year of the immediate past-chairman (O. Smiseth) according to our statutes with a new Chairman (Ajay SHAH) and a new vice-chairman (JL BALLIGAND). There have been 7 new members of the group, both established and young investigators of very high scientific quality.

The financial report shows almost no money since the only financial support is that of ESC. This limits considerably the activity of the group which would be eager to develop new initiatives.

August 10, 2006  
Bertrand Crozatier  
Chairman of WG4