

## Annual Report 2008-2009

### Part 1: Identification

Working Group on: **MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION**

#### Nucleus composition (name):

Chairperson: **J-L Balligand**

Vice-chairperson: **D. Hilfiker-Kleiner**

Past chairperson: **AM. Shah**

Treasurer & Secretary: **D. Hilfiker-Kleiner**

Web editor: **K. Kaminski**

Nucleus Members: **J. Bauersachs, R. Knoell, G. Iaccarino, A. Leite-Moreira, H. Attramadal**

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

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**Election:** will be done early 2010

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

#### WG Annual Meeting(s):

- ▶ Varenna, IT "**Translating Cellular Mechanisms to Therapeutic Targets**" see Web site report : <http://www.escardio.org/communities/Working-Groups/myofunction/meetings/Pages/meetingreport09.aspx>

#### Endorsed Meeting(s):

- ▶ **HFA Winter Research meeting** – Les Diablerets, CH, January 2009

#### Education programme(s) – Training, Courses & Grants

- ▶ "**How to**" session for young scientists at Varenna meeting, May 09
- ▶ Participation to training initiatives of EC-FP6-IP "EUGeneHeart" (JLB, training coordinator)
- ▶ **Participation to CBCS-Summer School for young scientists**-Nice, July 09 (JLB, co-director)
- ▶ **WG Myocardial Function-sponsored Travel Grants for participants to CBCS Summer School** (Nice, July 09)

#### Position Paper / Consensus Document :

- ▶ "**Definition of Myocardial Hypertrophy**"  
In preparation: Nucleus members involved: R. Knoell, G. Iaccarino, J. Bauersachs, D. Hilfiker-Kleiner, A. Leite-Moreira, J-L Balligand; Member: G. Tarone; external expert: P. Sugden

#### Proposals for pre-arranged sessions at the ESC main congress and/or ESC Sub-specialty meetings

- ▶ Submissions:
  - *News and views on beta-adrenergic receptors (ESC Barcelona 2009); accepted*
  - *Paracrine factors on stem cells and cardiac regeneration (ESC Barcelona 2009); accepted*

**Other:**

- **Web:** regular update on scientific activities of the WG; links to other initiatives in the same field of interest

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**Part 4:**

**Future projects**

- ▶ **Position paper on Myocardial Hypertrophy** – see separate form submitted to WG Office
- ▶ Participation (sessions proposals, contributing speakers, abstracts submission) to **1<sup>st</sup> CBCS "Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology"**, Berlin July 2010
- ▶ Extra Nucleus meeting, in lieu of regular annual WG meeting (skipped because of Berlin 2010)
- ▶ **Joint proposal submission to ESF Research Networking Programmes** (G. Iaccarino, coord.)
- ▶ Other specific WG initiatives (Web,...) see report from Nucleus meeting, Barcelona 2009.

**Finances:**

- ▶ Balance sheet with main income and expenses for 2009 as addendum.
- ▶ Donation from Astra Zeneca (4,000€), MSD (6,000€) and 10,000€ from ESC for WG4 and 6,000€ from ESC CSBC were directly transferred to a separate budget for the Varenna meeting 2009 (annual meeting of "myocardial function " with "cell biology).
- ▶ The overall profit (15,955 euros for WG MyoFunction & 11955 for WG on CellBio) will only appear in April 2010 (end of fiscal year) - this distribution was agreed between Jean-Luc Balligand and Rainer Schulz in mid-July 09.