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ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION 2004-2005

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.

The principal activity of WG4 Myocardial function is its annual winter meeting.

As in the previous years, it took place in the beautiful ski resort of ISOLA2000 in France, January 13-15, 2005.

The title of the meeting was “Molecular Mechanisms in Heart failure”. It was organized by G. Hasenfuss assisted by JL Balligand, B Crozatier and AM Shah.

Due to the reduction in financial support by the industry, participants had to pay a 300 € registration fee (except for 5 invited speakers).

Nevertheless, there were 30 active participants who gave 15 oral presentations in 3 sessions (Mechanotransduction, Myocardial regeneration and repair and Physiological vs pathological hypertrophy).

The invited speakers were G. Tarone, GM Gautel, O. Cazarola, T Eschenhagen and G Condorelli. In addition, there was a poster session with 12 posters.

The total budget (24595€) was covered by the registration fees, the annual support from ESC, a grant from Novartis (10 000€) and donations from 3 nucleus members (5800€).

There is now a regular turn-over in the nucleus with the departure this year of 2 members. An election will take place during the Stockholm meeting . There are already 3 candidates. There are also regular applications for new members with 6 high scientific level candidates this year.

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