

# ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC REPORT 2002 - 2003

## ESC WORKING GROUP ON MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION (#4)

### Activities 2003

**Winter Meeting:** The WG on Myocardial Function's Winter Meeting in Isola, January 24-24, 2003, "From Hypertrophy to Failure". The meeting was organized in beautiful ski resort Isola, and was very successful. About 40 researchers attended the meeting and there were 27 abstract presentations. We also had very good introductory lectures to the abstract sessions. Discussions were very good, and the general feeling was that the meeting had very good quality.

The social part was also very successful, with a traditional informal atmosphere.

The sponsor was Servier.

The ESC staff did a very good job in the preparation as well as during the meeting.

During this meeting Professor Eberhard Bassenge, who has now retired, was appointed as Distinguished Fellow of the W.G. on Myocardial Function. He received thanks for his contributions to the Working Group for many years.

**Annual ESC Congress:** Four sessions proposals were accepted from our Working Group

1. Contractile dysfunction in heart failure: from molecular mechanisms to therapy
2. Heart failure: also a skeletal muscle disease?
3. Cytoskeletal abnormalities in heart failure
4. Role of serotonin in heart development and disease

**Pleiotropic effects of statins: Essen, May 15-17, 2003.**

Organised together with the German Cardiac Society and the International Society for Heart Research.

**Third International Symposium on Myocardial Ischemia :**

**from molecular adaptation to cellular repair:** To be held October 18-20, 2003 in Capri, Italy. A collaboration with the WG on Microcirculation and the Basic Cardiovascular Science Council of the American Heart Association.

**Euroecho 2003**

Professor Thierry Gillebert has represented the Working Group on Myocardial Function in the preparation of joint sessions at Euroecho.

**European study group on diastolic heart failure**

This study group has been established with the objective to establish echocardiographic diagnostic criteria for diastolic heart failure. It is a collaboration with the W.G. on Echocardiography. First meeting was organized March 5<sup>th</sup>, Amsterdam-Schiphol airport.

Prof. O.A. Smiseth

Chairman, WG on Myocardial Function