

Nucleus meeting of the WG 4 at the winter research meeting in Garmisch Partenkirchen 2006

organised by

The Heart Failure Association of the ESC, in collaboration with the ESC Working Groups on Myocardial Function, Cellular Biology of the Heart, Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology, Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Drug Therapy, and the Council for Basic Cardiovascular Science.

Nucleus members present

Chairman:	B. Crozatier
Vice Chairman:	A. Shah
	J.L. Balligand
	G. Hasenfuss
	D. Hilfiker-Kleiner
	H. Attramadal
	A.F. Leite-Moreira

1. Proposal of a new vice chairmen.

Gerd Hasenfuss proposed Jean-Luc Balligand as the new vice chairman of the WG4 when Ajay Shah becomes Chairman. This proposal was accepted by all nucleus members present.

2. Proposal of a secretary and treasurer

Jean-Luc Balligand suggested Denise Hilfiker-Kleiner as the secretary and Bertrand Crozatier suggested her as the treasurer of the WG4. This proposal was accepted by all nucleus members present.

3. Our role and visibility in the association

This year, our winter meeting was part of the new initiative of the Heart Failure Association of the ESC, in collaboration with the ESC Working Groups on Myocardial Function, Cellular Biology of the Heart, Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology, Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Drug Therapy, and the Council for Basic Cardiovascular Science.

It took place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, from January 25th to 28th 2006. Our WG4 has contributed a significant part to the excellent scientific level of the meeting and our vice chairman, Ajay Shah was the main organizer of the meeting. Everybody agreed, the meeting was a great success!

The next winter meeting initiative, which will again be held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2007, has already been approved. We will discuss our contribution and visibility at this meeting at our next nucleus meeting at the world congress in Barcelona.

4. Proposal for a second meeting of WG4 in 2006

In addition, the possibility for an annual meeting specific to the WG4 in 2006 has been discussed. Gerd Hasenfuss and Jean-Luc Balligand suggested having a meeting of the WG4 in conjunction with a meeting organized by the EUGeneHeart consortium headed by Gerd Hasenfuss. The fact that a significant number of members of WG4 participate to the EUGeneHeart consortium makes such a joint initiative more natural, and would increase the visibility of the WG to other scientists of EUGeneHeart who, gradually, could be offered membership of the WG. This possibility will be discussed in the EUGENE Consortium and further plans will be discussed by e-mail among the nucleus members and at the nucleus meeting of the world congress in Barcelona 2006.

Denise Hilfiker-Kleiner