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Winter meeting of the Working Group on Myocardial Function

The annual winter meeting of the working group was recently held from January 15-17 in the beautiful resort of Isola 2000 in France, just over an hour's journey from Nice. The meeting was organised by Bertrand Crozatier and Otto Smiseth on the topic "From hypertrophy to failure". As has become usual for working group meetings, we had a very high standard of scientific presentations with sessions on Molecular & Cellular mechanisms of cardiomyocyte contraction, Signal transduction in myocardium, and Endothelium and myocardial function. Particularly striking was the use of state-of-the-art molecular, physiological and integrative techniques by most of the participants including many studies in gene-modified models. Plenty of stimulating discussion continued on the ski slopes in the afternoons between the morning and evening scientific sessions, facilitated by fresh snow and nice sunshine! Keen skiers who have not previously attended this meeting will be interested to learn that the conference hotel is perfectly situated on the slopes, ideal for in-out skiing.

The Working Group is pleased to announce that the next winter meeting will also be held in Isola on **January 13-15, 2005**. This meeting will be organised by Gerd Hasenfuss, Ajay Shah & Jean-Luc Balligand on the topic of "***Molecular Mechanisms in Heart Failure***". There will be oral sessions on "Mechanotransduction", "Myocardial regeneration and repair", and "Physiological vs pathological hypertrophy" and a poster session. A very high quality of invited speakers are included on the programme for the meeting. The attendance will be restricted to 50 participants with preference given to those who have abstracts accepted for presentation, so that we would urge you to put these dates in your diary and submit abstracts for the meeting in good time. Abstracts will be requested in August-September. We anticipate that all participants with abstracts accepted for presentation will receive significant support towards attendance of the meeting. For further information, please contact Gerd Hasenfuss on hasenfus@med.uni-goettingen.de

Yours Sincerely,

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