

Working Groups

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Newsletter WG on Myocardial Function ESC

Dear Members of the WG,

Time for Stockholm is getting closer and it is necessary that you are updated with what has been done in the previous months and what is in the pipeline in the close future. The winter meeting in Isola has shown to be a valuable alternative to our previous rendezvous in Lanzerheide (a detailed report will follow closely). We have decided to keep the same location for the next year (January 24th to 27th, 2002). Bertrand Crozatier has been able to secure us an amount of 100.000 FF also for 2002 and a very good hotel (Le Chastillon, this is where we had the gala dinner during the previous meeting). Forty rooms have already been reserved. A rough estimate of the money missing ranges around 60.000 FF (besides travel expenses which have to be paid by the participants). The WG, with its own funds, can pay for this difference (presently we have 84.585 FF or 12.895 Euros). It would be nice if we could get further sponsoring, but I do not think it is absolutely necessary. We have kept the same title (From hypertrophy to failure) and format (state of the art lectures introducing abstracts). It should be possible to have a very preliminary program during our business meeting in Stockholm.

During the same business meeting we should discuss proposals for Berlin 2002: we need at least 6 new proposals from the WG and one proposal coming from the Cluster. They must be attractive, possibly for a large audience and already available in Stockholm. Joint proposals made in cooperation with other WGs are desirable. Please start writing.



Some of us have attended the Heart Failure meeting as faculty members or as simple attendees in Barcelona. Although our WG will never achieve such a success in terms of numbers, there is no question that this is an example we have to look at in order to expand the activity of our WG. In this perspective the WG is officially supporting, next year, the Congress "P-V loops", an international Symposium on ventricular function and failure "From mice to man", that will be held in Maastricht in January, from 17th to 19th 2002: (<http://www.fdg.unimass.nl/ctc/congress>).

I have received applications from 3 people: Prof Antonello Ganau from Sassari (Italy), Doctor Gerasimos Filippatos from Athens (Greece) and Doctor Thomas Hampton from Boston (USA). Their CV and list of publications is outstanding and I am very happy of accepting them as members of our WG. There is no question that the standards we require for application are very high. Nevertheless I hope that we will be able to further expand the numeric dimension of the WG. For example, not all the people who attended our winter meeting in Isola are actual members of the WG. I hope they will be convinced to apply.

In this logic of expansion and renovation the Nucleus cannot be left untouched. It is my plan to propose rule for the Chairman to decline from the Nucleus when his chairmanship is over. The time delay proposed is two years. This should create spaces for new younger colleagues. This rule will be voted upon in Stockholm, where the business meeting is planned for September 2nd, from 12.40 to 13.50 in room K21.

Hope to see you there.

Prof Paolo Marino
Chairman