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Newsletter WG on Myocardial Function ESC

Dear Members of the WG,

Please find attached the final proposals that have been accepted for Berlin/Germany 2002. Also this year I think we did rather well. The WG on Myocardial Function was contributing with 16 proposals to SCOPE I. We ended up with 3 proposals (1 proposed solely our WG and 2 more prepared in conjunction with WG on Echocardiography and Heart Failure); we also had 3 proposals accepted made in conjunction with ISHR and 1 as a cluster proposal, for large part provided by our group.

The preparation for the winter meeting in Isola/France is also proceeding well. This year we should convey almost 50 people in this nice location in the French Alps, for a total of 34 abstracts (27 oral and 7 as posters). A preliminary program is attached. The format of the meeting will be the same as in the past years (*state of the art lectures introducing abstracts*). Hotel expenses will be covered by the sponsor (Servier) and by the WG itself. Travel expenses must be covered by the participants.

Just one week before the Congress "P-V loops" an international Symposium on ventricular function and failure "From mice to man" takes place in Maastricht/Netherlands. This meeting, fully endorsed by our WG and devoted to the use of P-V methodology in the clinical and experimental research setting, has collected 60 very high quality abstracts. For more information about the meeting please visit: www.fdg.unimaas.nl/ctc/congress/program.htm

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The WG is also officially supporting the 2nd International Goettingen/Germany Heart Failure Conference that will be held in May 5-8, 2002.

Four new members have been accepted within the WG: *Assis.Prof. Marco Guazzi from Milan/Italy, Dr Roberto Latini from Milan/Italy, Dr Dirk J.G.M. Duncker from Rotterdam/Netherland and Dr Burket M. Pieske from Goettingen/Germany.*

Three more applications will be discussed during the business meeting in Isola/France: *Dr Serge Masson from Milan/Italy, Dr Pier Sergio Saba from Sassari/Italy and Dr Carlo Tocchetti from Naples/Italy.*

The rule of the Chairman has been approved unanimously in Stockholm, during the WG business meeting: the Chairman will decline from the Nucleus 2 years after his/her chairmanship is over. This will create space for new younger colleagues.

Our present financial statement, as received from the Heart House is 6.522 Euros (see file attached).

With best wishes for the New Year!

Prof Paolo Marino
Chairman