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## Minutes of the ESC WG16 on PERIPHERAL CIRCULATION Meeting

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- Francesco Cosentino, Vice Chairman
- Alberto Balbarini, Past Chairman
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### AGENDA:

1. New rules for ESC Working Groups
2. Nucleus
3. WG Delegates ( 3)
4. Workshop in Rhodes , June 27, 2009
5. Task Force for Carotid stenting

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Professor John Lekakis started by welcoming all participants to the meeting and by reviewing the agenda of the day.

### PART 1

The Chairman stated that there have been new changes in the rules regarding the WG nucleus members, according to which, for instance, one person cannot be a nucleus member for two (or more) WGs at the same time, non active members should not be allowed to remain for long in the nucleus and no member can stay in the WG for more than six years.

All members agreed that they have to examine carefully the new rules in order to organize actions accordingly, and Professor Lekakis stated that the entire file of the rules will be reviewed during the next nucleus meeting in Barcelona. Additionally, it was agreed upon that the rules will be e-mailed to all members within the next days.

## **PART 2**

The Chairman stated that, following the previously mentioned idea of constructing a Council in the nucleus, he personally does not feel that any financial advantages will result from such a Council, but he invited the members to think about it and offer their opinions in the next meeting. All members agreed.

At this point, Professor Alberto Balbarini suggested that a collaboration of the WG 16 with the WGs of Hypertension, Microcirculation, Atherosclerosis and Interventional Cardiology may prove fruitful for the future scientific and educational activity of the WG. All members agreed to come up with ideas and further discuss this possibility during the next meeting.

## **PART 3**

Following the ESC request for the names of voting delegates to take part and vote (according to an agenda and items to be circulated in due course) on Monday 31 August 2009 in Barcelona, the members agreed that these will be Professor John Lekakis, Professor Francesco Cosentino and Dr. Charalambos Vlachopoulos. It was stated that the names will be forwarded to the ESC Consultant Mrs Wilma Thieme within the next days.

## **PART 4**

The Chairman informed the members that the WG on Peripheral Circulation, in collaboration with the Hellenic Society of Cardiology and the Committee on Acute Heart Failure of the ESC Heart Failure Association, are going to jointly organize a Workshop entitled "Peripheral Circulation and Heart Failure: From Pathophysiology to Intervention".

This Meeting will be conducted on Saturday, June 27, 2009, in Rhodes, Greece, with the participation of the ESC President Professor Roberto Ferrari, and will result in a position paper which is to be submitted in one of the ESC journals for publication.

In this respect, the members suggested that Professor Augusto Gallino participates also in this Workshop, and Professor Gallino informed the members that he will get back to the Chairman soon regarding the possibility of his participation to the Workshop.

At this point, and in regard to the topic of the next Workshop that the WG 16 will organize (possibly in the spring of 2010 in Monemvasia, Greece), the Chairman suggested that it may be "Imaging on Atherosclerosis", but with no interference with the subject of vulnerable plaque.

Professor Balbarini suggested that it would be fruitful for this WG to increase the interest of Cardiologists for Vascular Pathology, maybe by organizing also a clinical Meeting on Peripheral Disease. The Chairman agreed that Cardiologists must become indeed more aware about Arterial Peripheral Disease.

In this respect, Professor Lekakis suggested that maybe a Task Force on Peripheral Arterial Disease should be put together, in which specialists are going to be invited to jointly brainstorm and organize further activity.

It was agreed upon that this subject will be further discussed in the next nucleus meeting, which is to be held on Sunday, August 30, 2009, in Barcelona, Spain.

#### **PART 5**

The Chairman stated that in regard to the creation of a Task Force on Carotid Stenting, appropriate specialists to be invited for participation are Professors Marco Roffi, Augusto Gallino, Marco Di Carlo and Alberto Balbarini.

Professor Lekakis proposed that the Task Force activity concentrates in the technical aspects of carotid stenting. He stated also that Dr. Marianne Brodmann, a nucleus member from Austria, has expressed interest to participate in this activity and that she proposed Drs. Minner and Silinger from Austria for participation, too.

It was agreed upon that this subject will be further discussed in the next nucleus meeting.