

WG 12 – Pulmonary Circulation and Right Ventricular Function Annual Report: August 2006

Statement of the objectives

The main objectives of the WG 12 are to

- inspire research, especially by promoting international collaboration and multicentre trials independent from industry,
- produce and implement clinical practice guidelines in the field of pulmonary circulation
- to organize postgraduate education and scientific meetings.

Number of sessions organised at the ESC Annual Congress

WG 12 regularly organizes 4 to 5 sessions dedicated to right ventricular function and pulmonary circulation at the Annual ESC Congresses. Following table presents titles of sessions organized by our WG at the ESC Congress in Stockholm in 2005

1 150	Management of pulmonary hypertension: comparisons and proposals
1 151	Interventional and surgical approaches in pulmonary hypertension
1 153	Long-term results of targeted treatments in pulmonary arterial hypertension
1 583	Acute pulmonary embolism: diagnosis and assessment in 21st century

Also for the WCC in Barcelona 4 session are being prepared by WG12

Activities run outside the ESC Annual Congress

WG 12 collaborated with Polish Cardiac Society in the organization of a large international symposium “Pulmonary Circulation 2006, European Forum” which took place in Warszawa 1-3 June 2006. The Forum was attended by 967 participants from 35 countries. Over 120 original contributions were presented and discussed. Website of the Forum www.pc2006.ptkardio.pl can give some idea about this event.

WG 12 created first European clinical guidelines for Pulmonary Embolism (2000) and Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (2004). Currently WG12 initiated the process of

updating those Guidelines. The first Task Force meeting updating Pulmonary Embolism Guidelines was held during ESC Congress in Stockholm in 2005 while TF updating PAH guidelines will convene and start during the WCC in Barcelona
WG 12 is involved in the preparation of a Pan-world trial assessing indications for thrombolytic treatment of submassive pulmonary embolism (PETHO)
An ETP focused on Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension has been also accepted and scheduled for late autumn 2006

Membership of the Working Group

WG 12 had 98 Members as of 16/08/2006. Another 8 applications have been recently approved which will give a membership of 106.

Registries, Surveys, Study Groups

None

Financial situation

Currently WG 12 has 6 460,75 Euro on its account .

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