



## Annual Report 2008 – 2009

### Part 1: Identification

Working Group on: **PULMONARY CIRCULATION & RIGHT VENTRICULAR FUNCTION**

#### Nucleus composition (name):

Chairperson: **Nazzareno Galiè**

Vice-chairperson: **Simon Gibbs**

Past chairperson: **Jean-Luc Vachiery**

Treasurer: **Miguel-Angel Gomez Sanchez**

Web editor: **Irene Lang**

Nucleus Members: **Marc Humbert, Meinhard Kneussl, Robert Naeije, Horst Hoshewski, Christian Opitz, Piotr Pruszczyk, zsimonneau Gerald, Adam Torbicki**

### Part 2: Turn-Over of the WG during the year

**Election: None**

### Part 3: Activities of the WG during the year

- ▶ WG Annual Meeting(s): **Barcelona at the ESC annual meeting**
- ▶ Endorsed Meeting(s): **none**
- ▶ Education programme(s) – Training, Courses & Grants
- 1. **“Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: Guidelines, Gaps in Evidence and Future Challenges”, European Heart House, 16-17 October 2009. This intramural course with 231 participants has been the largest ever organised at the European Heart House (considering all topics). A session including patients associations, regulatory agencies, industry and investigators has been very successful.**
- 2. **“Master Degree on Pulmonary Vascular Diseases” held at the University of Bologna in February and June 2009. The faculty of this university course includes many members of the WG 12**
- ▶ Publications / Guidelines / Scientific Papers (*Submitted by the WG, not by individuals*) Please specify Topics & Authors, specify if ordinary or nucleus members)

**Publication of the 2009 “Guidelines on diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension” by the joint task Force on Diagnosis and Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension of the European Society of Cardiology and of the European Respiratory Society. These guidelines have been published concurrently in the European Heart Journal and in The European Respiratory Journal. The International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation and The European association of Pediatric Cardiology have endorsed the guidelines**

- WG officially affiliated to a journal? No
- Participation to the following Guidelines:

1. **Heart Failure**
2. **Non-cardiac surgery**
3. **GUCH**

- **Position paper on air travel in cardiac patients**
- ▶ Proposals for pre-arranged sessions at the ESC main congress and/or ESC Sub-specialty meetings
- Submissions: **Pre-arranged Sessions accepted in Barcelona 2009**
  1. **Symposium on PH 2009 Guidelines Session**
  2. **Lecture on the 2009 PH guidelines in the Main Session on the new ESC guidelines**
  3. **Debate session on PAH**
  4. **Meet the expert session on PH**
  5. **Focus session on acute pulmonary embolism**
  6. **PAH in congenital heart diseases (in collaboration with the GUCH working group)**
  7. **Symposium on Acute Pulmonary Embolism**
  8. **Oral abstract presentation on pulmonary hypertension**
  9. **Oral abstract presentation on pulmonary embolism**

In addition the WG has collaborated with the industry in arranging 7 satellite symposia on pulmonary hypertension

#### **Pre-arranged Session Proposed for Stockholm 2010**

The WG on Pulmonary Circulation and Right Ventricular Function has sent 12 proposals of prearranged sessions for the ESC annual meeting in Stockholm 2010

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#### **Part 4:**

- ▶ List your future projects
- 1. **Nucleus meeting at the end of February 2010**
- 2. **Master Degree on Pulmonary Vascular Diseases edition 2010 at the University of Bologna (February and June 2010)**
- 3. **Endorsement of an European Meeting on Pulmonary Vascular Diseases to be held in Prague (6 – 8 June 2010)**
- 4. **European Heart House intramural course edition 2010 (15 – 16 October 2010). In this edition a parallel course for specialised nurses will be also included.**
- 5. **Meeting on PAH pathobiology to be held in Paris on November 2010**
- 6. **Meeting with the WHO for promoting education and implementation of management of pulmonary vascular diseases in developing countries to be held in Geneva in Autumn 2010**