

WG 12 – Pulmonary Circulation and Right Ventricular Function

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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.

WG 12 regularly organizes 4 to 5 sessions dedicated to right ventricular function and pulmonary circulation at the Annual ESC Congresses. In addition it contributes with one FOCUS – Clinical Practice session.

WG 12 undertook the task of creating first European guidelines on Diagnosis and Management in primary pulmonary hypertension. The Guidelines were published in the December issue of European Heart Journal. Currently WG12 initiated the process of updating Guidelines on diagnosis and Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism. The first Task Force meeting was held during ESC Congress in Stockholm. The guidelines should be completed within 18 months from this date. An interim report will be presented at the World Congress of Cardiology in Barcelona 2006

WG 12 is involved in the preparation of a Pan-world trial assessing indications for thrombolytic treatment of submassive pulmonary embolism (PETHO)

A major WG12 event is under preparation: PULMONARY CIRCULATION 2006: EUROPEAN FORUM. It is organized together with Polish Cardiac Society and endorsed also by European Respiratory Society. About 1200 participants and outstanding faculty are expected in Warszawa/Poland on 1-3 June 2006.

A ETP focused on Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension has been also accepted and scheduled for late autumn 2006

The membership of WG 12 remains around approximately 80 members but recently is rapidly growing

Financial situation of the WG 12 is stable. Details are available from the treasurer, Dr Horst Olschewski, University of Giessen, Germany.

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