Working Group on Thrombosis
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Statement of the objectives of the WG Thrombosis:
1) Enhance knowledge of thrombosis in clinical cardiology in Europe
2) Stimulate post-graduate education in thrombosis both at the European Congress of Cardiology and beyond
3) Stimulate clinical research in thrombosis in clinical cardiology in Europe, to be performed preferentially by young investigators
4) Stimulate basic research on thrombosis in order to increase our knowledge on the pathophysiology to initiate the development of new preventive and therapeutic tools
5) Bridge basic science in these areas with the clinical practice of cardiology
6) Produce consensus in order to influence current clinical practice of cardiology in Europe with regard to drugs or treatments intervening on vascular biology and blood vessel-wall interaction.

Number of sessions organised at the ESC Annual Congress 2006: Six sessions of which some are organized jointly with other WG/Associations. In addition our WG together with the ESC Board organizes the session ‘Young Investigator Award in Thrombosis’.

Activities run outside the ESC annual congress.


Annual Meeting: Eurothrombosis Summit, Nijmegen, Holland, October 5th-7th, 2007. This meeting will be organised by Freek Verheugt, Cristoph Bode, Dietrich Gulba and Kurt Huber.

Collaborative meeting: Coronary Reperfusion and secondary prevention, Oberlech, Austria, 1st-6th April 2006 organised by Kurt Huber, Harald Darius and Allan Ross.

Sessions have also been proposed and accepted for the Acute Cardiac Care Meeting in Prague, October 21st-24th 2006.

Nucleus meeting was held in Copenhagen, Denmark 12th-13th Jan 2006: Introduction of the new nucleus members Organization of future meetings. Journal: liasson with Thrombosis and Haemostasis? Task force on bleeding. Strategy for ESC WG Thrombosis for the next years.
ESC WG Nucleus: Harald Arnesen, Dietrich Gulba and Gabriel Steg was elected for the nucleus autumn 2005. Desmond Fitzgerald and Gilles Montalescot left the nucleus after many years of excellent work.

Senior Advisory Board: The past-president of the WG John Martin, Carlo Patrono and Desmond Fitzgerald accepted to be in this newly created board.

ESC election: Steen Dalby Kristensen and Raffaele De Caterina are nominated for election as councilors of the ESC Board. Freek Verheugt is nominated for election for the nominating committee.

Council of Basic Science: Lina Badimon and Raffaele De Caterina are nucleus members of this important council.

Consensus paper and Task Force on Prehospital Reperfusion. A task force on this subject was created by our Working Group. This was led by Kurt Huber and other members were Raffaele De Caterina, Steen Dalby Kristensen, Freek Verheugt, Gilles Montalescot, Lina Badimon and Frans van de Werf. The manuscript has been published in European Heart Journal 2005; for publication.

Study Groups: A task force on anti-coagulation therapy (Raffaele De Caterina, Steen Husted, Lars Wallentin, Freek Verheugt, Carlo Patrono, Agneta Siegbahn, Steen Dalby Kristensen and others) working on a consensus document has held three meeting during the last year. The document is almost ready and will be submitted for publication in the European Heart Journal.

A task force on the definition and incidence of bleeding during anti-thrombotic therapy is being established. This group will be led by Gabriel Steg and Dietrich Gulba. The nucleus will all be members.

Course on Anti-thrombotic Therapy, the European Heart House June 7th-9th 2007. Raffaele De Caterina and Steen Dalby Kristensen will organise this Educational Update Course run within the ESC Training Programme. This is the 7th course organised by our Working Group.

Members: The WG has 206 members. Fourteen new members has been recruited within the last year.

Financial situation: surplus of approximately 105,000 Euros.