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Annual Scientific Report for ESC WG Thrombosis 2007-2008.

- 1) Minutes WG Meeting February 8-9, 2008 (Vienna): The minutes have meanwhile been published in the website.
- 2) Minutes WG Meeting August 31, 2008 (ESC, Munich): The minutes have been sent to the ESC recently and will be published on our website.
- 3) Proposals for ESC Vienna 2008: Finally, 11 proposals (out of 22) have been accepted, partially from our WG alone, partially in co-operation with other WG's
- 4) EuroThrombosis Summit Meeting, Nijmegen 2007: The meeting (around 300 participants) was excellent from the scientific point of view and ended in a financial surplus of 27,316.-- €, although all members of the WG had free access to the meeting and travel refunds were liberally handled. The merits for this situation go exclusively to the main organizer of the meeting, Freek W.A. Verheugt. Many thanks to him.
- 5) Coronary Reperfusion and Secondary Prevention Meeting, Oberlech, April 2008. The meeting was co-organized by the WG for the 5th time. Six members of the WG were active as speakers and chairpersons. 107 persons (faculty and participants) counted for the second biggest participation in 9 years. Excellent marks came from the audience. Kurt Huber, Harald Darius, Allan Ross and Bernard Gersh will organize the next meeting March 21-26, 2009, again with important participation of our WG.
- 6) New members 9/2007-9/2008: see attached page. Total number of members: 245
- 7) Finances: The WG account showed a balance of 137,107.22 € on August 31, 2008. This is a surplus of almost 68,000 € compared with September 2007. The increase of budget can be explained by successful efforts to gain sponsor money from companies (The Medicine Company, AstraZeneca, GSK, sanofi-synthelabo) and by the surplus of the EuroThrombosis Summit meeting 2007. Based on the fact that some difficulties were evident in the past in the interaction with representatives of the ESC being responsible for financial transactions, the present balance is not correct at moment. Intense discussions are ongoing to improve this situation in short time.
- 8) Website – current status: The website had to be re-updated in the past weeks, because important information, which had been given repeatedly to the web team, went lost during a general ESC website-update. Kurt Huber will become web editor again for the next 2 years and intensively cooperate with the ESC web team to improve this situation. Also this evident problem will be solved in short time by intense cooperation with representatives of the ESC web team.
- 9) Task Force on „Bleeding“: Gabriel Steg reported at the last nucleus meeting in Munich that the final version of the position paper is in preparation and will be finished within 4-6 weeks (mid October).
- 10) Task Force on „Peri-operative management after stent implantation“: Due to several reasons this task force never became active. It has now been replaced by a new TASK FORCE on “**Management of Antithrombotic Therapy in Atrial Fibrillation Patients Presenting with an ACS and/or Undergoing PCI/Stenting**”. This task force is cooperation between the leading WG on Thrombosis (Gregory Lip and Kurt Huber are the organizers), the EHRA and the EAPCI and a position paper is planned within 6-9 months. Task force members will be named shortly.

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- 11) Task Force on Antithrombotic Therapy in the Elderly: organized by Felicita Andreotti, participation of most nucleus members and invited specialists. Start: September 2008. Position paper planned within 12 months.
- 12) LASER registry (formerly APART registry): all the paperwork has been done meanwhile and we have a positive EC vote in Germany. Organizers are Dietrich Gulba and Uwe Zeymer. Meanwhile, nucleus members have activated participating centers in their respective countries. A Start is planned within the next 2-3 months Europe-wide. It is planned to merge the data of the LASER registry after both registries have been finalized with another Italian-German-Finnish registry with similar goals (contact person: Andrea Rubboli).
- 13) WG on Thrombosis Travel Grant for Atherothrombosis Science: the grant will be awarded for the ESC meeting in Barcelona 2009. Information will be available in our website.
- 14) New Nucleus members: while 4 members had to step out the nucleus (Raffaele De Caterina, Steen Kristensen, Lina Badimon, Freek Verheugt), 6 new members were elected by democratic email-voting: Lars Rasmussen, Rob Storey, Franz-Josef Neumann, Agneta Siegbahn, Jean-Philipp Collet, Joao Morais.
- 15) New Nucleus positions:
 - a. Chair 2008-2010: Felicita Andreotti
 - b. Vice-Chair 2008-2010: Harald Arnesen
 - c. Treasurer 2008-2010 Rob Storey. The former treasurer Keith Fox will support the new treasurer within the next months, because of important ongoing activities (update of the account balance etc.)
 - d. Past chair and webmaster: Kurt Huber
- 16) Further Activities in Task Forces, writing committees and expert groups:
 - a. EMEA (European Medicines Agency): Guideline on similar biological medicinal products containing low-molecular weight heparins. Was reviewed (Dietrich Gulba and Kurt Huber) and endorsed by the WG
 - b. Task Force for Biomarkers in Cardiology (Kurt Huber and Marco Tubaro from the WG participating)
 - c. ACCP Guidelines on Antithrombotic Therapy (Raffaele De Caterina participating)
 - d. ESC guidelines for pulmonary embolism (Felicita Andreotti reviewing)
 - e. ESC guidelines for STEMI (Kurt Huber, Freek Verheugt and Keith Fox participating; Felicita Andreotti reviewing)
 - f. ESC guidelines for heart failure (Freek Verheugt participating)
 - g. ESC guidelines for coronary revascularization (Kurt Huber participating)
 - h. ESC guidelines for non-cardiac surgery (Steen Kristensen participating)
- 17) Scientific Personnel Exchange: Thomas Weiss, assistant of Kurt Huber, Wilhelminenhospital, Vienna, Austria, started his co-operation with Harald Arnesen (Ullevål University, Oslo) 2/2008. A two-years scientific and clinical fellowship (partially counting for education in internal medicine) is planned. As a preliminary result this cooperation can be seen as extremely successful. No money from the WG was used to start this cooperation.
- 18) Future Activities:
 - a. Meetings in timely order: the WG is organizing or co-organizing the following meetings in the upcoming months:
 - i. Acute Cardiac Care, Versailles, France (October 2008) (collaboration of WG Thrombosis coordinated by Felicita Andreotti)
 - ii. EuroThrombosis Science, Barcelona, Spain (December 2008) (main organizer is Lina Badimon)
 - iii. Coronary Reperfusion, Oberlech, Austria (March 2009) (main organizer is Kurt Huber)
 - iv. Educational Course "Update in Antithrombotic Therapy", Heart House, June 2009 (main organizers are Raffaele De Caterina and Steen Kristensen)
 - v. ESC 2009, Barcelona, Spain, (August/September 2009)
 - vi. EuroThrombosis Summit, Oslo, Norway (October 2009) (main organizer is Harald Arnesen)
 - vii. EuroThrombosis Summit, Porto, Portugal (2011, main organizer Joao Morais)
 - b. Educational/Scientific Grants 2008: a total of 40,000€ should be used for funding of the following activities, especially of younger investigators during the next year:
 - i. Young Investigator Award (6,000 €)
 - ii. WG on Thrombosis Travel Grant for Atherothrombosis Science (10,000 €)
 - iii. Fellowship for basic research (24,000 €)

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- c. Scientific personnel exchange: it is planned to support the exchange of young scientists between leading institutions linked with the WG with respect to increasing scientific cooperation and education
 - d. Next Nucleus Meeting in Pisa (FA): The next nucleus meeting will be held in Pisa, Italy and hosted by the new chair of the WG. Confirmed date is February 13-14, 2009. Again support from the ESC will be asked to organize this meeting.
- 19) Miscellaneous: We would like to thank especially Celine Serio, Helle Melot and Yolande Millo for their great support in keeping our activities going.



Kurt Huber, MD, FESC, FACC
Chair, 2006-2008

October 20, 2008

New Members

September 2007-August 2008

248 members

+10% in 1 yr

- Thomas WEISS, Vienna, Austria
- (Ms) Rosanna ABATE, Florence, Italy
- Rudolf JARAI, Vienna, Austria
- Leonard BAUR, Heerlen, The Netherlands
- Pasquale PIGNATELLI, Rome, Italy
- Michael SHECHTER, Tel Hashomer, Israel
- Dirk SIBBING, Munich, Germany
- Francesco VIOLI, Rome, Italy
- Nicolas VON BECKERATH, Munich, Germany
- Martin MALY, Prague, Czech Republic
- Christian HAMM, Bad Nauheim, Germany
- Wouter VAN WERKUM, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Marijan BOSEVSKI, Skopje, Macedonia
- Eugenio GRECO, Fuscaldo, Italy
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- David NEWBY, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- Thomas CUISSET, Marseilles, France
- Robert STOREY, Sheffield, United Kingdom
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