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**Re: Annual Scientific Report of the Working Group 18: Thrombosis**

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### **Introduction**

This is the second and final report that I file to the ESC as Chairman of the Working Group 18 ("Thrombosis"). Dr Steen Kristensen will take over the Chairmanship at the time of the ESC Congress in Munich, 2004. A new ViceChairman will be appointed in Munich.

The Nucleus of the WG currently consists of the following persons:

- ? Lina Badimon, Chairman
- ? Steen Dalby Kristensen, Co-Chairman
- ? Raffaele De Caterina Past-Chairman
- ? Kurt Huber, Treasurer
- ? Felicita Andreotti
- ? Desmond Fitzgerald
- ? Keith Fox
- ? Gilles Montalescot
- ? Freek WA Verheugt.

The Nucleus has met the last time in Benalmádena on June 11<sup>st</sup>,2004. The current status of the WG activities, is hereby reported.

### **1- Statement of the objectives of your Working Group**

- 1.1.** To enhance knowledge of thrombosis in clinical cardiology in Europe.
- 1.2.** To stimulate postgraduate education in thrombosis both at the European Congress of Cardiology and beyond.

1.3. To stimulate clinical research in thrombosis in clinical cardiology in Europe, to be performed preferably by young investigators.

1.4. To stimulate basic research on thrombosis in order to increase our knowledge on the pathophysiology to initiate the development of new preventive and therapeutic tools

## 2- Number of sessions organised at the ESC Annual Congress– Munich 2004

2.1. The WG proposals have substantially contributed to the topic Ischemia and Coronary Artery Disease and to the Basic Science Track Programme.

### 2.2 Meeting of the WG Nucleus and of the entire WG and Social events

Meeting and Functions	Day	Time	Location
Meeting ESC Board LBadimon / S. Kristensen	August 27th	14:00-17:00	Hotel Bayerischer Hof Königssaal, Munich
Nucleus Working Group WG18 All members of Nucleus	August 29th	10:00-11:00	Room Edler (Blue Zone)
YIA Session Thrombosis	August 29th	12:40-13:55	Room Ankara (Blue Zone)
ESC WG Business Meeting	August 30th	15:30-16:30	Room Berlin (Red Zone)
WG-Nucleus Dinner	August 30th	20:00	Augustiner Grobgaststätten Neuhauser Str. 27, Munich
General Assembly ESC	August 31st	12:45-13:45	Room Vienna (Red Zone)

Nucleus Dinner: The organization of Social Events have continued a tradition initiated years ago because they are considered extremely important to reinforce the links with members of the Working Group and with Partner Industries.

## 3- Activities run outside the ESC Annual Congress

### 3.1. Symposium on Thrombosis - 2004 : Jointly organized by the Working Groups on Thrombosis of the European and Spanish Societies of Cardiology

The Symposium was held in Spain, Benalmádena (Málaga) June 10-12<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at the Hotel Alay.

Scientific Organizers: Lina Badimon, Steen D. Kristensen, Kurt Huber (WG on Thrombosis ESC) and Francisco Pérez Gómez, Antonio Salvador (WG on Thrombosis Spanish Society of Cardiology)

The programme focussed on thrombosis as the basis for rational intervention. The meeting was targeted to cardiologists (max 125) belonging to the Working Group from all over Europe. The faculty came from Europe (18 speakers) and the United States (3 speakers).

The meeting was highly rated by speakers and audience. Approximately 100 delegates attended the meeting. Our intention was to organize a kind of scientific forum to stimulate questioning and comments of the audience to the presentations and the free

discussions. This end was successfully reached as discussions were very rich and interactive.

Regarding sponsorship the last page of the programme shows the sponsors. Below the digital version of the programme is included.

### **3.2. Course Antithrombotic Therapy Update 2003**

16-18, October, 2003, Nice.  
ESC-Heart House

The fifth course of the series was organized at the European Heart House by Steen Dalby Kristensen and Raffaele De Caterina.

The course was attended by about 80 people from all over Europe (an excellence attendance for these events) and was very positively rated.

The next course on "Anti-thrombotic Therapy – Update 2005" will take place in the European Heart House, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>st</sup> June 2005.

### **3.3. Course Atherothrombosis 2006**

L. Badimon will organize the next Atherothrombosis meeting in Barcelona in December 2006.

### **3.4. Fellowships and Awards.**

The WG to continues the initiative of the Young Investigator Award on Thrombosis.

### **3.5. The History of the Working Group on Thrombosis**

Raffaele De Caterina is finalizing the compiling of the biographical sketch of previous Chairmen of the WG (1980 – 2004) and will try to have, at least for the past 12 years, a collection of "highlights from the Working Group Chairmen" each related to his/her own mandate. This will establish some historical track on the activities of the WG.

### **3.6. Cooperation with the construction of the new ESC website for WGs Nucleus Web Site**

Dr. Kurt Huber started organizing a Web Site for our WG. He got in contact with the ESC web team and was informed that we had to wait until the ESC was more advanced in the general procedures.

At the moment we stand on:

- definition of the current objectives of our WG (see above)
- updating of the member list
- listing of the activities of our WG not already published in the old version of the website

## **4- Membership**

The current situation as of today is 175 members, with the addition of 11 new members since last year.

## 5- Registries and Surveys

None in progress.

## 6- Study Groups

### 6.1. Task Force on Pre-hospital reperfusion therapy in STEMI

Dr. Kurt Huber, on behalf of the WG submitted a grant proposal to the ESC for the establishment of a Task Force on "Improvement of guidelines for diagnosis and therapy of ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) in the prehospital setting" that was granted.

Dr Huber completed a preliminary paper on this topic which was presented at the nucleus meeting in Vienna. The paper was be distributed among the WG-Nucleus members and other invited co-authors and a final decisive meeting should take place in autumn gathering all the co-authors to reach and final document. For this meeting we have used the sponsorship by the ESC in the amount of 5,000 Euros.

### 6.2. ESC Task Force on Antiplatelet Agents

This Task Force was coordinated by Dr. Carlo Patrono, previous Chairman of the WG, and a Document has been published (Expert Consensus Document on the Use of Antiplatelet Agents. The Task Force on the use of antiplatelet agent in patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease of the European Society of Cardiology/ European Heart Journal 2004;25:166-181)

### 6.3. Basic Science Council

Our WG has contributed to the establishment of the Basic Science Council, specially through the activities of the Past Chairman Dr. R. De Caterina.

## 7- Financial Situation.

We have an excellent financial situation as reported below.

The last information received by the Treasurer, Dr. Huber, from Hervé d'Espagnac is from August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Total money available • 92719,38. Euros.

See enclosed statement from ESC-Financial Office checked by Dr. Huber, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Atherothrombosis 2003 meeting did not need any financial help from the WG (as previously agreed in case of need). The Benalmádena Thrombosis 2004 Symposium meeting has closed with a small financial loss that has been covered by the Spanish Working Group on Thrombosis.



Prof. Lina Badimon  
Chairman