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Annual Scientific Report for ESC WG Thrombosis 2006-2007.

- 1) Minutes WG Meeting January 11, 2007 (Vienna): The minutes have meanwhile been published in the website.
- 2) Minutes WG Meeting September 2, 2007 (ESC, Vienna): The minutes are at moment distributed for final corrections to the nucleus members and will be sent to the ESC shortly.
- 3) Proposals for ESC Vienna 2007: Finally, 13 proposals have definitely been accepted, partially from our WG alone, partially in co-operation with other WG's
- 4) Eurothrombosis Summit Meeting, Nijmegen 2007: Freek Verheugt and several co-organizers have successfully organized this. 200 participants gave the meeting high quality rates. Members of the WG were invited for free (travel refund, accommodation and congress fee). Despite this, a small financial surplus is expected, which will get to the WG account.
- 5) Contract with Thrombosis Haemostasis: After longer negotiations with the ESC board and the publishers (Schattauer) we were finally successful in making a contract with this valuable journal. Thrombosis Haemostasis is (beginning with 01.01.07) the main scientific organ of our WG. Subscription will be 40% less for WG members. The WG (nucleus) will receive at minimum 2 positions for section editors. In reality, at moment 7 WG members (4 nucleus) are in such a position (Lina Badimon, Raffaele De Caterina, Kurt Huber, Irene Lang, Gregory Lip, Freek Verheugt, Johann Wojta). Steen Kristensen will be proposed as new section editor for 2008/2009. The WG has responsibilities with respect to the proposal of and work on „theme issues“ (1 per year) and will provide Schattauer a free stand at the EuroThrombosis meetings. The first “theme issue” (2007/2008) will deal with “antithrombotic agents in CAD”. Further topics might include “thrombolytic therapy update” as well as excerpts of the position papers of our WG (which primarily will be sent to the Eur Heart J). The contract is valid until 2009 and can be prolonged if both parties are in favor of this.
- 6) New members 9/2006-9/2007 and electronical application for membership: During the past months it has become possible to apply for membership electronically (via the website). After some initial problems this turned out to be a much easier way to recruit new members. The following persons have successfully applied for membership since the last general assembly of the WG in Barcelona 2006: Dr Dan ATAR, Norway, Dr Francisco Daniel EPELDE GONZALO, Spain, Dr David ERLINGE, Sweden, Dr Magdalena (Magda) HERAS, Spain, Dr Wiktor KULICZKOWSKI, Poland, Dr Jose MARTINEZ-GONZALEZ, Spain, Dr Burak PAMUKCU, Turkey, Dr Karlheinz PETER, Australia, Dr Alf-Age Resisted PETERSEN, Norway, Dr Jose A. RODRIGUEZ, Spain, Dr Andrea SCHUERGER (from the publishers of Thrombosis and Haemostasis), Germany, and Dr Victor L. SEREBRUANY, USA
- 7) VTE Meeting, London, GB: Lars Rasmussen has been asked by the nucleus to visit this meeting in London. The meeting had brainstorming and future co-operation between the VTE (Venous Thromboembolism Group) and our WG as background.
- 8) Coronary Reperfusion, Oberlech, A: This international meeting, mainly visited by interventional cardiologists and experts in antithrombotic therapy, has been held for the 8th time and was co-organized by the WG for the 4th time. The scientific

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Allan Ross (USA), Harald Darius (D; member of the WG) and Kurt Huber (A) again did organization. In total 8 WG members were involved as speakers and/or chairpersons. 84 participants including the faculty were present during the 5 ½ days meeting, which was again very highly accepted and rated by the audience. 5 plenary lectures, 5 Meet-the-Expert sessions, 5 poster sessions, and 8 symposia rounded up the program. The next meeting will be organized April 5-10, 2008.

- 9) Course “Anti-Thrombotic Therapy – Update 2007”, Heart House, Sophia Antipolis, F: This biannual course was again organized by Raffaele De Caterina and Steen Kristensen, who reported that the course for the first time had more than 120 international participants. The course is since years not only a financial win for the bank account of the WG but also for the ESC. Participants were extremely positive about the course contents. All participants received a CD with the oral presentations, which further might increase the educational character of the course. The course is planned to be re-organized in 2009, place and time are not yet determined.
- 10) Publications (RDC): There is a long list of publications with important input of WG members in the past 12 months. Most importantly, the WG published a position paper in the Eur Heart J (De Caterina R, Husted S, Wallentin L et al. Anticoagulants in heart disease: current status and perspectives. Eur Heart J 2007; 28: 880 and members of the WG published a first overview in Thrombosis and Haemostasis with respect to antithrombotic agents (Siller J, Schroer K, Wojta J, Huber K. Thienopyridines in cardiovascular disease: Focus on clopidogrel resistance. Thrombos Haemostas 2007; 97: 385)
- 11) Corporate identity: During the past months, the ESC has been very active in helping the WG's to improve corporate identity by creating a new internet address (URL) - www.escardio.org/Thrombosis - a new logo, an information flyer, and an own WG mailbox (thrombosis@escardio.org; <http://mail.escardio.org/mail/thrombosis.nsf>; Login: thrombosis; Password: escwg_thrombosis), which should ease direct contacts (at moment for nucleus members only).
- 12) Finances: The WG account showed a balance of **89,158.91 €** after the last general assembly of the WG in Barcelona 2006. Meanwhile, expenses during the Barcelona meeting (Young Investigator Award, WG reception and dinner) led to a reduction to **81,997.02 €** (per October 25, 2006). It was not clear to the treasurer, whether an amount of 7,291.00 € (surplus of the Educational course 2005) has already been added to the account – this has to be proven. The surplus of the educational course 2007 as well as the expenses for the Vienna 2007 meeting (Young investigator award, WG reception and dinner) has not been included so far. We expect also a small surplus from the EuroThrombosis Summit meeting in Nijmegen (see above). A final balance for 2007 should be ready around the next nucleus meeting (January/February 2008 in Vienna).
- 13) Website – current status: The website has been updated in the past months with the most important information's. These include the objectives of the WG, CVs and photographs of nucleus members, minutes of nucleus meetings, annual reports of WG activities, a new electronic application form for membership (including also the prerequisites to do so), the new URL, a summary of publications by the WG (peer reviewed papers as well as E-journal publications) with direct links (if possible), informations about the history of the WG and about previous chair persons, informations about meetings organized or co-organized by the WG and many more.
- 14) Task Force on „Bleeding“: Gabriel Steg leads The Task Force. Together with Kurt Huber, he wrote a letter of support, which was sent to several companies to support the activities of the task force, especially the travel and accommodations costs for co-authors concerning a meeting in Paris (November 21, 2007), where the last final steps for a final version of a position paper should be done. In addition the WG will have to pay for a professional writer who is responsible to bring all the different parts of the manuscript together, to coordinate the bibliography, and to give figures and tables a common outlook. Meanwhile, almost all parts of the manuscript are written and only few parts are missing at moment.
- 15) Task Force on „Peril-operative management after Stent implantation“: Felicita Andreotti and Kurt Huber will lead the task force and made already at the general assembly of the WG (Barcelona 2006) the proposal to work on this important topic. There are many questions around dual antiplatelet therapy, stent implantation and urgent, subacute or planned surgery as e.g. the increased rate of CV death, MI, urgent revascularization based on stent thrombosis after cessation of antithrombotic therapy, semi-urgent surgery, or elective surgery after long-term antithrombotic treatment of DES; the co-operation of anesthesiologists, cardiologists, and surgeons; the need for prospective investigations and study concepts. The task force will focus on these points during the next month and again a position paper as final outcome of the discussions is planned. These activities are in parallel to ESC activities, which however focus on a much broader range of topics and Steen Kristensen has been sent as a representative of the WG to these ESC activities.

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- 16) APART registry: It was planned to start this registry in spring 2007 (organized by Dietrich Gulba). Based on financial and organizational problems this was, however, not possible. Meanwhile the budget for this registry, which is ought to investigate the usual care and therapy of anticoagulated patients who undergo stent implantation in Germany and other European countries, has been collected and the start is planned now for early 2008.
- 17) Future Activities:
- a. Meetings in timely order: the WG is organizing or co-organizing the following meetings in the upcoming months:
 - i. Bleeding Complications, Lund, S (October 3-5, 2007)
 - ii. EuroThrombosis Summit, Nijmegen, NL (October 5-6, 2007) (main organizer is Freek Verheugt)
 - iii. Coronary Reperfusion, Oberlech, A (April 5-10, 2008) (main organizer is Kurt Huber)
 - iv. ESC 2008, Munich, D (August 30 – September 3, 2008)
 - v. Acute Coronary Care, Versailles, F (October 11-14, 2008) (Felicita Andreotti co-organizing for the WG)
 - vi. EuroThrombosis Science, Barcelona, SP (December 11-13, 2008) (main organizer is Lina Badimon)
 - b. Educational/Scientific Grants 2008: a total of 50,000€ should be used for funding of the following activities, especially of younger investigators during the next year:
 - i. Young Investigator Award (6,000 €)
 - ii. Travel grants (10,000 €)
 - iii. Fellowship for basic research (24,000 €)
 - c. Next Nucleus Meeting in Vienna (KH): The next nucleus meeting will be held again in Vienna, A, and hosted by the current chair of the WG. Three dates will be offered; January 10/11 or February 7/8 or February 14/15, 2008. Arrival would now be with each occasion on Thursday evening (get-together dinner), the meeting would be held on Friday (9 am – 4 pm), and I could organize tickets for the opera or a concert on Friday evening for those who intend to stay until Saturday (departure).
- 18) Miscellaneous: We would like to thank especially Celine Serio and Yolande Millo for their great support in keeping our activities going

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