

## ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

**Valvular Heart Disease**  
ESC Working Group



### Part 1: Working Group on: Valvular Heart Diseases

#### Nucleus composition

Chairperson: Pilar Tornos , Barcelona, Spain

Vice-chairperson: Bernard lung, Paris, France

Past chairperson: Manuel Antunes, Coimbra, Portugal

Chairman-elect: Benard Prendergast, Oxford,UK

Treasurer: Janina Stepinska

Secretary: Raphael Rosenhek, Viena, Austria

Web editor: Jens Kaden

Nucleus Members: Catherine Otto, Seattle, USA

Pieter Kappettein, Rotterdam, Netherland

Esmeray Accarturk, Andara, Turkey

Christoph Naber, Essen, Germany

Senate: Alec Vahanian, Eric Butchard, Christa Gohlke-Barwolf, Roger Hall

The composition of the Nucleus will change after the ESCC 2010: .

Pilar Tornos will become past chairman

Bernard lung will be the Chairman

Bernard Prendergast will become vice-chairperson

Raphael Rosenhek will become the next chairman-elect

Catherine Otto and Pieter Kappettein will leave the Nucleus and will become ex-officio members

Manuel Antunes will become a Senate member

Christoph Naber will become the next treasurer.

3 new nucleus members will be elected (voting June-July 2010)

## Part 2: Activities of the WG during the year

### Meetings

#### 1. Organization of the Course:

Aortic Valve Disease: an update (Barcelona Sept 30, Oct 1-2 2010). This course will be followed by the XI Understanding Aortic Diseases.

#### 2. Extra Nucleus Meeting. Sitges, February 26-27, 2010. The most important issues discussed were:

.a) The nucleus turnover was discussed. For the first time in our WG a general election process will take place before the ESCC to replace the 3 members of the Nucleus that are leaving his position ( one becomes a Senate member and 2 ex-officio members).

The rules for the general election process were settled:

At least one surgeon

Only one per country

Only one non-european

b) Project of contacting national working groups and to invite national representatives to a meeting during the ESC in Stockholm – Christoph Naber took over this project. The meeting is prepared for Sunday 29.

c) Opportunity of an on-stage presentation of the working group of 30 minutes at the ESC meeting. Bernard Prendergast took over this proposition.

## **Papers & Guidelines**

Funding from the ESC was obtained for the writing on a position paper on “ Risk assessment in the valvular patient “

Several members of the Nucleus are members of different task forces involved in Guidelines ( endocarditis, atrial fibrillation, valvular diseases)

## **Sessions**

The WG was invited to participate in the National Congresses. in Turkey, Greece and Portugal

The WG participate in a Joint Session in the EuroEcho ( Madrid, Dec 2009)

The WG participate in a Joint session in the ACC meeting ( Copenhagen October 2010)

The WG has an active role in the ESCC in Stockholm: organization of 6 sessions on different topics in valve diseases and participation in sessions proposed by the WG on Surgery, GUCH, ECO

## **Other:**

Registry : The WG , together with the GUCH WG, are responsible for the registry on “Pregnancy and cardiac disease”. Prof Roger Hall from the Senate of the WG is the person in charge.

## **Part 3: Future projects**

Educational Course at the Heart house ( March 2011):

DIFFICULT VALVE DISEASE II – FOCUS 2011

This educational Course will be a joint course with the WG on Cardiac Surgery