

Annual Report 2008-2009

Part 1: Identification

Working Group on: **VALVULAR HEART DISEASE**

Nucleus composition (name):

Chairperson: **Pilar Tornos**
Vice-chairperson: **Bernard Iung**
Chairmen-elect: **Bernard Prendergast**
Past chairperson: **Manuel Antunes**
Treasurer: **Janina Stepinska**
Secretary & Web editor: **Raphael Rosenhek**

Nucleus Members: **Jens Kaden**
Pieter Kappetein
Catherine Otto
Christoph Naber
Esmeray Accarturk

Ex officio Emeritus Nucleus Members: **Manuel Antunes**
Roger Hall
Christa Gohlke Barwolf
Alec Vahanian

Part 2 – Turn-Over of the WG during the year

- ▶ The composition of the Nucleus has not changed. Some changes are expected for Stockholm 2010. Criteria for eligibility will be prepared by the Nucleus following the ESC regulations.
- ▶ The new criteria for membership have been used. The total number of WG members is now **198**

Part 3 – Activities of the WG during the year

WG Annual Meeting (s):

- ▶ 2 nucleus meetings:
 - January 2009, European Heart House, France
 - During the ESC Congress in Barcelona

Endorsed meetings:

- ▶ Aortic Valve Disease. Porto, Portugal June 2009

Education programme(s) – Training, Courses & Grants:

- ▶ ETP course at the European Heart House (February 19-21 February 2009)
“Difficult valve disease: Focus. The guidelines and beyond”
Directors: Manuel Antunes, Pilar Tornos, Bernard Iung

Proposals for pre-arranged sessions at the ESC main congress and/or ESC Sub-specialty meetings:

- ▶ **At the ESC main congress:** Participation in the ESC Barcelona 2009, **5 sessions** on valvular diseases (including one main session), and **2 sessions** in cooperation with WG GUCH and Cardiac surgery respectively. Participation in the Focus program: AV disease and endocarditis.
- ▶ Joint session in the Euro Echo, Lyon 2008

Participation to guidelines:

- ▶ Participation in the Task Force **Guidelines on Infective endocarditis** (Dr Manuel Antunes, Dr Pilar Tornos, Dr Bernard Prendergast)

Registry:

- ▶ Participation on the Registry "Structural heart Disease in pregnancy" a joint task with the GUCH WG.

Part 4:

Future projects:

- ▶ Preparation of the sessions for the ESC 2010
- ▶ Extra-Nucleus Meeting (late February-early March 2010 in Barcelona)
- ▶ Session on Emergencies in valve patients in the ACC Congress. Copenhagen 2010
- ▶ Organization of the symposium: Aortic valve Disease. An update. Barcelona October 2010, in cooperation with the XI Advances in understanding aortic diseases
- ▶ Cooperation in the Euro PCR
- ▶ Cooperation with EuroEcho
- ▶ Position paper on risk scores for valvular patients