

# **Report 2004-2005**

## **Working Group for Valvular Heart Disease (WG 14)**

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The Working Group on valvular heart disease of the ESC is constituted by the nucleus and the members. The Working Group aims to promote exchanges between cardiologists as well as other physicians and surgeons who are taking part in the management of patients with valvular heart disease. For this purpose, the Working Group on valvular heart disease organises sessions at the annual Congress of the ESC, ETP courses, and participates to the organisation of meetings with other Scientific Societies. Education tasks are also achieved through the elaboration of specific guidelines in the field of heart valve diseases.

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## Activities in 2004-2005

1. Organising valve disease sessions for the ESC conference in Stockholm in Sept 2005.
2. Completion of guidelines for the managing of patients who have had previous valve surgery. The Executive Summary of this will appear in the European Heart Journal soon. This project has been under the guidance of the Eric Butchart.
3. The work done in putting together the guidelines for the managing of patients who have had previous valve surgery has lead to a book which is in press. Again the lead has been taken by Eric Butchart. The other editors of the book are Manuel Antunes, Christa Gohlke-Barwolf and Roger Hall.
4. ***Participation of the Working Group on valvular heart disease to joint meetings***
  - a. Euro Echo 8. Athens, Greece. 1-3 December 2004.
  - b. Annual European Meeting of the French Society of Cardiology. Paris, France, 19-22 January 2005.
  - c. German-French Symposium at the Annual Congress of the German Cardiac Society. Mannheim, Germany, 31 March 2005.
  - d. Structured Session on Anticoagulation in Patients with Valvular Heart Disease at the Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology. Orlando, USA, 6-9 March 2005.

## Planned activities for 2005-6

1. Joint sessions at Euroecho 9 in Florence in Dec 2006 with ESC Association of Echocardiography.
2. An ETP course at the Heart House in October 2006 on the Asymptomatic patient with valve disease.
3. Guidelines on the management of valvular heart disease. A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Alec Vahanian which will formulate official ESC guidelines for valve disease. Roger Hall and Eric Butchart from the nucleus of the WG have been asked to participate.
4. Increase the membership of the WG .
5. Formulate a plan for future activities at the meetings of the nucleus and the whole WG at the Stockholm meeting of the ESC