

## Working Groups

### Annual Report for 1999/2000

The Working Group on Valvular Heart Disease of the European Society of Cardiology had a very active year in 1999/2000. The most important events are summarised below.

#### 1. Nucleus

The following members of the European Society of Cardiology were responsible for the Working Group on Valvular Heart Disease this year :

**Chair** : Alec Vahanian, Paris

**Co-Chair** : Eric Butchart, Cardiff

**Chairman-Elect** : Christa Gohlke, Bad Krozingen

**Past Chairman** : Celia Oakley, London

**Secretary** : Jean-Claude Schoevaerds, Profondeville

**Treasurer** : Manuel Antunes, Coimbra

#### **Members of Nucleus :**

Roger Hall

Bernard Lung

Yilmaz Nisanci

Roldano Scognamiglio

MP Tornos

#### 2. Current Member Status

This year, the Working Group on Valvular Heart Disease obtained applications for membership from 11 interested cardiologists. These will be discussed at the Nucleus meeting.

The Working Group on currently has 159 members. The list of addresses for all members is available on the ESC website ([www.escardio.org](http://www.escardio.org)).

#### 3. Structure of the Working Groups

The Working Group on Valvular Heart Disease participated in the re-structuring of the Working Groups and is part of Cluster 1, under the heading "The Heart – Structure and Function". Alec Vahanian represents this cluster in the Science Council.

#### 4. Financial Report

The current status of the financial situation is attached. The Working Group has an account in France at the Banque Populaire de la Côte d'Azur (Account No. 37 019 0 4245 6). The account is handled by the European Heart House.

#### 5. Activities of the Working Group on Valvular Heart Disease

##### 5.1. Meetings and Congresses

- ▣ In Barcelona, the Working Group participated in 4 symposia. This year in Amsterdam, we will participate in 1 main session on acute endocarditis, and 5 symposia. Several members of the Working Group will participate in the session "Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation - How and When to Operate". The Working Group also has an active contribution in the FOCUS session on Echocardiographic Management of Mitral Valve Disease.
- ▣ The Working Group will organise a session during the Journées Européennes of the French Society of Cardiology in Paris in January 2001.
- ▣ Several members of the Working Group will take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting on Acute Rheumatic Fever in Papeete, Polynesia in May 2001.
- ▣ A meeting was planned by Prof. Dieter Horstkotte for November 2000 but it has been postponed for the present.

## 5.2. Education

- ▣ The Working Group is organising an Education and Training Programme (ETP) course for March 2001 on the topic of the Difficult Situations in the Management of Valve Disease.

## 5.3. Surveys and Registries

- ▣ Several member of the Nucleus of the Working Group are part of the *Euro Heart Survey on Valvular Heart Disease*, which is chaired by Alec Vahanian. This survey will be done between January and April 2001 and will include 1-year follow-up.

## 5.4. Recommendations

- ▣ Several members of the WG are preparing a set of guidelines for the management of patients with valvular heart disease. It is planned that they will be submitted to the European Heart Journal by the third trimester of 2001.