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**Working group Cardiovascular Morphology**

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**Minutes from the Working Group Cardiovascular Morphology  
Business Meeting in *Venice*, May 2008**

The meeting of our WG was attended by few members and once again raised the problem of enrolment of new members and reinforcement of active participation of the old ones. Paediatric cardiologists and related experts in the ancillary specialties represent a restrictive number and very selected group of people, and this could be a limitation in membership since people in the Society usually are active in only one WG.

The discussion was focused on the role of our WG inside the Society :

**1) The involvement of CV Morphology WG in the Annual Congress .**

At the moment official involvement is at two different levels : scientific level , by proposal of one symposium; moreover one abstract session is allocated for the topic morphology/pathology and educational level, by the anatomical demonstration and live video.

Everybody agreed that the members of our WG should be even more involved in the program to ensure active participations of cardiovascular pathology/ morphology experts throughout the Congress.

**2) The involvement of CV morphology WG in organizing the AEPC teaching residential courses for Trainees on Cardiac Morphology.**

The first one was in January 2007 organized by the Leiden Group and was a real success. The second one was organized by the Padua Group in May 2008 in relation to the Annual Meeting, with Prof. Gaetano Thiene , director of the Course. This decision to have the residential in conjunction with the annual congress turned out to be an unpractical solution since the junior could not stay out of their own institution for an entire week. The Third one was in London in 2009. Prof. Heynric Grotenhuis, Past-Chairman of Junior Members Committee, and the newly elected Chairperson Tara Bharucha were present and reinforced their request for educational activities organized by our WG since the request has been already very large among junior members.

**The meeting ended at 9.00 a.m.**

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