

Report business meeting interventional working group AEPC Warsaw 5-2007

1. Council : chairman (M. Carminati) and treasurer (M. Gewillig) remain. Secretary (M. Witsenburg) steps down and is replaced by Caroline Ovaert (Belgium/France), only candidate.
2. Report of treasurer (M. Gewillig): Finances are good. The bank account shows 22.688,25 SF on dec 31 2006. We still have to pay for the VSD registry, for delivered work and to keep it open until closure later this year.
3. Recommendations for training: Shakeel Qureshi and Maarten Witsenburg have worked on writing down training requirements. A first 'draft' has been sent to everyone beginning of this year. There have been no written comments to this 'draft'. During the meeting, the debate is over the number of procedures required. Several people think the absolute number is probably not the best way to evaluate 'skill'. 'Direct observation of procedural skills', used in the UK (DOPS) might be useful. However we have to find a general, easy applicable way, valid in all the different European countries. Shak and Maarten will continue working on those recommendations and hope to have them finished over the next months. They will then be submitted to the AEPC board before publication in Cardiology in the Young.
4. Registries:
 - VSD registry: organised by Mario Carminati. Mario will close the registry in November 2007. Hopefully the data will be updated before this date.
 - coarctation registry : not ready to start yet. Marc Gewillig is still trying to find funding.
5. Future activities/plans:
 - training course 2008 : The plan is to hold a new training course in march 2008, similar (but improved) as in Budapest 2006. The junior members want more 'hands-on' training. Jochen Weil is working with Siemens on a virtual cath lab in Germany. The virtual cath lab might be ready for that time. In September or October the council will decide if the 'virtual lab course' will be stitched to the theoretical course.
 - quality control/complications registry : no real solution found
 - ESC and AEPC 2008 : the council calls for suggestions for topics
6. Other: Don Hagler (Mayo Clinic) invites European interventional pediatric cardiologists to become member off the SCAI (The Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions). Membership application is available on the website (www.scai.org).

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