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Cardiac Rehabilitation Candidates

Dr Margaret CUPPLES - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) (1st Class) (QUB) 1974
MB BCh BAO (QUB) 1977
DRCOG (London) 1979
DCH (Dublin) 1980
MRCGP (London) 1981
MD (QUB) 1983
FRCGP 1996

Current appointment: Clinical Reader, General Practice, Queen's University of Belfast
Clinical Lead, N Ireland Clinical Research Network (Primary Care)
General Practitioner, Woodbrooke Medical Practice, Belfast

Vision Statement:

I would wish to join the EACPR cardiac rehabilitation group. I consider that I have quite extensive experience of issues relevant to cardiac rehabilitation and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease both from my practice as a general practitioner over the last 30 years and in my academic research. I have worked in both rural and urban socio-economically disadvantaged areas in which there has been a high prevalence of cardiac disease. My research has been linked to cardiovascular disease ever since my first major grant, from the Medical Research Council, in 1990. My recent research highlights a need for better integration of rehabilitation services. I have a keen interest in translating research evidence into practice and in discovering and sharing effective methods of promoting health, particularly in relation to the prevention of cardiac disease and improved provision of cardiac rehabilitation.

Dr Zbigniew EYSYMONTT - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications

Primary Qualification: MD (Silesian Medical Academy Katowice 1972-1978)

Specialist Qualification: Internal Diseases, 1986
Medical Rehabilitation, 1995
Cardiology, 2007

Academic degree: Ph.D (doctorate) at Silesian Medical Academy, Katowice, 2001

Postgraduate degree 1) BA in hospital managing (Jagiellonian University, Cracow)
2) Hospital Management Training (Milwood VA, USA)

Current appointment

Head of Cardiac Rehabilitation Department
Silesian Rehabilitation Center (SCR) Ustroń, Poland

Vision Statement

Areas of expertise and activities I would like to undertake as a Nucleus member of EACPR Cardiac Rehabilitation Section:

Being a practitioner – cardiologist, dealing for 20 years with cardiac rehabilitation and prevention and managing one of the best cardiac rehabilitation centres in Poland I would like to implement my experiences in EACPR activities:

- 1) To evaluate current developments and the state of cardiac rehabilitation in Europe with particular focus on health education
- 2) To develop European cardiac rehabilitation standards with particular focus on health education
- 3) To network cardiac rehabilitation centres in Europe and work on effective cooperation between those centres.
- 4) To research quality of life and other criteria of the effects of cardiac rehabilitation with particular emphasis on the long-term advantages of cardiac rehabilitation.

Objectives of my work in EACPR

From my experience up to date, cardiac rehabilitation proves to be the best method of effective health education. It gives a unique opportunity to put in practice the theory of prevention among patients with cardiovascular diseases.

In my opinion such a role of cardiac rehabilitation seems to be underrated and underused, even by EACPR. This is where I see my role as a Nucleus member of EACPR Cardiac Rehabilitation Section. I would like to aim at increasing the role and effectiveness of cardiac rehabilitation in the process of primary and secondary prevention. The best proof of it can be the rehabilitation of patients after MI treated by primary PCI or patients after MIDCAB. These are, very often, patients with almost "untouched" heart, requiring no further improvement of physical capacity. In these cases, the most important goal of cardiac rehabilitation is to raise awareness as to health education and motivate patients to change their lifestyle accordingly. This should be done with care and in a structured manner, engaging the whole rehabilitation team, trained at psychology and andragogy. This approach and the need of such intervention was confirmed by results of Euroaspire Trial and has been proven practical in Euroaction Program.

It seems that this approach to rehabilitation in certain areas is still backward and despite scientific data and declarations, it is still directed mostly at the 'physical' component of the rehabilitation program. There also seems to be an unsubstantiated belief in the role of pharmacotherapy as a basis for prevention.

Evaluation of this situation by EACPR will allow to develop the model of best practices in today's rehabilitation and lead to more effective health education and cardiac rehabilitation for Europe, localized according to respective cultures and geographical areas.

Creating a database of all existing rehabilitation centres in Europe and facilitating contacts between centres will also be a helpful factor in paving a way to effective networking and broadening cooperation between those centres at different levels. This could lead to networking centres with similar aims and objectives as well as similar problems.

Eventually it should improve the quality of cardiac rehabilitation and result in practical implementation of EACPR guidelines.

I would also like to engage in research, which would allow to monitor the long-term effects of cardiac rehabilitation with an emphasis on effectiveness of interventions eliminating cardiovascular risk factors and increasing quality of life.

Associate Professor Stefan HÖFER, FESC - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications

January 2003 - December 2004	Post-Doc Marie Curie Research Fellowship, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin (Prof. H. McGee)
January 2000 - December 2002	PhD-study (Psychology), Leopold-Franzens University Innsbruck: "Predictors of Health Related Quality of Life in Cardiac Patients"
May 2000 - January 2001	Clinical and Health Psychologist, Austrian Academy of Psychology, Innsbruck

Current appointment

Associate Professor at the Department of Medical Psychology,
Medical University Innsbruck, Director: Prof. Dr. med. Gerhard Schüßler

Vision Statement

As a nucleus member I would like to work on the following topics:

- Psychological interventions in cardiac rehabilitation – development and implementation of psychocardiology guidelines across Europe for CR programs.
- Promotion of health psychology interventions to foster lifestyle modification.
- Development and promotion of patient-reported outcome measurement in cardiac rehabilitation

As a registered clinical psychologist and health psychologist I have clinical and research interest in cardiovascular disease (in particular cardiac rehabilitation), quality of life assessment, doctor-patient relationship (adherence, communication skills, etc.) and health outcome assessment. As an external expert to various national bodies I had the opportunity to develop guidelines for psychocardiology and implement patient-reported health outcome assessments.

Dr Tünde Eva KORODI, EC - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications

1980-1986	Semmelweis University of Medicine, Budapest
1992	specialist for internal medicine
1996	specialist for diabetology
1997	specialist for cardiology
2000	"European Cardiologist" Diploma
2007	specialist for cardiac rehabilitation

Current appointment

Head of the dept. of cardiac rehabilitation
Saint George Hospital, Székesfehérvár, Hungary

Vision Statement

I am interested in Cardiac Rehabilitation and also in Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science. I worked in addition to my everyday work in an ambulant cardiac rehabilitation programme for ten years, and for fifteen years in the diabetic ambulant station.

Ass. Prof. Goran KRSTACIC, FESC - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications

1987 M.D.
1992 Ph.M. Rijeka University School of Medicine
2002 Ph.D., Zagreb University School of Medicine

Current appointment

Cardiovascular Department, Head, Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases, Prevention and Rehabilitation
Zagreb, Croatia

Vision Statement

I would be very interested to apply for the Nucleus member position (Section Cardiac Rehabilitation) for the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention & Rehabilitation (EACPR).

I'm working in Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases, Prevention and Rehabilitation in Zagreb, Croatia, since 1996 and I'm a Head of Cardiovascular Department. In our Institute we provide outcome Cardiovascular Cardiac Rehabilitation as a secondary prevention program, with exercise as the cornerstone of a comprehensive intervention as well as an educational programme, treatment for cardiovascular risk factors and the actions for patient's voluntarily adoption of a healthy lifestyle. I would like and my effort will be focus mostly to position Cardiac Rehabilitation as an important integrative part of whole treatment of cardiovascular patients and definition of the standards for the certifications of the Cardiac Rehabilitation centres and for continuous process of self-education for specialists who are involved in Cardiac Rehabilitation process.

Dr Leire ORTIZ FERNANDEZ - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Current appointment

Resident Physician in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation since May 2006 in the University Hospital of Cruces en el Servicio de Medicina Física y Rehabilitación.

Basque Country's Representative of Resident Physicians in the Basque Rehabilitation Society (Junta Directiva De la Sociedad de Euskal Herria De Medicina Física Y Rehabilitación) since May 2008.

Vision Statement

To introduce myself, my name is Dr. Leire Ortiz Fernández. I completed my degree in Medicine from the University of the Basque Country in 2004 and I'm currently on a residency program with The Rehabilitation Department of Cruces Hospital, Barakaldo, Bizkaia, which I finish in May 2010.

My areas of expertise include Cardiac Rehabilitation, Respiratory Physiotherapy, Musculoskeletal Diseases and Neurological Rehabilitation.

Since 2007, my interest has been in Cardiac Rehabilitation. I sub-specialized in The Ramon y Cajal Hospital, Madrid, under the distinguished Cardiologist, Dr. J.M Maroto Montero.

In relation to my Continuing Professional Development, I have done research in different specialty areas and have given 10 National Congress oral presentations (5 awarded), more than 80 National and International posters presentations (2 awarded) and 1 paper has been accepted for publication in an International Journal. Furthermore, as an active member of the Hospital, I am involved in the creation of a Cardiac Rehabilitation Section in the Hospital.

I am a member of the Basque Association of Rehabilitation (euskalemfyre), having held the position as a Representative of Residents of The Basque Country since May 2008.

Prof. Irina RYAMZINA, FESC - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications

2003 Doctorate of Medicine, Perm State Medical Academy, Perm, Russia
1995 PhD, Perm State Medical Academy, Perm, Russia
1982 Residency, Cardiology, Novosibirsk State Medical Institute, Novosibirsk, Russia
1974-1980 MD, Perm State Medical Institute, Perm, Russia

Current appointment

Head of Ambulatory Medicine Department, Perm Medical Academy, Perm, Russia

Vision Statement

The main motivation to become Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR) Section Nucleus is to study CR and CVD prevention in Europe. It is very important to promote CR in my country. I think that scientific cooperation is the best way to decide our problems in this field.

I have an experience of organizational work. During several years I have been a Secretary of the Scientific Problem Commission of Perm State Medical Academy. Now I am a Chairperson of the Methodological Commission on Therapy. Also I am a member of the Board of Russian National Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Prevention.

Dr Alfio STUTO - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications

Doctor in Medicine (1970) specialized in Cardiology (1973), Sports Medicine (1979) Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine (1985).

Current appointment

Co-founder and Director of the "STAR FOR LIFE" a Cardiac Rehabilitation and Prevention Centre in Siracusa.

Vision Statement

I choose the section of Cardiac rehabilitation because I believe that my active involvement may be useful to promote the aims of the EACPR.

Prof. Roberto TRAMARIN, FESC - Cardiac Rehabilitation

Qualifications

- 1977 Graduated (Laurea magna cum laude) in Medicine and Surgery, Pavia University.
- 1980 Specialization with full honours in Cardiology, Pavia University.
- 1984 Specialization (Magna cum Laude) in Occupational Medicine, Pavia University.
- 1991 Fellowship in Magnetic Resonance Imaging at University of Texas, Southwest Medical Center, Dallas TX, USA (Prof. R.M.Peshock).
- 2004 Master for Public Hospital Manager IREF – SDA School of Economics, Bocconi University, Milano

Current appointment

- Director of the Medical Rehabilitation Center, Fondazione Europea di Ricerca Biomedica, Cernusco S/N, Milan.
- Director of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit of the Medical Rehabilitation Center, Fondazione Europea di Ricerca Biomedica, Cernusco S/N, Milan.
- Teaching Professor of Cardiology, Post Graduate Medical School of Occupational Medicine, Pavia University.
- Teaching Professor of Cardiac Rehabilitation, Medical School for Physiotherapists, Varese University.
- Teaching Professor of Cardiac Rehabilitation, Post Graduate Medical School of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Pavia University.
- Director of the Integrated Course of Cardiac and Respiratory Rehabilitation, Medical School for Rehabilitation Professionals, Varese University
- Editor of the web-site www.iacpr.it of the scientific society Italian Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation (previously GICR)
- Member of the steering committee for Italy and Israel Health Care Cooperation for the Italian Vice-Prime Minister Office

Vision Statement

The strong commitment of EACPR in promoting more efficient strategies for CVD prevention and rehabilitation needs action plans aimed to the implementation of the European guidelines and to their effective integration in different national health-care systems. In this perspective there is need for inventories of cardiac rehabilitation (CR) and prevention provision and surveys aimed to the comparison of current distribution, availability, setting, organization, staffing levels and core components of CR programs across European countries with the recommendation of European guidelines.

Updated and detailed overviews of CR provision throughout European countries is mandatory to face the challenge of the ageing of the population and of the increasing number of patients with rising need of more intensive and complex rehabilitation programs after the acute phase and comprehensive long-term care, with innovative, flexible process-of-care and rehabilitation strategies.

Systematic registration of data from clinical practice is important for clinical care, local national and international registries, and audit.

At this regard information from registries, surveys, outcome research should be increasingly used to actively promote the incorporation process of guidelines on CVD rehabilitation and prevention and to evaluate the process/progress of care and patient outcomes.

In the last years of activity in the field of CR I acquired specific expertise in implementation of quality management systems (ISO2001 and Joint Commission International), in implementation and evaluation of clinical practice guidelines, and in the design and management (in the position of Chair and Steering Committee member) of the first national online web-based survey on CR programs availability and standard of care. The framework and the database of this national online survey on CR (ISYDE-2008) was the organization and SW base of an ongoing clinical observational prospective study ICAROS on clinical

outcome and adherence to treatment and lifestyle modification in patients undergoing cardiac rehabilitation after cardiac revascularization (PTCA or CABG), carried out by the IACPR-GICR.

I wish enthusiastically join the Nucleus ongoing activities and contribute to the definition and conduction of new EACPR action-plans.

Exercise, Basic & Translational Research Candidates

Prof. Deodato ASSANELLI – Exercise, Basic and Translational Research

Qualifications

- Degree in Medicine (1974) with 110/110 and praise at the University of Parma,
- Post-graduate degree in Cardiology (1976), Internal Medicine (1980) and Sport Medicine (1989)
- Researcher of Cardiology from 1980 to 2001 in Parma and Brescia.

Current appointment

Associated Professor of Sports Medicine (Internal Medicine) at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Brescia, since November 2001.

Vision Statement

Reasons for asking to be considered for the nucleus: Basic and clinical experience as well as scientific interest in exercise prescription and better knowledge of the mechanisms implied. Scientific interest in sudden death prevention and risk factors evaluation, both in young and in the middle age.

Assoc. Prof. Francesco COSENTINO, FESC – Exercise, Basic and Translational Research

Qualifications

- 1993-95 Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences/Pharmacology
Mayo Clinic and Foundation, Rochester, MN, USA
- 1987-1992 Residency in Internal Medicine & Cardiovascular Diseases,
2nd University, Rome, Italy
- July 1992 Board Certification
- 1981-87 Medical Faculty, University "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy
October 1987 Graduation with full marks and honour

Current appointment

Senior Research Associate, Cardiology and Cardiovascular Research Unit, University Hospital & Institute of Physiology, University of Zurich-Inselspital, Switzerland
Associate Professor, Division of Cardiology, 2nd Faculty of Medicine, University "Sapienza" of Rome, Italy

Vision Statement

I would like to join the EACPR and become a Nucleus Member of the Exercise, Basic and Translational Research Section of the Association.

Several foci of interest have characterized my basic and clinical research activities in recent years. The adaptor protein p66Shc controls oxidative stress responses and life span. We demonstrated that a unifying PKC β /p66Shc-dependent mechanism may contribute to endothelial dysfunction and oxidative stress in the presence of diabetes mellitus. Furthermore, inhibition of PKC β prevents uptake of modified LDL by reducing human monocyte-derived macrophage SR-A expression and, hence, foam cell formation. Enhanced ROS production is the major determinant of age-related endothelial dysfunction. JunD, a member of the AP-1 family of transcription factors, regulates genes involved in antioxidant defense. The c-Jun N-terminal kinases (JNK) are activated by oxidative stress and play a key role in atherogenesis and inflammation. We found that JNK2 deletion protects from hypercholesterolemia-induced endothelial

dysfunction and oxidative stress. All together our findings suggest that PKC β , p66Shc, JunD and JNK2 may be novel and promising targets to slow-down vascular aging and the development of atherosclerosis.

I am willing to scientifically contribute to the EACPR mission by implementing my knowledge and passion for translational research to further strengthen the vascular biology field within the Sections' Nucleus

Assoc. Prof. Marco GUAZZI – Exercise, Basic and Translational Research

Qualifications

- 1983 Bachelor of Classic Studies.
- 1989 Doctor of Medicine, University of Milano (Italy), graduated cum laude.
- 1993 Post-graduate Degree, Cardiology Fellowship, final graduation cum laude, University of Pavia (Italy).
- 1999 PhD in Cardiovascular Physiology, University of Milano, Italy.

Current appointment

Associate Professor of Cardiology, University of Milano, San Paolo Hospital.
Head of Cardiopulmonary Unit. and of the Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation Program at San Paolo Hospital, Milano, Italy.

Vision Statement

I would be very proud to serve the nucleus of the Exercise section of the EACPR, making available the personal expertise gained in the field of exercise pathophysiology in different populations of cardiac patients, especially HF populations.

In terms of activities and proposals, I would make a solid commitment in the organization and elaboration the following potential scientific initiatives:

To investigate how much Europeans are fit collecting data on the average level of fitness of young, middle-aged and elderly people across European countries. This survey would complement and, in some instance, accomplish findings of the Euroaspire III, making a picture on the average level of education. It would also create the background for planning correct and effective strategies for improving adherence to lifestyle changes and physical interventions.

To implement the knowledge and use of gas exchange cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET) -derived variables in daily clinical practice. What would be a step forward for optimizing the progressive and growing appreciation of using CPET and measuring variables of high clinical and prognostic value, is the attempt to create a central core quality-control data laboratory. This would allow to test and validate on large-scale numbers the feasibility, reproducibility and true clinical impact of the amount of evidence so far obtained just in single centre studies.

It goes without saying that in case of election I would be enthusiastic to collaborate with all respected colleagues already working in the nucleus of the stimulating field of exercise physiology.

Dr PAUL LEESON, FESC – Exercise, Basic and Translational Research

Qualifications

- MRCP Royal College of Physicians, London 2002
- PhD University of Cambridge 1998
- MB BChir University of Cambridge 1998
- BSc (Hons) University of St Andrews 1993

Current appointment

British Heart Foundation Fellow, Dept of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Oxford (from Oct 2006)
Consultant Cardiologist, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford (from Oct 2007)
Clinical Lead, Oxford Cardiovascular Clinical Research Facility (from Oct 2009)

Vision Statement

The translation of novel basic science findings into new clinical prevention guidelines requires an effective body of motivated individuals who can progress prevention research from theory into practice. I believe the European Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation is the ideal representative body of people to nurture and promote cardiovascular prevention research internationally.

My recent work has established a programme of clinical research into the impact of variation in vascular biology on the emergence of cardiovascular disease and risk factors. This has provided insight into how effective dissemination of research findings combined with proactive support of research fellows and technical staff effectively draws people into an area of research, changes opinions and influences clinical practice. Now I am keen to have an opportunity to contribute in a similar way to the wider European research community through the Exercise, Basic and Translational Research Nucleus of the Association.

Dr Yasuharu Matsumoto, FESC, FAHA – Exercise, Basic and Translational Research

Qualifications

1997	Graduated the Hiroshima University School of Medicine
1997	M.D., Hiroshima University School of Medicine
1997-1999	Resident in internal medicine of Kyushu University Hospital
1999-2003	Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Kyushu University Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Prof. Akira Takeshita)
2003	Ph.D., Graduated the Kyushu University Graduate School of Medical Sciences

Current appointment

Assistant professor of medicine, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine,
Tohoku University (Prof. Hiroaki Shimokawa, FESC, FAHA)

Vision Statement

I am much interested in the study particularly in the field of exercise physiology using basic and translational research. I have been recently engaged in the translational research project investigating the effect of exercise training on the progression of calcific aortic valve disease in experimental mice model (Circulation 2010). Now, we are further conducting the translational research projects that examine the role of exercise for the prevention of emerging cardiovascular disease including heart failure. I have six-years clinical experiences as well as seven-years basic research experiences including as a postdoctoral fellow in the Heart Centre Leipzig, as shown in my CV. Using my well-trained techniques as well as my sound knowledge on vascular/valvular biology, I am sure I could be an invaluable member of your successful team.

Prevention, Epidemiology & Population Science Candidates

Prof. Romualdo BELARDINELLI, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

1980	University of Ancona Medical School, Degree in Medicine
1981-1985	University of Siena Medical School, Fellowship in Cardiology
1986-1988	University of Chieti Medical School, Fellowship in Sports Medicine
1986	Fondazione Clinica del Lavoro, Veruno, Fellowship in Cardiac Rehabilitation
1987	Fondazione Clinica del Lavoro, Montescano, Master in Cardiac Rehabilitation
1991-1993	Research Fellow, UCLA - Harbor Medical Center - Division of Cardiopulmonary Physiology and Critical Care Medicine, Torrance, California, USA (Dir. Prof. Karlman Wasserman).
1997-1998	Research Fellow, University of Florida in Gainesville, U.S.A. - Department of Cardiovascular Pharmacology (Dir. Prof. Luiz Belardinelli)

Current appointment

Professor of Cardiology School of Physiatics and School of Physiotherapy, University of Ancona Medical School, Director Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit, Lancisi Heart Institute, Ancona, Italy

Vision Statement

I dedicated almost 25 years in research, clinical work and teaching in these fields. I started my research projects at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Centre, Torrance, Ca in 1991 under the guide of Prof Karlman Wasserman and Bruce Brundage, then I collaborated with Prof Luiz Belardinelli at the University of Florida in Gainesville and Prof Demetrios Georgiou at Columbia University, NY. I am professor of cardiology (contract) at the Polytechnic University of Marche, Ancona, Italy where I have an appointment since 1997.

My field of research are now:

- cardiopulmonary exercise testing as a new ECG stress testing tool in cardiology, in particular in the diagnosis of myocardial ischemia;
- effect of cardiac rehabilitation on endothelium-dependent relaxation of conduit in peripheral arteries;
- prevention in subjects free of cardiovascular disease with cardiovascular risk factors (CICASCO project).

Ass. Prof. Yap-Hang CHAN, Will - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

MBBS (H.K.), MRes(Med)

Current appointment

Clinical Assistant Professor, Queen Mary Hospital, School of Public health, The University of Hong Kong

Vision Statement

I feel extremely excited to learn about this unique and precious opportunity to participate in the EACPR as Section Nucleus member in prevention, epidemiology and population science.

Given the ever-increasing burden of cardiovascular disease worldwide, the importance of shifting the pivot to prevention and development of novel preventive strategies cannot be over-emphasized. Sharing the great visions of the EACPR, I have special interests and passion in pursuing the cutting-edge

advances in cardiovascular prevention, clinical and molecular epidemiology of cardiovascular disease, lifestyle and dietary interventions, as well as public health advocacy in cardiovascular prevention.

However, I wish I could contribute far more than working on my own and to join the elite forces across the continent and the world to bring about exciting news changes in cardiovascular prevention. I am sure I will make an active, dedicated and talented nucleus member of the Section. Together we will write history, all I need is the opportunity.

Christina CHRYSOHOOU - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

1993 Patras University- Medical School
1994-1995 Internal medicine, St Anargyroi Oncological Hospital, Athens, Greece.
2000 Training in Cardiology (1st Cardiology Clinic University of Athens)
Doctorate in the field of the echocardiographic evaluation of left ventricular diastolic function

Current appointment

Senior Registrar Cardiologist, 1st Cardiology Clinic, University of Athens, Greece

Vision Statement

I take the opportunity to express my desire to become a core member in the Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science of the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention & Rehabilitation (EACPR). I am a clinical cardiologist and I have been working in the field of cardiovascular epidemiology the last 10 years, conducting studies, like ATTICA and CARDIO-2000 study and participating in several others, like EUROHEART survey and AIRGENE projects. My motivation for involvement with cardiovascular epidemiology and prevention, is my belief that the main burden of cardiovascular disease is avoidable through the modification of lifestyle factors. For that reason I have been working in primary and secondary prevention, participating in several epidemiological projects in Greece and Europe, publishing articles about the status of cardiovascular risk factors in Greece and the main protection offered by Mediterranean type of diet and exercise, and discussing with audience for the aspects and advantages of primary prevention. Nowadays, Greece has a long way to cover in the field of cardiovascular prevention, as we are far away of the Mediterranean way of life and smoking habits have nearly 50% prevalence in general population. For that reason we need more organized activities in the field of prevention that can be fulfilled with the participation of investigators in associations like the EACPR. I hope that I will have the opportunity of considering my nomination as a core member in EACPR.

Prof. Dirk DE BACQUER, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

MSc in Mathematics, Ghent University 1988 (Cum Laude)
MSc in Biostatistics, Limburg University Centre 1989 (Summa Cum Laude)
Postgraduate Educational Programme in Epidemiology, European Community, Florence 1991
PhD in Medical Sciences, Ghent University 2000 (Doctoral thesis on 'Electrocardiographical Findings in the General Population: Prevalence, Determinants & Prognosis')

Current appointment

Senior Full Professor in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Ghent University
Chair Department of Public Health, Ghent University
Head of the Biostatistical Unit, Ghent University

Vision Statement

The EACPR section on "Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science" aims at promoting the essential knowledge of population prevention science in general and at improving the awareness of the role of the epidemiology and primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

I have been working in the field of cardiovascular epidemiology and prevention for over 20 years. Due to my active involvement in some landmark international collaborative studies on the primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases (e.g. EUROASPIRE studies, MONICA surveys, SCORE Project), I have gained sufficient experience and established relevant scientific networks to become an enthusiastic and active nucleus member willing to scientifically contribute to this EACPR's section mission.

Dr Nabil EL NAGGAR - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

1977 Graduated, College of Medicine, Alexandria University
1978-79 Rotating Houseofficer, Alexandria University Hospital
1979-82 Registrar of Internal Medicine, Dept of Diabetes and Metabolism
1982 MSc degree, Internal Medicine
1985 Fellowship of the Scientific Council of the International College of Angiology

Current appointment

Diabetologist and Head of Diabetes Centre Hai Aljamea Hospital

Vision Statement

I'm really eager to do my best efforts for augmenting and advancing the ESC efforts to prevent cardiovascular disease not only in Europe but its projection to other world nations everywhere. It will be my honour and pride to be a member of the committee nuclei positions.

Dr Pompilio FAGGIANO - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

1981 Medical Degree at the University of Parma – Italy
1985 & 1990 Fellowship in Cardiology and Internal Medicine (University of Parma)
2004 Research Fellowship at the Division of Cardiology , Brigham and Women Hospital, Harvard University – Boston, Ma (supervised by Dr. Wilson Colucci and Dr. Lynne W. Stevenson)

Current appointment

Physician in the Division of Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Department, Spedali Civili – Brescia, Italy

Vision Statement

Motivated to participate in projects concerning:

1. Implementation of recommended treatment for Secondary Prevention in current practice
2. Identification of subclinical atherosclerosis by means of non invasive ultrasound approach (including not only Intimo-medial carotid thickness, but also echo imaging of intracardiac atherosclerosis, such as aortic valve sclerosis, mitral annulus calcification, thoracic aorta atheroma, etc).
3. Evaluation of additive role of noninvasive imaging of atherosclerosis on clinical stratification alone (chart and risk score).

Dr Ayman FAHIM - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

M.B.B.Ch. [Bachelor in Medicine & Surgery], FOMSCU (1993). PBL, CBE, CO
M.Sc. [Master] in Industrial Medicine and Occupational Health, FOMSCU (1999).
Ph.D. [Doctorate] in Industrial Medicine and Occupational Health, FOMSCU (2004).

Current appointment

Lecturer of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, job duties (education, research and service).

Clinical Clerkship Coordinator (Phase III, year 4, 5 & 6) for undergraduate education Faculty of Medicine, Suez Canal University (FOMSCU).

Vision Statement

I am the coordinator of Phase (III) for undergraduate education, Clinical clerkship.

We are trying to (within the accreditation of our school)

- Develop our new OSCE
- Individualized learning Plan

Ass Prof Oscar FRANCO, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

- FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UK: Specialist Registrar in Public Health. CCT expected date: 04-02 2012. Passed Part A examination (June 2009)
- ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS: Post-Doctorate on cardiovascular disease prevention and public health, 30 May 2005 – 30 April 2006
- ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS: PhD in public health and prevention of cardiovascular disease, 05 June 2002 – 31 August 2005
- ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS: Doctor in Sciences (DSc.) in clinical epidemiology, 02 August 2001 – 12 June 2003 (scholarship from nihes: Netherlands institute for health sciences).
- ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS: Master in Sciences (MSc.) in clinical epidemiology, 01 August 2001- 10 June 2002 (scholarship from nuffic: Netherlands organization for international cooperation in higher education).
- CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS DE MARKETING Y PUBLICIDAD CEMPU, BUCARAMANGA, COLOMBIA: Master in auditing and health management, 10 June 1998 – 02 July 1999.
- PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD JAVERIANA, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA: Medical Doctor (MD), January 1993 – 03 December 1998. Full GMC registration in the UK, reference # 7008087

Current appointment

Clinical Lecturer , University of Cambridge, Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Cambridge, UK

Vision Statement

I would like to apply to become a nucleus member of the Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science section of the EACPR. My scientific career and publications have been devoted to further understand the physiopathological mechanisms that lead to cardiovascular disease and to identify potential interventions that could help to halter the currently ongoing epidemic of cardiovascular disease. I attach my CV for your consideration. I am particularly interested in the public health impact that cardiovascular disease have in populations from different areas of the world and I think my perspective could provide a complementary perspective to the section. If elected I will be committed to further support the section and the role that prevention should play in the management of cardiovascular disorders.

Dr Zlatko FRAS, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

He was awarded his Medical Diploma, MSc and PhD degrees at University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Specialist Diploma in Internal Medicine by the MoH of the Republic of Slovenia, MSc and PhD degree by the Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, and European Cardiologist Diploma by the EBSC.

Current appointment

Medical Director of Division for Internal Medicine at the University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Assoc. Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana

Vision Statement

I would like to apply for a position within the Nucleus "Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science".

In fact, within the last 10-15 years this area is my main field of Professional and Scientific work. Working actively in this nucleus I would like to contribute actively to enrich and strengthen its role and value within the EACPR. In case I would be elected, I trust my personal commitment and belief will help somehow that the ground vision of the association should become true.

Dr Eugenio GRECO, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

1977 Graduated in University of Perugia, faculty of Medicine, with experimental thesis
1977 Qualification to practise the profession of physician, University of Perugia,
1986 Specialized in Clinical Biology at the University of Bari with experimental thesis

Current appointment

Medical Doctor in Internal Medicine, Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine.
Istituto Ninetta Rosano-Clinica Tricarico, in Belvedere M.mo (CS),

Vision Statement

My motivation: To give my contribution in intensifying the activity of the Society in the prevention. To expand the Societies' contribution in prevention research. To develop new networks in fund raising among the cardiologic scientific society of the European community. To invest human resources in the recruitment of young investigator in the research of the heart prevention.

Dr Krasimira HRISTOVA, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

Classical Gymnasium, Gorna Oriachovitza, 1984
MD - Medical University, Pleven 1984 -1990
Functional Diagnostic specialization, Medical University, Graz, Austria, 1992
Internal Disease specialization, Medical University, Sofia, 1996
Cardiology specialization, Medical University, Sofia, 2006
Research Fellow in 3D Echocardiography, Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium with Master degree of Advance in Medical Imaging, 2008 - 2009
PhD - National Heart Hospital, Sofia, started 2010

Current appointment

Appointed cardiologist, National Heart Hospital, Department of Noninvasive Diagnostic, Sofia

Vision Statement

In view of the request to join the Nucleus of EACPR, I send my apply to all of you. I am writing to convey my willingness to work with all my responsibility in field of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation.

I am Dr Krasimira Hristova, MD, FESC, a 44-year-old doctor cardiologist with experience in preventive cardiology, epidemiology of cardiovascular diseases and as well in noninvasive functional diagnostic.

One of my specialties is cardiology and I was awarded with fellowship in Cardiovascular Imaging Research Group in Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium (2008-2009), so I have an interest to work in the Research field too.

What led me to volunteer is basically my above-mentioned professional expertise and my physical and mental disposition to help scientifically contribute to the ESC and EACPR mission and to promote excellence in research, practice, education in cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation in Europe.

I can assure you that I will do the best myself and I like to think that I bring enthusiasm and adaptability to my work

Dr Mikhail V KONNOV - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

- 1988 Lenin's 2 Moscow awards, N.I.Pirogov state medical institute, speciality Medical Business
- 1989 internship in 17 hospital of Moscow, speciality therapy.
- 1994 residency, Institute of clinical cardiology A.L.Mjasnikova, speciality cardiology.
- 1997 postgraduate study, Institute of Physico-chemical medicine of the Russian Federation, speciality cardiology.

Current appointment

Scientific employee, laboratory of clinical cardiology, scientific research Institute of Physico-chemical medicine

Vision Statement

I am engaged in risk factors (an estimation and profile improvement) families of persons (proband, consort and native children of proband) with premature coronary heart disease (CHD). Interesting direction, in my opinion, is creation of the register on premature CHD.

Dr Francisco MOYA TORRECILLA - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

- 1993 LMS (equivalent to British MBBS)
- 1994 GP qualification by Spanish Medical Council
- 2003 Associate Fellow – College of Emergency Medicine (UK).
- 2006 CME (Certificate of Emergency Medicine) Fellowship in Emergency Medicine qualification issued by the Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine.

Current appointment

Clinical Director, Emergency Department, Sports and Exercise Medicine Unit Co-ordinator, USP Hospital, Marbella. Malaga, Spain.

Vision Statement

My background is in Emergency Medicine with an Interest in Sports and Exercise Medicine (SEM), and I am about to complete a Diploma in SEM.

I have been involved in Sports all my life. Needless to say that Exercise has been demonstrated to be a part in preventing cardiac illness, (and many others) and also helping to rehabilitate from it. Therefore must be encouraged to be practised tailored to individual needs.

EACPR has an important role for Exercise Promotion in our Society, therefore my vision will be to make sure that the EACPR does as much as possible to contribute for the implementation of this.

Another field that I can see the EACPR can make an impact is Sudden Cardiac Death Prevention. As we know in some European Countries Screening programmes are in place with strict rules for competition participation, but unfortunately this is not widespread.

What a beautiful challenge for the EACPR!!!!

Is it an Utopic or a Feasible dream to have a Worldwide agreed Screening Programme?
I think that we can make an impact on our Politicians to achieve this.

Assoc. Prof. Uwe NIXDORFF, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

02.05.85	M.D. Degree, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt/Main (Germany)
20.05.85	Approbation (Licensure for practicing medicine)
09.06.86	Doctoral Thesis, Topic: „Efficacy of Intra-Coronary Applications of Nifedipine, Nitroglycerine, and Dipyridamol in The Experimental Model of Chronic Collateralized Dog Hearts“ (qualified as: magna cum laude), Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt/Main (Germany)
25.10.93	Specialisation as Internist
08.11.95	Sub-specialisation as Cardiologist
09.07.98	Habilitation, Topic: „Quantitative Transthoracic Echocardiography for Left Ventricular Function Analysis in The Post Infarction Period. Clinical and Experimental Examinations“, Johannes Gutenberg- University, Mainz (Germany)
09.11.98	Qualification for for radiation protection
16.02.00	Re-Habilitation, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Erlangen (Germany)
27.10.03	Sub-specialisation for Sport's Medicine
17.09.04	Physical Fitness Specialist (Cooper Institute, Dallas/Texas, USA)
08.02.07	Requalification for radiation protection

Current appointment

- European Prevention Center (CEO)
- Leibniz-Institute for Arteriosclerosis Research at Westfälische Wilhelms-University Münster /Assmann-Siftung für Prävention (Prof. Assmann), Münster (Research Fellow)

Vision Statement

My special interest is on preclinical diagnosis of atherosclerosis in direct conjunction of lifestyle modification. For this interest I have grounded the European Prevention Centre in Germany, which is a spin-off of University Clinic Erlangen. My way to cardiovascular prevention originated from cardiovascular imaging, especially the non-invasive cross sectional imaging modalities like echocardiography, carotid ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging and multi-detector computed tomography.

I would be proud to be designated as a nucleus member and promise being very committed in this responsible job. So far, my activities were focused in the field of echocardiography (EAE), but along with my increasing interest in preventive cardiology I would very like to transfer my activity more and more to the field of prevention.

Assoc. Prof. Demosthenes PANAGIOTAKOS - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

2006	EAS Summer School on Atherosclerosis, Hamburg, Germany
2002 - 2003	post-Doctorate in Cardiovascular Epidemiology, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington DC, USA
1999 - 2002	Doctorate in Medicine (Epidemiology), School of Medicine, University of Athens, Greece

1998 - 2000	MSc in Biostatistics, School of Medicine and Department of Mathematics, University of Athens, Greece
1999	Certificate in "Epidemiology: Climate Change and Human Health", London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), University of London, UK
1989 - 1994	MSc/PhD in Mathematical Statistics, Department of Mathematics, University of Athens, Greece
1990-91	Postgraduate Courses in "Data Analysis using Statistical Packages", Hellenic Statistical Institute, Athens, Greece
1989-90	Postgraduate Courses in "Actuarial Mathematics", Hellenic Statistical Institute, Athens, Greece
1985 - 1989	BSc in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, University of Patras, Greece

Current appointment

Associate Professor in Biostatistics & Epidemiology of Nutrition Department of Nutrition Science – Dietetics, Harokopio University, Athens, Greece

Vision Statement

I would be honoured if I could serve for the Association as a Nucleus Member of the Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science Section. I am an EACPR Member since its foundation, and I have participated in all EUROPREVENT Conferences, as well as other activities of the EACPR. Regarding my curriculum, I have completed my Ph.D. in epidemiology in the early 2000's, I was appointed as a lecturer at Harokopio University of Athens in 2003, and I was promoted to Associate Professor in 2008. I have been teaching epidemiology and prevention courses to BSc/MD, MSc and PhD students for the past eight years, I have served on 24 student research MSc thesis committees as supervisor and on 12 research MSc thesis as committee member, I have also supervised five PhD students and I have done peer review of grants and manuscripts for national and international organizations. I have been a principal Investigator in four major epidemiologic studies (i.e., ATTICA, CARDIO2000, GREECS and MEDIS), and I have participated in international surveys as a researcher (i.e., Hellenic SCORE project, AIRGENE, APHEA, Seven Countries Study). I have reported research findings in more than 300 papers, in peer reviewed journals (about 35% as first author) over the last 10 years (total IF = 804, h-index=28, citations=3540).

An acceptance of my application would be a great honour for me. I strongly believe that I could share ideas with my colleagues in order to promote the aims of the Association.

Prof. Jukka SALONEN, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

MD (1977), DrMedSci (PhD -1980) and MSc in epidemiology (1987)

Present appointment

CEO at MAS-Metabolic Analytical Services Oy
CEO at MHS Consulting WLL
Medical consultant at Mehiläinen Oy

Vision Statement

I would be interested in membership in the Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science Nucleus. I was previously the chair of the nucleus. I would be very motivated to continue as a nucleus member. My aim would be to contribute to organizing scientific conferences and training in epidemiology.

Prof. Kurt SCHMAILZL, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

1972-1976 Studies of Social Sciences, Health Economics/Hospital Management and Social Research/Statistics(Munich, Berlin)
1975-1983 Studies of Medicine (Munich, Berlin)

1977	Dipl. soc.(Prof.Dr. U. Jaeggi)
27.04.1983	Certificate (doctor's license)
1986-	Lectures (FU Berlin)
	Specialist in Internal Medicine
	Specialist in Cardiology
	Specialist in Intensive Care Medicine
1997	Post-doctoral lecturing qualification
2006	Honorary Professor (University of Rostock)
	European Cardiologist

Current appointment

Head of the largest department (Medizinische Klinik A) of an 800-bed-hospital
Professor for International Health Management, University of Management and Communication Potsdam (FH) (UMC)
Dean of the newly founded faculty "International Health Management and Life Sciences" at the University of Management and Communication Potsdam (FH) (UMC)

Vision Statement

I feel up to doing a nucleus member position in the Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science section. I look back to a two fold education in social medicine as well as in internal medicine/cardiology. I am engaged in the EUREGIO III project of the EU. And I am residing in Brandenburg, former Eastern Germany, and face a lot which shares many structural problems with the new EU member states.

Prof. Svetlana SHALNOVA, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

M.D. Ph.D., Professor, F.E.S.C. 2000

Current appointment

Head, Department of planning and coordination Researches, Russian cardiology research center, Federal Agency of High Technology.
General Secretary, Society of Cardiology of the Russian Federation

Vision Statement

Professor Svetlana Shalnova (MD, PhD, FESC) is a cardiologist with specialization in the area of epidemiology and prevention of cardiovascular disease. Relevant research field: Epidemiology and Health Statistics, Treatment and Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases.

Participated in: US-Russia collaboration in Lipid Research Clinic (LRC) Program US-USSR collaboration in Problem Areas 1 "Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis from 1973-", in design of USSR MONICA, Russian Longitudinal Monitoring Survey (design of field survey, Director of medical part) 1993-1995, "Chernobyl Liquidators and their health monitoring", Principal investigator in the number of CVD Clinical trails 1998-2008. Principal investigator in "Monitoring of epidemiology of Blood Pressure in Russia", Federal Program "Prevention and Treatment of Arterial Hypertension in Russia" (2001-2009), Principal investigator in pilot project "Biological mechanisms of stress related hazard in Russia" supported by Max Plank Institute of demographic Research (2002-2003), Principal Investigator in project "Biodemography of Disease and Death in Moscow (Stress and Health in Russia)", grant # R01 AG026786, NIA, 2006/09-2011/08. Professor S. Shalnova is the General Secretary of Society of Cardiology of the Russian Federation.

Dr Emidio TROIANI - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

Pre-Medical	Liceo Scientifico B. Moretti, San Benedetto T. (AP)	1979
Doctor of Medicine:	University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy	1989
Cardiology post-graduate	University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy	1993

Current appointment

Attendant Physician, Department of Medicine-U.O.C. Cardiology, Director of Preventive Cardiovascular Medicine, Director of Cath Lab, Ospedale di Stato, Republic of San Marino

Vision Statement

As a member of the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention & Rehabilitation (EACPR), I would like to join the nucleus Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science.

Currently, my main interest is on cardiovascular prevention, particularly on life styles habit, healthy nutrition, glucides and lipids metabolism and exercise.

Although my continuous involvement in interventional cardiology, my clinical and cath lab practice taught me that prevention is the only effective weapon we have on hands to reduce the incidence and the burden of cardiovascular and chronic diseases. At the moment I am very devoted to spread healthy life styles habits and correct nutrition in San Marino, the oldest and smallest Republic in the world.

Prof. Massimo VOLPE, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

Professor Volpe received his medical degree magna cum laude from the University of Naples Federico II, and is Board certified in Cardiology. He was a research fellow with the Italian Research Council and NATO, Fellow and then Assistant Professor at the Cardiovascular and Hypertension Center, Cornell University Medical College-The New York Hospital, New York, NY for several years.

Current appointment

- Full Professor of Cardiology and of Internal Medicine
- Chairperson of Cardiology and of the Specialty School of Cardiology, at the University of Rome "La Sapienza".
- Chief of the Cardiology Division and of the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Science and of the Hypertension Unit (recognized as Centre of Excellence) at Sant'Andrea Hospital; Rome, Italy.
- Responsible of the Cardiovascular Research laboratory at the IRCCS Neuromed, Polo Molisano University "Sapienza", Pozzilli - Italy

Vision Statement

It is with great enthusiasm that I am currently applying for a position in the Nucleus of the association (Sector Prevention). Over the years I have been scientifically involved in the field of cardiovascular prevention, and I have contributed to a number of original articles, position papers, reviews and guidelines in areas closely related to cardiovascular prevention. More recently I have been involved in institutional programs in my Country as well as at the European level. Since 2006 I have been the President of the Italian Society of Cardiovascular Prevention, and in this position I have had the opportunity to collaborate with the major cardiovascular Societies and Foundations to produce documents for both doctors and lay people. As a member of EACPR, being a Fellow of both ESC and AHA, I believe I could give an active contribution of experience, commitment and dedication to this important European organization. I hope you will share and support my candidacy. Obviously, I will be available to give any further information or clarification to those of you who wish to know more. With friendship and appreciation to all of you.

Prof. Mehdi ZOGHI, FESC - Prevention, Epidemiology and Population Science

Qualifications

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| 1985 -1991 | Dokuz Eylül Medical School |
| 1991-1995 | Ege University, Cardiology Dept., Resident fellow |
| 1995-2000 | Ege University, Cardiology Dept., Cardiologist |
| 2000-2003 | Ege University, Cardiology Dept., Associate Prof. Dr. |
| 2003-2009 | Ege University, Cardiology Dept., Assoc. Prof. Dr. |

Current appointment

Ege University, Cardiology Dept., Prof. Dr.

Vision Statement

The important goals of our heart society are preventing cardiovascular diseases and protecting the health of the population. According to Euro Heart Health Project, we started two main public projects titled: "Cardiovascular Risk Prevention Platform" and "Mind your heart; you have your loved ones in it". Cardiovascular Risk Prevention Platform was started by the ministry and 5 societies led by Turkish Society of Cardiology. The platform carries on intensive tele-conference courses for the training of the primary care doctors -practitioners and family doctors. The ongoing second campaign designed for general audience calling people to take action against the risk of sudden death by adopting a heart-healthy way of living.

I actively take place in these projects and wish to assimilate my effort more parallel to ESC missions. I believe that I can provide contribution to ESC's continuous intelligence by taking active part in its studies about cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation.

Developing countries are making significant progress towards directing their health policies in accordance with guidelines and projects as well as the newest countries in European Union. The greater participation and support of the cardiovascular prevention organizations of EU countries in EACPR would contribute financially. I believe that improving member registrations by periodical announcements would take concerned sponsors and industries interests in joint projects about primary and secondary prevention. Therefore great financial contribution could be provided.

I want to be considered as a candidate for the Nucleus Members position of EACPR.

Sports Cardiology Candidates

Dr Pietro Maria AGRICOLA, FESC – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

1988 - 1993	Medical internship at the Department of Cardiology of the Medical School of the State University of Pavia.
1993	Graduation in Medicine at the Medical School the State University of Pavia.
1993	Physician State Licensure Examination at the State University of Pavia.
1998	Graduation in Emergency Medical Service
1999	Graduation at the Post Graduate Cardiology Speciality, School of the State University of Pavia
2004	Qualification of European Cardiologist Diploma from the European Society of Cardiology
2005	Qualification of Fellow from the Italian Association of Cardiology
2005	Qualification of Fellow from the European Society of Cardiology
2005	Qualification of Fellow from the American Heart Association
2005	Qualification of Member from the Heart Rhythm Society
2007	Qualification of Member from the Italian Federation of Sport Medicine
2008	Qualification of Fellow from the American College of Cardiology

Current appointment

Medical Chief at the Cardiac Catheterization and Electrophysiology Laboratory Department of Cardiology, Mayor Hospital of Crema Italy

Vision Statement

I'm a Medical Doctor's volleyball team (Master Athletes) and I'm member of Federazione Medico Sportiva Italiana (FMSI). During my activities I was involved often medico-legal issues and cardiovascular prevention of arrhythmogenic disease (application of T wave Test, EP Test). For me it would be a very important stimulus to participate and collaborate with the EACPR, the nucleus and the board for the realization of projects for prevention and control in sport.

Dr Sandeep BASAVARAJIAH – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

2004 MRCP, Royal College of Physicians
2001 MBBS, Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Sciences, India

Current appointment

Specialist registrar in cardiology (year 3), UK

Vision Statement

I have a special interest in sports cardiology and have 5 years of experience in the field. I am very keen to become a member of the nucleus section of the European Society of Sports Cardiology.

I am hard-working, enthusiastic and have excellent communication and management skills. I want to work for the society by contributing my expertise and knowledge. It will also give me an opportunity to work with some of the world experts in the field of sports cardiology and will aid in improving my skills.

Dr Barbara DI GIACINTO – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

2006 Specialization in Sport Medicine, University of Rome "La Sapienza" (70/70 cum laude).
2002 Degree in Medicine and Surgery, University of Rome "La Sapienza".

Current appointment

Medical doctor at the Institute of Medicine and Sport Science of Rome, in the department of Cardiology, director Dott. A. Pelliccia.

Vision Statement

I'd like to present my candidature as a nucleus member of the Sport Cardiology Section of the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention & Rehabilitation.

I have been working in the Institute of Sport Medicine and Science of the Italian National Olympic Committee in Rome in the most recent years.

In this stimulating Institute, I am mainly dealing with echocardiography, ECG at rest and stress test in elite athletes.

This is a continuous wonderful experience for me, because it gives me the chance to evaluate the morphological and electrophysiological adaptation induced by different kinds of sports and utilize this information for scientific research.

In the Institute we have a high interest in cardiovascular screening of elite athletes and my main field of interest concerns morphological and electrophysiological differences between "athlete's heart" and structural cardiac disease, primarily cardiomyopathies.

In particular, I have been interested in working on gender-related differences in morphological adaptations in athletes, and I believe that this field deserves greater attention than paid so far and will offer a new opportunity for research and investigation.

It is my opinion on this regard that it is extremely important to investigate as deeply as possible the mechanisms that determine these adaptations, in order to prevent sudden death. I believe that the best way possible is to gather the results of different experiences on this matter.

This is the reason why I would really be pleased to become a nucleus member of the Sport Cardiology Section and have the opportunity to collaborate and exchange clinical and scientific experiences with other European colleagues. Should I be selected as a member, it will be an honour to represent the Italian experience and contribute to the development of cardiovascular research in the area of preventive cardiology.

Dr Alfred HAGER, FESC – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

2009 Fellowship European Society of Cardiology
2008 Habilitation thesis
2005 Pediatric cardiologist
2000 Neonatologist
1998 Pediatrician
1992 Medical thesis
1991 Medical licence
1984 - 1991 Medical school at LMU München, Germany

Current appointment

Associate Professor, Technische Universität München, Germany
Consultant in Pediatric Cardiology, Department of Pediatric Cardiology and Congenital Heart Disease,
Deutsches Herzzentrum München, TU München, Germany

Vision Statement

Congenital heart disease is a growing subspecialty of medicine. These patients need lifelong surveillance and continuous medical assistance to achieve a normal quality of life as far as possible.

- They should be able to live with sport and fun.
- Further disease from sedentary life style must be prevented.

Dr André La Gerche, FESC – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

2007 FRACP Fellowship Royal Australasian College of Physicians
1998 MBBS Bachelor Medicine and Surgery, University of Melbourne

Current appointment

PhD scholar. Mechanisms and effects of intense endurance exercise on cardiac morphology and function.
University of Melbourne, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. (Promoters Assoc Prof David Prior, Professor
Hein Heidbüchel and Assoc Prof Andrew MacIsaac)

Vision Statement

I am a young cardiologist who would bring enthusiasm and a unique perspective to the nucleus membership of the Sports Cardiology chapter. I am an Australian trained cardiologist with a long-standing passion for sport and have been conducting sports cardiology research for more than a decade. I continue to be involved in Australian collaborative projects such as a nationwide project assessing all cases of sudden cardiac death with a standardized post-mortem protocol and comprehensive gene testing. I also have a keen interest in facilitating interaction between the medical fraternity and athletes through lay press and informal seminars. I believe that public education is a key part of my responsibility as a researcher. I am now residing in Leuven, Belgium and working in a doctoral/ post-doctoral research position under the supervision of Professor Hein Heidbüchel. I am benefitting from the insight into a slightly different perspective to these important health issues. I would like to reciprocate this experience and offer the Sports Cardiology nucleus an insight into how issues such as pre-participation screening, evaluation of symptomatic athletes, research and education are approached elsewhere.

I will be living in Belgium until at least 2012. I hope to facilitate a number of collaborations between Europe and Australia. Having been such a dynamic and progressive group, one of the challenges for the Sports Cardiology chapter of the EACPR is to extend its teachings and guidelines to other parts of the globe. I believe that I may be able to help in this process.

Dr Michael PAPADAKIS – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

2007 MRCP(UK)
2001 MB BS
1996-2001 Imperial College School of Medicine, London
2006 Advanced Life Support, Resuscitation Council (UK)

Current appointment

Clinical research fellow in Cardiology, St George's University of London, University Hospital Lewisham
Prof S. Sharma

Vision Statement

I wish to put myself forward for a position in the sports cardiology nucleus. My interest in sports cardiology developed almost 3 years ago when I joined Prof Sanjay Sharma's research group. In that short space of time, I have been involved with a number of research projects relating to athletic physiology, pre-participation cardiovascular screening and conditions predisposing to sudden cardiac death in athletes. My research has resulted in a considerable number of publications in peer-reviewed journals as well as numerous abstracts in National and International conferences. I have also been invited both in EuroPrevent and Euroecho as a guest speaker, with excellent feedback from the audience.

The field of sports cardiology is rapidly evolving creating exciting opportunities for young physicians like myself. There is considerable potential to further advance our knowledge as well as the role of the sports cardiologist, since in many European countries sports cardiology is still limited to a small part of the sports physician's curriculum.

I have followed the progress of the of the sports cardiology section of the EACPR over the last 3 years and I feel I am able to contribute to its cause by actively participating in the nucleus. I would aim to promote: 1. Research co-ordination between different European groups, which is a necessity in an attempt to obtain meaningful results given the large number of athletes required. 2. To expand the field of sports cardiology which should be an integral part of every European sports physician's curriculum. 3. To involve non-medical disciplines such as cardiac physiologists and nurses, which should be part of the sports cardiology family. 4. To assist with the organisation of the EuroPrevent conferences which should attempt to engage a wider audience in order to increase the number of participants.

Dr Filippo QUATTRINI – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

1999 MD University of Rome "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy.
2003 Specialist degree in Sport Medicine University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy.
2008 Ph.D. degree in Sport Sciences and Health, University Institute of Motor Science of Rome, Italy.

Current appointment

- Clinical and research activity at the Department of Sport Medicine of the Institute of Sport Medicine and Science of the Italian National Olympic Committee.
- National Team doctor of the Italian Golf Federation.
- Chief Medical Responsible of the Italian Equestrian Sports Federation.
- Member of Presidential Staff of the Italian Sport Medicine Federation.

Vision Statement

It's my pleasure to introduce my candidature for the position of nucleus member of the Sport Cardiology Section of the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention & Rehabilitation. I believe that the relatively new discipline of Sport Cardiology, represents a great opportunity for sport physicians and cardiologists in terms of cultural and scientific growth.

My field of interest is represented mainly by cardiovascular screening of athletes to prevent sudden death, focusing especially on the study of electrophysiological mechanisms of arrhythmias as early marker of cardiovascular disease.

I have the great opportunity to work, from about 10 years, at the Institute of Sports Medicine and Science of the Italian National Olympic Committee, which has over 40 years of expertise in the field of Sport Cardiology. I have acquired knowledge in the evaluation of elite athletes and in the cardiovascular

adaptations induced by chronic and intensive athletic training and I want to transmit these experiences to my European colleagues.

Finally I also think that become a nucleus member of the Sport Cardiology Section represents a great opportunity to collaborate and exchange scientific experiences with the different European colleagues, in order to give a greater impetus to scientific research applied to Sport Cardiology.

I believe I can give an important contribution to scientific development of the Sport Cardiology Section with my enthusiasm and vivid interest for scientific research.

Dr Hanne RASMUSEN – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

- 1981 Graduated from High School in Copenhagen.
- 1990 Medical doctor (MD), University of Copenhagen.
- 1996 Ph.D. "Increased sympathetic activity in chronic heart failure: Pathophysiologic mechanisms, prognostic implications and treatment"
- 2002 Specialist in Internal Medicine from National Board of Health, Copenhagen.
- 2006 Specialist in Cardiology from National Board of Health, Copenhagen.

Current appointment

Consultant Cardiologist at Department of Cardiology, Bispebjerg University Hospital in Copenhagen.
Section leader: Sports Cardiology Clinic.

Vision Statement

I would be happy to becoming part of the nucleus in the Sports Cardiology section in EACPR. Working as a consultant cardiologist at Bispebjerg University Hospital, I have established and am heading the Sports Cardiology Clinic. In the out-patient clinic we see athletes referred from general practice, and from semi- and full-professional sports clubs. Ongoing scientific studies include a pre-participation cardiac screening in 500 Danish elite athletes from a wide range of sports.

I am co-author on the Danish position paper on preparticipation screening of athletes and presently in charge of a revision of these guidelines.

I believe that I can contribute to the work in the nucleus on both the scientific level as well as in discussions on diagnostics and treatment.

Dr Jürgen SCHARHAG – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

- 1990 - 1996 Medical School, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz
- 1996 - 1997 Brüderkankenhaus Trier, Academic Hospital, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz
- 2000 MD (Dr. med.) Thesis: "Comparison between angiography and intravascular ultrasound in different coronary syndromes before and after percutaneous coronary interventions"
- 2003 Diploma for Sports Medicine
- 2009 PhD (Privatdozent) and Venia legendi for Sports Medicine
Thesis: "Acute and chronic effects of endurance exercise on the heart in athletes, healthy untrained subjects and cardiovascular patients"

Current appointment

Vice Medical Director, Senior Lecturer and Physician, University Outpatient Clinic, Centre for Sports Medicine, University Potsdam, Germany

Vision Statement

Motivated by the growing scientific and clinical importance of Sports Cardiology in high performance, preventative and rehabilitative exercise as well as by members of the Section "Sports Cardiology", I apply for a position as a nucleus member of the Section "Sports Cardiology". As a nucleus member I would like to share my scientific and practical experiences in Sports Cardiology and Sports Medicine with the section more deeply and help to spread the goals, skills and knowledge of the section and the EACPR. In addition, as founder, former speaker and nucleus member of the "Working Group Sports Cardiology" of the German Society of Cardiology, and being involved in activities on Sports Cardiology as a member of the American College of Sports Medicine, I also would like to enable contacts and exchanges between these and other societies and their members in the field of Sports Cardiology.

Dr Davide SUSTA – Sports Cardiology

Qualifications

- 1994 MD in Medicine, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy
- 1999 Specialist in Medicina dello Sport, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy
- 2002 Master (EU funded) in Physiology and Pharmacology of Doping, Università' Milano Bicocca, Dir. Prof. Miserocchi
- 2006 Master in Metabolic Syndrome, Università' di Milano, Dir. Prof. Pontiroli

Current appointment

Lecturer - School of Health and Human Performance - Dublin City University

Vision Statement

Having spent years as specialist (Italy, Ireland) and exercise cardiology researcher (Italy, Switzerland and Ireland), I'm eager to candidate myself as Sport Cardiology Nucleus Member. I believe to be eligible for such a position because of my experience and also because of my research plans as Academic at Dublin City University, School of Health and Human Performance. If successfully, I would like to focus my contribution on both sudden death in athletes and exercise-induced cardiac abnormalities prevention and management. In addition, I would like to advice the EACPR Board, as Sports Cardiology Nucleus Member, with regard to the best pre-participation screening strategies to be implemented across Europe as well as promoting and partaking in studies aiming at identify the most cost-effective screening procedure, still debated, not (yet) agreed by our American Colleagues despite of a growing evidence mainly based on studies conducted in Italy.