

European Society of Hypertension Working Group on Blood Pressure Monitoring and Cardiovascular Variability

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History

The European Society of Hypertension Working Group on Blood Pressure Monitoring was founded in 1997, with Professor Eoin O'Brien as its first Chairman. Succeeding chairpersons were Jan Staessen, Roland Asmar, Gianfranco Parati and George Stergiou. The broad objectives of the Group were to advance knowledge relating to all aspects of BP measurement with a view to advancing the technology available for hypertension research and to improve the clinical management of hypertension. These objectives were achieved in a number of ways including (i) production of guidelines for the clinical application of office, home and ambulatory BP; (ii) establishment of clinical validation protocols for BP measuring devices; (iii) organisation of meetings for communications and discussions, or lectures on BP monitoring; (iv) involvement of the manufacturing and engineering industries, the standards institutions, the nursing profession and other groups as seemed appropriate to the future development of techniques of measurement.

The Working Group has a truly international composition with 20 nucleus members who are distinguished BP measurement experts from Europe, Japan, China, Canada, Australia and the US. In 2011 the Working Group was merged with the 'Working Group on BP and Heart rate Variability' and was re-named the 'Working Group on BP Monitoring and Cardiovascular Variability'.

During the last 20 years the Working Group has had outstanding and sustained success in fulfilling all its objectives. First, more than 100 papers have been published by the group, including many official statements, guideline papers and consensus statements on several aspects of BP measurement. Second, the Working Group developed the International Protocol for the clinical validation of BP measuring devices, which has been the most widely used validation protocol around the world with >200 published validations. Third, the Working Group has organised multiple educational meetings on BP monitoring and published the proceedings of these meetings. Recently, the Working Group collaborated with the US AAMI and the ISO organisation for the development of a Universal Standard for the clinical validation of BP measuring devices (AAMI/ESH/ISO).

Structure

The business of the Working Group is conducted by the Board, which consists of no more than 20 members plus the Chairman and Secretary. The Working Group Chairman and Secretary are elected by the Board to serve for a period of two years with the option of being re-elected for one additional two-year term. Exceptions can be made with the agreement of the Board and the Membership in order to safeguard continuity within the Board. The Board for the moment consists of the original members of the Nucleus - Roland Asmar, Lawrie Beilin, Denis L. Clement, Peter De Leeuw, Robert Fagard, Yutaka Imai, Jean-Michel Mallion, Giuseppe Mancina, Thomas Mengden, Martin G. Myers, Eoin O'Brien, Paul Padfield, Gianfranco Parati, Paolo Palatini, Josep Redon, Jan Staessen, George Stergiou, Gert van Montfrans, Paolo Verdecchia, Bernard Waeber, and William White. Any member of the Board can apply for the position of Chairman or Secretary. New Board members are elected from the Working Group Membership by a proposer and seconder from the Board. The Board produces an annual report for approval by the Membership of the Working Group. The Board meets at least every year at the Scientific Meeting of ESH.

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