

**Committee Report 2020**  
**ESO BRAIN and HEART Council**

# Report of the ESO Committees - Summary

## BRAIN and HEART Council Committee

- **Marta Rubiera, Spain (Chair)**
- Elsa Azevedo, Portugal
- Michal Bar, Czech Republic
- Theodore Karapanayiotides, Greece
- Maurizio Paciaroni, Italy
- Jukka Putaala, Finland
- Martin Koehrmann, Germany
- Marcel Arnold, Switzerland
- Azmil Abdul-Rahim, UK
- Wolfram Döhner, Germany (ESC Representative)

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During 2020, a change in chairmanship occurred, and from May 2020, I, Marta Rubiera, am chairman of the BRAIN and HEART Council.

- We have had 3 online meetings, in June, July and September 2020, and we have interchanged several mails to develop a document with mission, vision and objectives of the committee:

The ESO BRAIN and HEART Council's mission is to improve primary and secondary prevention and acute management of stroke related to cardiac diseases, given the strong relationship between them. For this, we aim to promote better understanding of the relevant relationship between stroke and heart diseases; and to encourage better collaboration between clinicians in both disciplines. We will also promote multidisciplinary research collaborations and educational activities.

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Our objectives for the next 2 years are:

- To establish relationship and better communication between ESO B&H Council and ESC Council on Stroke. For this, there is already established the role of a representative of the ESO in the ESC Council on Stroke (at the moment, Marta Rubiera), and a member of the ESC Council on Stroke will be member of the ESO B&H Council (at the moment, Wolfram Döhner).
- To provide leadership on the program design of the joint session between ESO and ESC in the annual ESOC; and to collaborate with the ESC Council on Stroke for the ESC-ESO joint session in the annual ESC Congress and the ESC Heart & Stroke Conference.
- To develop a position paper(s) or consensus document(s) with the ESC Council on Stroke to define common interests in diagnosis, management and prevention of stroke and related cardiac diseases
- To promote, organise and/or coordinate educational activities under the B&H theme within the annual ESOC (i.e workshop and joint sessions)
- To establish relationship/links with the European Society of Neurosonology and Cerebral Hemodynamics and the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI) to evaluate the interest in designing an educational program of basic echocardiography for neurologists. If agreement is achieved, a consensus document could also be authored.
- To promote multicenter, international, and multidisciplinary research initiatives on stroke and related cardiac diseases in collaboration with sister societies.