

**Meeting Notes**  
**2011 ISHLT MCS Council Meeting**

Chair: Francis Pagani

Co-Chair:

The Mechanical Circulatory Support Council met on April 15<sup>th</sup> during the 2011 ISHLT Annual Meeting in San Diego. The meeting was led by Council Chair, Francis Pagani. The following highlights of the MCS Council meeting included:

1) A report from MCS Standards and Guidelines Workforce was presented by David Feldman MD (for Stephanie Moore MD). The MCS Standards and Guidelines Workforce presented at a Saturday morning Sunrise Symposium at the ISHLT 2011 Scientific Meeting on progress and updates with work on the MCS Guidelines document. The Workforce also met separately during the 2011 ISHLT meeting to drive this project forward. The MCS Standards and Guidelines Workforce will continue work on the MCS Guidelines document to have the document reviewed and ready for publication prior to the 2012 ISHLT Scientific Meetings. Writing is in progress and the first draft of the MCS Guidelines document is complete. The plan is to submit the MCS Guidelines document to the Education Committee and BoD for review and approval in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011 with the intent to submit to the Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011. In addition, the Board of the ISHLT has approved funding for a technical writer to review the document prior to submission for publication.

Issue to address for the BoD:

1. The MCS Guidelines documented as written does not contain a section on Pediatric MCS. The Standards and Guidelines Workforce believed the complexity of this topic should be covered in a separate document. The MCS Council members agreed. Does the BoD agree with this position?
2. Confirmation that a technical writer is available to assist with completion of the MCS Guidelines document.

2) Roberta Bogaev presented an update from the MCS Education Workforce on plans for a MCS Master Academy for the 2012 ISHLT Scientific Meetings. Dr. Bogaev solicited input from the MCS Council for suggestions for content and for membership participation. Dr. Bogaev

also presented options for the timing of the Master Academy during the ISHLT 2012 Scientific Meetings and indicated the Master Academy may occur during the 2012 ISHLT Scientific Meetings rather than at the conclusion of the meeting as in previous years because of concerns for travel and cost. The MCS Council was concerned this would compete for participation for MCS Symposia and Abstract presentations.

Issue to address for the BoD:

1. The MCS Council requested that the BoD consider a proposal to have the Master Academy before or at the conclusion of the 2012 ISHLT Scientific Meetings.

3) David Feldman led a discussion with the MCS Council on plans for development of MCS content for Symposia during the 2012 ISHLT Scientific Meeting to assist MCS representatives to the 2012 Program Committee. A list of submitted topics was reviewed and MCS Council members were invited to submit a further list of topics within the next 2 weeks following the conclusion of the 2011 ISHLT Scientific Meeting. David Feldman will form a Taskforce to review suggested material for presentation to the MCS Council prior to June 2011. MCS Council members were to contact Dr. Feldman to express interest in participation in the Taskforce.

The following topics for symposia were suggested during the meeting:

- NIH funding opportunities for the MCS Council members (Monica Shah, NIH). This suggestion was favorably received by the MCS Council membership.
- Bioengineering aspects of device development (Dr. John Watson) This suggestion was favorably received by the MCS Council members.
- VAD Program Organization and Management (Dr. James Long). This topic was favorably received by the MCS Council membership.

4) An election was held for the MCS Council Co-Chair. Doctor Jeffrey Teuteberg MD (Cardiologist, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA) was elected Co-Chair of the MCS Council. Dr. Teuteberg will assume Chair position of the MCS Council at the 2012 ISHLT Scientific Meeting. A new MCS Co-Chair will be elected at the 2012 ISHLT Scientific Meeting.

5) New Business: The following items for consideration were raised and favorably received by the MCS Council membership:

- Invitation to invite VAD coordinators to participate as members of the MCS Council.
- The email list for the MCS Council membership be updated to reflect new membership. A number of members of the MCS Council have not received emails from the MCS Council leadership.