

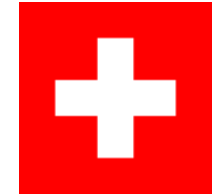


The evolution of the  
**AG**  
Kardiovaskuläre  
Pflege und Therapien

Marcia Leventhal, RN MSN, FESC  
70 years SSC, Annual Congress June 2018

# Landmark dates

- 2005: HJ Salomon suggests opening AG-KAP to all cardiovascular personnel
- 2007, June: Geneva, SSC President Andres Jaussi welcomes AG-KAP
- 2008: 2 new Interest Groups join AG-KAP, IG-HIB and IG-AR
- 2010, March: co-sponsor CCNAP Spring Meeting Geneva
- 2011, June : first scientific nursing sessions during SSC congress (since reorganization)
- 2011: first bank account, CHF 2000 sponsoring funds
- 2012, May : SSC agrees to financially support our Homepage
- 2012, June : first full day of scientific nursing sessions
- 2012, 1. Nov: launch of the Homepage
- 2012: AG-KAP LOGO
- 2013: SSC(*re*)opens membership to nurses and allied professionals
- 2014: Nursing presentation within a Main Session of SSC congress
- 2015: Adaptation of name to AG-KAPT
- 2016: IG-Angeborene Herzfehler established as 3rd Interest Group of the AG-KAPT



# How did I become involved? “Why Me?”

## Swiss pathway

**2001:** first Nurse member of the Working Group for Heart Failure, SSC

- Required 6 months of discussions
- Elicited a long debate over the status of nurses in the Working Group
- Email from President:

*“after months of discussions and exploring the advantages and disadvantages of your admission to the WG, the Board has decided to.....”*

**2002:** Member of Heart Failure Nurses Group

**2005:** Board member AG-KAP, first non-interventional member

- To represent CV nurses/allied professionals working outside the cath-labs

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## European pathway



2002-2008: Board member CCNAP

- WG-24 Cardiovascular Nursing invited the Institute for Nursing Science to nominate a Swiss candidate for the Board
  - Chairperson of the National Societies Committee
    - Meetings with presidents of all national societies
    - Exchange ideas larger organizations with smaller groups, shared problems & solutions
- Experienced the change from Working Group-24 to CCNAP in 2006
  - Creation of structure, transparency, lines of communication

# 1st 'new' Landmark Date for AG-KAP

2005-2006

Presidents set new conditions for growth

- Hansjörg Salomon: opens membership to all allied professionals in cardiovascular care
- Stephanie Horstmann: secures commitment for financial assistance from SSC to rebuild WG
- Beatrice Buchheister: suggests expanding continuing education programs for all aspects of cardiovascular care

Significant contributions... however, 3 presidents within one year jeopardized implementation....

...2007  
and then there were 2

Wibke Reigber & Marcia Leventhal





## 2007: The ‘*Recuscitation*’ of the AG-KAP

- Geneva, SSC President Andres Jaussi introduces the ‘**Reanimation**’ of WG within the general meeting of the SSC, and attends our AGM to welcome the newly reorganized WG

“our WG raises questions in SSC such as:

*type of membership for nurses and technicians previously included in same category as industry, but this is not appropriate for professionals; cost of membership”*





## 2007: The '*Renaissance*' of the AG-KAP

**A**rbeits**g**ruppe **k**ardiovaskuläres **A**ssistenz- und **P**flegepersonal

Working Group for Cardiovascular Nurses and Allied Professionals

Groupe de travail de paramédical et infirmiers en soins cardiovasculaires

- June 2007: SSC annual congress in Geneva, 30 members
  - 12 different workplaces: university hospitals, regional hospitals, doctor's practices, educational programs
  - 15 cities in French and German-speaking parts of CH
  - 17 different specialty areas

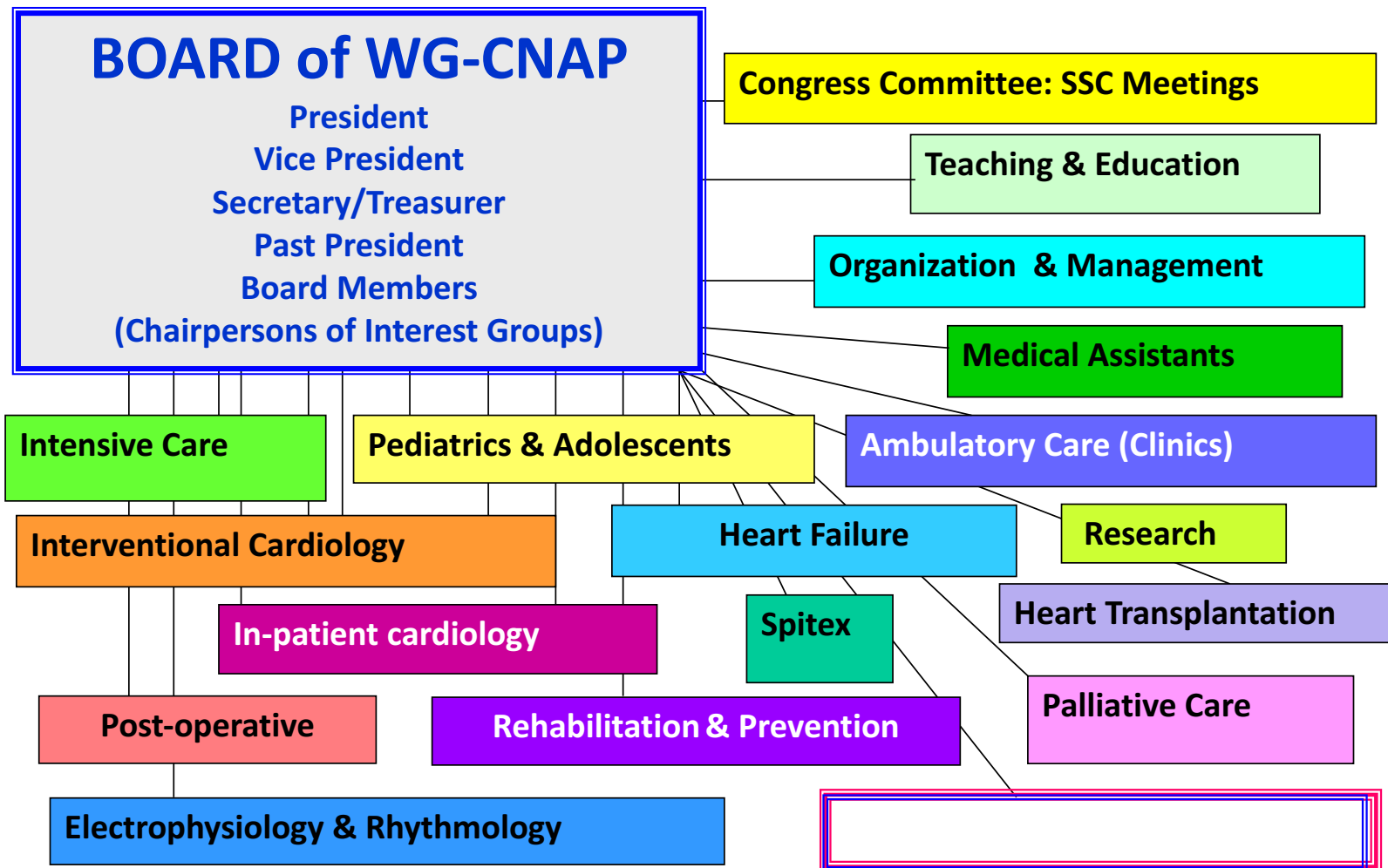




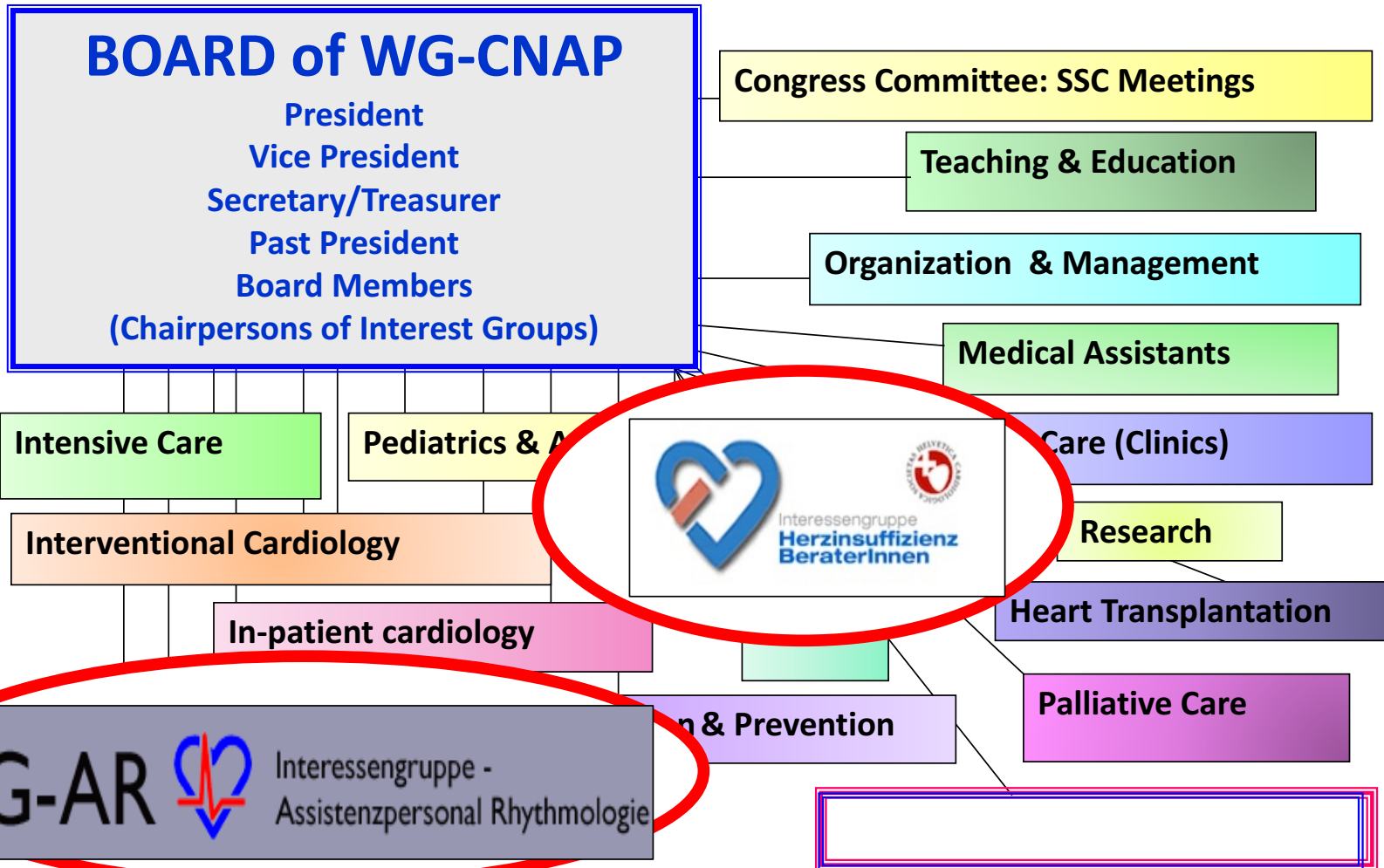
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- Board:
  - Marcia Leventhal: President
  - Wibke Reigber: Vice President
  - Corina Perini: Secretary
- *Joined 2008*
  - Nicolas Masson: webpage
  - Denis Hemme: webpage
  - Christine Tschannan: Treasurer
- *SSC offers to assist AG-KAP in creating a Webpage*
- Organization: similar to that of the SSC, with a board and Interest Groups

ideas of what may be.....



.... BY 2008 .....



# Member of the National Societies Committee, CCNAP-ESC

**ESC Council on**  

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**Cardiovascular Nursing and  
Allied Professions**



## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE (NSC)**

Council on Cardiovascular Nursing and Allied Professions (CCNAP)

The National Society Committee of the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing and Allied Professions was established, and will dedicate itself, to **increasing involvement, communication and collaboration between cardiovascular nurses and allied professionals within member countries** of the European Society of Cardiology

## 2008: Loss of Corina Perini





2009 begins....

foundation weakening, challenges growing

- **Membership Growing to 128**
- Challenges Growing:
  - Need to rebuild the Board
  - Need a new Vice President
  - Need to find a way to communicate with the SSC



# 2009, June GV

## foundation weakening, challenges growing

- New Board
  - President: Nicolas Masson
  - Past President: Marcia Leventhal
  - Treasurer: Seraina Bischoff
  - Vice President: ???
  - President IG-AR: Christine Mathys
  - President IG-HIB: Brigitte Wittwer

# 2010 Co-Sponsor CCNAP Annual Spring Meeting (EuroHeartCare)



**ESC Council on**  
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**10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Spring Meeting**  
**ON CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING**

Geneva, Switzerland  
12-13 March 2010

**UNITING TO IMPROVE  
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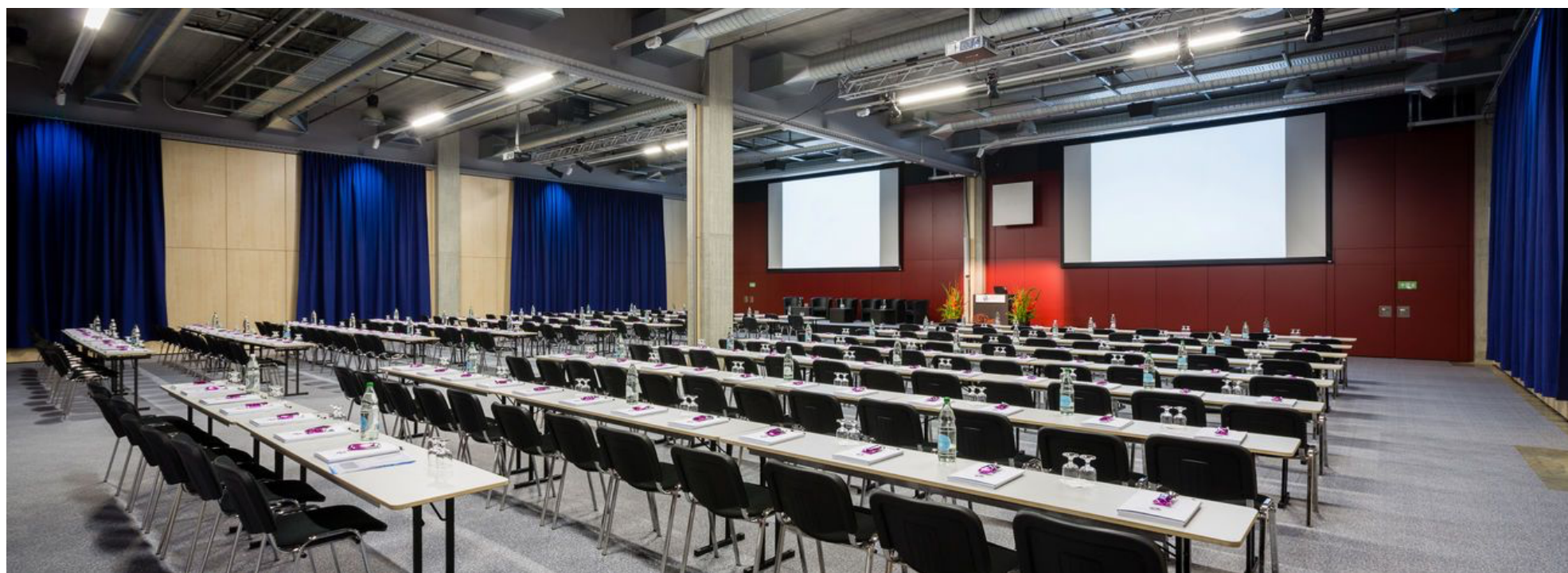
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# 2010 SSC congress St. Gallen







## Basel, June 2011, the progress was visible

- New Board (7 Members!):
  - President: Marcia Leventhal
  - Vice President: Gaby Stoffel
  - Secretary: Kathrin Vogt
  - Treasurer: Seraina Bischoff
  - Scientific Committee Chair: Cornelia Bläuer
  - IG Presidents:
    - Andreas Rytz (IG-AR),
    - Brigitte Wittwer (IG-HIB)

	<b>Präsidentin</b> Marcia Leventhal
	<b>Vize Präsidentin</b> Gaby Stoffel
	<b>Wissenschaftliches Komitee</b> Cornelia Bläuer
	<b>Kassierererin</b> Seraina Bischoff
	<b>Sekretariat AG-KAP</b> Kathrin Vogt / <b>Präsidentin IG</b> Herzinsuffizienz- beratung



## Basel, June 2011, the progress was visible

- Collaboration with AFG to present first nursing sessions (*since reorganisation*)
- First Sponsors:
  - Cordis, CHF 1000
  - Biotronik CHF 1000
- First Bank Account



## 2011: Dr. med. Marjam Rüdiger joins SSC

This year marked the beginning of the true rebuilding of the Working Group





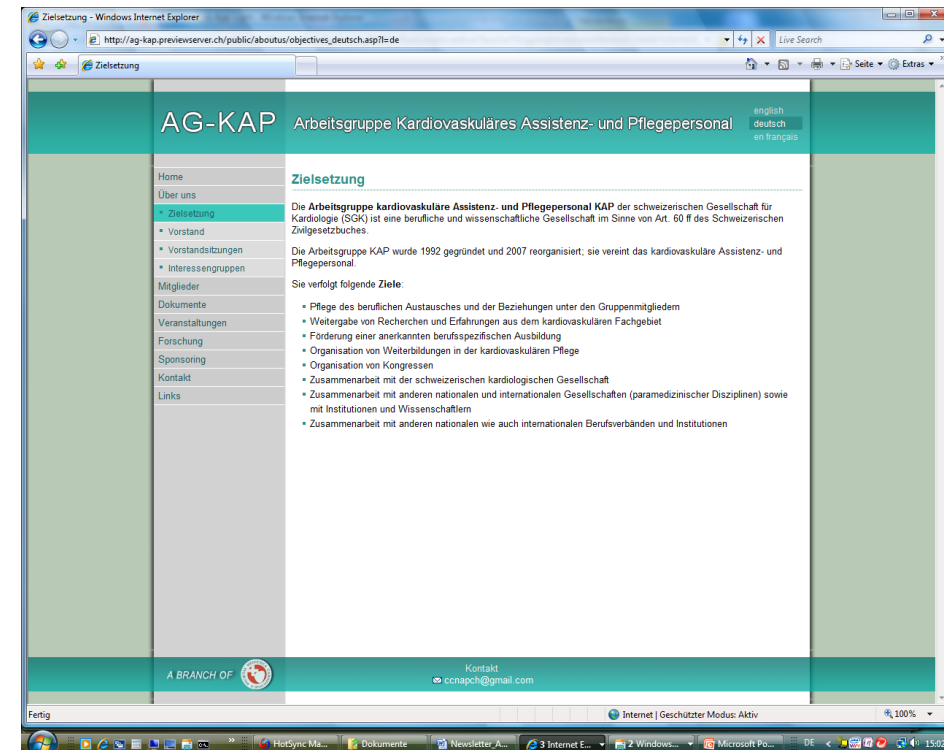
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2013, a new generation takes the lead  
Gaby Stoffel, RN, MScN,  
President 2013-2017







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## AG-KAP Anmeldeformular für neue Mitglieder

Die Mitglieder der AG-KAP arbeiten in vielen verschiedensten Fachdisziplinen der kardiovaskulären Pflege wie:

Kardiologische Pflege  
Kardiovaskuläre Chirurgie  
Angeborene Herzfehler in der Pädiatrie und Erwachsenenmedizin  
Herzinsuffizienzberatung  
Intensivpflege  
ECMO und Kunstherzsysteme  
Herztransplantation  
Echokardiographie  
Elektrophysiologie  
Interventionelle Kardiologie  
Pflege im ambulanten Bereich  
Übergangspflege  
Anästhesie  
Notfallbereich  
Management  
Ausbildung  
Rehabilitation von Herzpatienten  
Pflegeforschung

Wir würden uns freuen Sie als neues Mitglied in unseren Arbeitsgruppe zu begrüßen!

Mehr Informationen unter <http://www.ag-kap.ch>  
oder email an [agkap.ch@gmail.com](mailto:agkap.ch@gmail.com)



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**ARBEITSGRUPPE FÜR KARDIOVASKULÄRES ASSISTENZ- UND PFLEGEPERSONAL**

Willkommen auf unserer Homepage der  
**ARBEITSGRUPPE FÜR KARDIOVASKULÄRES ASSISTENZ- UND PFLEGEPERSONAL**

**Aktuell**

- [Unser Flyer](#) (PDF)
- Fortbildung [Sport & Arrhythmien](#)
- [Certificate in Advanced Studies \(CAS\)](#). Hochschule für Gesundheit Freiburg.
- Pflegewissenschaftliches Programm [Gemeinsame Jahrestagung 2013 "Herz und Hirn"](#)
- [Newsletter 2 zweimal pro Jahr mit aktuellen Informationen der AG-KAP](#)
- Jährliche Mitgliederversammlung im Rahmen des Kongresses der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Kardiologie jeweils im Juni
- Wissenschaftliche Sitzungen und Workshops im Rahmen des Kongresses der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Kardiologie im Juni
- Mentoring: Unterstützung von kardiovaskulären Assistenz- und Pflegepersonal sowie Pflegeexpertinnen bei der Teilnahme an nationalen und internationalen Kongressen
- Work-Shadowing: Unterstützung der Organisation von Einblickpraktikas in der Kardiologie

Die **Arbeitsgruppe für kardiovaskuläres Assistenz- und Pflegepersonal (AG-KAP)** engagiert sich

- für die Arbeit in der Pflegepraxis
- für die Ausbildung- und Weiterbildung im Bereich der Kardiologie
- in der Pflegeforschung
- mit dem Ziel die Betreuung der Herzpationen und ihrer Angehörigen zu verbessern.



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- SSC votes to allow Nurses and Allied Professionals to become Extra-Ordinary Members of the SSC
  - *First time since Hetty became a member*



Officially recognized as a Working Group of SSC



Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Kardiologie  
Société Suisse de Cardiologie  
Società Svizzera di Cardiologia

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## Arbeitsgruppen und Regionalgruppen

### Die Arbeitsgruppen

#### Arbeitsgruppe

Echokardiographie und Cardiac Imaging

Erwachsene und Teenager mit angeborenem Herzfehler

Lipide und Artherosklerose

Herzschrittmacher und Elektrophysiologie

Kardiovaskuläre Biologie

Kardiale Rehabilitation

Herzinsuffizienz

Kardiovaskuläre Pflege und Therapien

Swiss Cardiologists of Tomorrow (SCOT)

Swiss Council for Cardiology Practice (SCCP)

Interventional Cardiology

# Last of 'my' Landmark Dates



2014

Nursing presentation within a Main Session of SSC congress

2015

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2016

IG-Angeborene Herzfehler established as 3rd Interest Group of the AG-KAPT

2017

Corina Thomet takes over presidium with Irene Stalder as vice president, Gaby Stoffel is past president

Were there none who were discontented with what they have, the world would never reach anything better.  
– Florence Nightingale





*Wäre niemand unglücklich mit dem was er oder sie hat,  
würde die Welt niemals besseres erreichen.*

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