

Report of the Drug Metabolism Section to the Executive Committee of IUPHAR – June 2008

Report for 2007/2008

1. The Drug Metabolism Section provided financial support (\$5,000) to the 7th Xenobiotic Metabolism and Toxicity Workshop of Balkan Countries (Novi Sad, Serbia, 3-6 June 2008). These meetings have been financially supported by the DMS in the past. The Novi Sad Workshop was organized by Profs. Momir Mikov and Zdenko Tomic, under the scientific guidance and scrutiny of the DMS. The meeting was very successful and attracted many young investigators from the Balkan countries, who presented their research in oral presentations and posters (see attached scientific program). These young investigators discussed their work with the invited speakers, and several worthy initiatives originated from these discussions. We believe that the outcome of the Novi Sad and previous Balkan workshops deserves the support of the DMS of IUPHAR to this important regional initiative. The next Balkan workshop will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece, in 2010.
2. The DMS applied to the Executive Committee of IUPHAR, which convened in April 2007, asking for special support for two important projects which are intimately linked to IUPHAR's Africa Initiative – an initiative warmly endorsed by the DMS at the last IUPHAR congress (Beijing 2006): a) support for distribution of the AIBST newsletter (by Dr. Collen Masimirembwa); b) support for the 1st African Conference on Drug Metabolism and Development (by Prof. Andrew Walubo, a member of the DMS Executive Committee). Most regretfully, these applications were not approved by the IUPHAR Executive Committee. Since the DMS has limited funding resources, we urge IUPHAR to consider favorably such requests in the future.

Planned future activities (2008/2009)

The possible participation of the DMS in the following Drug Metabolism-associated events will be discussed by the Executive Committee of the Section:

1. Fall of 2008 – Prof. Steve Leeder (DMS treasurer) was invited to the Research Conference on Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenetics in Sao Paulo, Brazil (September 18-22, 2008), sponsored by the IUPHAR Pharmacogenetics Section and organized by Prof. Guilherme Suarez-Kurtz.
2. 2009 – Pharmacology meeting in Iran (DMS contact: Dr. Amin Rostami).
3. 2009 – Drug Metabolism conference in Tanzania (DMS contact: Prof. Andrew Walubo).
4. 2009 – A possible Drug Metabolism session at the 7th Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries (CTDC) organized by TOXSA (Toxicology Society of South Africa) under the auspices of IUTOX , Sun City, South Africa (DMS contact: Prof. Mumtaz Iscan).

5. 2009 – Annual meeting of the Argentinian Society of Experimental Pharmacology (SAFE), Buenos Aires (DMS contacts: Profs. Aldo Mottino and Jaime Kapitulnik).
6. 2010 – The DMS will send its suggestions for Drug Metabolism-associated activities to the organizing committee of WorldPharma2010 in Copenhagen (contact has been established with Prof. Kim Brosen).
7. 2010 – 8th Balkans workshop in Thessaloniki, Greece.

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