

Annual Report of IUPHAR GI Section (2014/15)



The Executive Committee members of the GI section for the term 2014-2018 have been elected during the business meeting at WCP2014: Duan Chen (Norway) as chair, Klara Gyires (Hungary) as vice-chair, Koji Takeuchi (Japan) as secretary, and Chi Hin Cho (China), Ludmila Filaretova (Russia), Sandor Szabo (USA), John Wallace (Canada) as members. The international board has included the members representing Canada (1), China (1), Croatia (1), France (2), Germany (1), Hungary (1), Italy (1), Japan (2), Poland (1), Nigeria (1), Norway (2), Russia (1), South Korea (1), Ukraine (1), United Arab Emirates (1), UK (1), and USA (4).

Activities during 2014

- Special symposium of the Global GI Club & IUPHAR GI Section entitled “Lessons from blunders & unexpected discovers in my lab” took place on April 27 during EB2014 in San Diego.
- IUPHAR GI section business & scientific meeting and 5 workshops took place during WCP2014 in Cape Town. Nobel Laureate Robert Lefkowitz attended the GI section meeting. The workshops included “Aspirin the wonder drug: Keeping a balance between its great therapeutic benefits & its GI toxicity”, “Manipulation of gut microbiome as a treatment strategy for gastrointestinal & metabolic disorders”, “Hydrogen sulfide in GI health and disease”, “Neuroendocrine regulation of gastrointestinal protection: Central & peripheral pathways”, and “Advances in GI pharmacology: New approaches to upper & lower GI ulcers & inflammation”.
- Summer school entitled “Stress: comprehensive & authentic summer school: An interactive educational experience” took place during July 21-25 in Zagreb, hosted by University of Zagreb, and co-sponsored by the IUPHAR GI Section.
- The 8th International Symposium on Cell/Tissue Injury and Cytoprotection/Organoprotection took place during Sept. 24-26 in Budapest, organized by Hungarian Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology, Semmelweis University and the IUPHAR GI Section. The Andre Robert Prize, newly established by the IUPHAR GI Section, was granted to Gyula Mózsik and Koji Takeuchi for recognizing their contributions to the IUPHAR GI section.

Activity during 2015 and activities planned for 2015

- Special symposium of the Global GI Club & IUPHAR GI Section entitled “The research findings from my lab that I’m most proud of” took place on March 29 during EB2015 in Boston.

- Summer School on Stress “From Hans Selye’s original concept to recent advances: An interactive educational experience” will be held during June 29 – July 2 at Grenoble, hosted by Clinique Universitaire d'Hépatogastroentérologie and Grenoble Institute of Neuroscience, and co-sponsored by the IUPHAR GI Section.
- The 15th International Conference on Ulcer Research in partnership with the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, the Inflammation Research Network of Canada and the IUPHAR GI Section will be held during Oct. 1-4 in Ottawa.

Fundraising efforts

- In order to create a new momentum between the IUPHAR sections and between the members of IUPHAR GI Section, two grant applications have been submitted to EC in 2015: (1) Inflammation and stress synergise for brain disorders and (2) Population dynamics and stress affecting health and aging. However, neither of them was approved. New attempts will be made during 2015.

Funds in the bank

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