

General Assembly of the Council of the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR)

15 July 2014

Cape Town Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

The IUPHAR Statutes stipulate that at least half of the 162 possible voting delegates must be present at the General Assembly for a quorum. Ms. Lynn LeCount, the IUPHAR Administrative Officer, led the voting delegates through the registration process. There were 132 registered voting delegates in attendance at the Assembly held in Cape Town on 15 July, 2014. The following member societies were not represented by delegates at this General Assembly: Argentine Society for Experimental Pharmacology, Armenian Pharmacologist Scientific Public Organization, Bulgarian Pharmacological Society, Colombian Pharmacological Association, European Society for Developmental, Perinatal & Pediatric Pharmacology, Indonesian Pharmacological Association, Iranian Society of Physiology and Pharmacology, Latin American Association of Pharmacology, Pakistan Pharmacological Society, Philippine Society of Experimental & Clinical Pharmacology, Safety Pharmacology Society, Serbian Medical Society Section of Clinical Pharmacology, Serbian Pharmacology Society, Slovak Pharmacological Society, Spanish Society of Clinical Pharmacology, Swedish Society for Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and Venezuelan Society of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 18:25.

1. Opening Statements

President Patrick du Souich (Canada) welcomed those attending the meeting. He acknowledged the efforts of the organizers and support from sponsors of the World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology 2014 and asked for a round of applause on their behalf. Dr. du Souich thanked the staff, Ms. Leigh Ann Arbuckle and Ms. Lynn LeCount, and the student volunteers for their assistance during the General Assembly.

2. Minutes of the 2010 General Assembly minutes

The delegates unanimously approved the minutes of the 2010 Copenhagen General Assembly meeting.

3. Tellers

Secretary-General S.J. Enna (USA) announced the lead teller for the General Assembly was Dr. Janet Mifsud (Malta), who was assisted by Drs. Helen Ochuko Kwanashie (Nigeria), John Szarek (USA), and W.S. Fred Wong (Singapore).

4. Bids for 2018 Congress

Dr. Enna reviewed the rules for the 2022 Congress bid presentations. Presentations were made by the following societies offering to serve as hosts for the 2022 meeting:

- Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (Melbourne)
- Canadian Society of Pharmacology and Therapeutics (Toronto)
- Italian Society of Pharmacology (Florence)
- British Pharmacological Society (Glasgow)

5. President's Report

Dr. du Souich provided an overview of the history of IUPHAR. He reported the aim of the IUPHAR officers has been to foster the activities of the Committees, Division and Sections by enhancing communication and collaboration. He presented the list of these groups then thanked the chairs and members for their efforts. Since the last General Assembly in 2010, the Membership Committee assisted the Serbian Medical Society Section for Clinical Pharmacology and the Uganda Pharmacological Society in joining IUPHAR as full members. Dr. du Souich

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highlighted some IUPHAR initiatives among the Committees, Division and Sections. Examples included the GuideToPharmacology.org, which is working towards integrating clinical and translational data; the policy document developed in conjunction with the World Health Organization, the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences, and the Clinical Pharmacology Division entitled, *Clinical Pharmacology in Research, Teaching and Health Care*; the Integrative and Organ Systems Pharmacology training organized by the Education Section Pharmacology for Africa (PharfA); and the Regional Focused Conference opportunity developed by the Executive Committee. In closing, he reminded the audience that the 18th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology will be held in 2018 in Kyoto, Japan.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Urs T. Ruegg (Switzerland) expressed appreciation to each of the nine corporate donors and thanked the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and the British Pharmacological Society for their generous contributions during the past four years. He emphasized the importance of donations as membership dues cover only 25% to 30% of the annual IUPHAR operating expenses. Dr. Ruegg acknowledged the grant support received from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme, the International Council for Science (ICSU), and the Wellcome Trust.

He reported the operations income and expenses and the NC-IUPHAR income and expenses for the years ending 2010 through the first quarter of 2014.

(in USD thousands)	2010	2011	2012	2013	1 st Q 2014
Cash Balance January 1	652.6	815.5	743.0	739.9	726.0
Total Income	436.1	317.0	210.9	165.1	78.4
Total Expenses	309.0	345.8	268.7	199.5	46.3
Unrealized investment gain/loss	35.8	-43.7	54.7	20.5	9.4
IUPHAR Net	162.9	-72.5	-3.1	-13.9	41.5
Cash Balance December 31	815.5	743.0	739.9	726.0	767.5

(Amounts are rounded to the nearest hundred.)

Dr. Ruegg reminded the delegates that external audits of the IUPHAR financial records were initiated in 2006. The year-end records of 2010 through 2013 were audited and certified by Mr. Yves Zweifel, a Swiss accountant. The internal auditors, Drs. Christiaan Brink (South Africa) and Garret FitzGerald (USA), also reviewed the records. They recommended the inclusion of the annual beginning and closing bank balances with the financial records sent for their review. This change was instituted by the Treasurer's office.

7. Appointment of Internal Auditors

The delegates unanimously approved the appointment of Drs. Kathie Knights (Australia) and Johannes Knollmeyer (Germany) as the internal auditors for 2014-2018.

8. Election of Executive Committee

After Dr. Paul Vanhoutte (Hong Kong) thanked the members of the 2010-2014 Nominating Committee for their advice and efforts, he presented the slate of candidates for the 2014-2018 Executive Committee. Dr. Vanhoutte was asked by an audience member why there were no candidates from the Southern Hemisphere. He replied the Nominating Committee strove to ensure there is diversity among the candidates with regard to areas of scientific interest, gender

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and geography. In accomplishing this he acknowledged it was not possible to cover all geographic areas. As there were no nominations from the floor the following individuals were approved by acclamation:

President:	Dr. S. J. Enna, (USA)
First Vice President	Dr. Graeme Henderson (United Kingdom)
Second Vice President	Dr. Masamitsu Iino (Japan)
Secretary-General	Dr. Michael Spedding (France)
Treasurer	Dr. Petra Thürmann (Germany)
Councilor	Dr. James Barrett (USA)
Councilor	Dr. Francesca Levi-Schaffer (Israel)
Councilor	Dr. Eeva Moilanen (Finland)
Councilor	Dr. Bhagirath Patel (India)
Councilor	Dr. Yongxiang Zhang (China)

9. Proposed Changes in the Statutes

Dr. Enna explained the purpose of the proposed text in Section 1 is to stipulate the IUPHAR headquarters is permanently based at the University of Basle. A Swiss location must be specified to ensure IUPHAR is in compliance with the tax laws of the Basel canton. The modification recommended in Section V.2. clarifies the process by which sections are created. The voting delegates unanimously approved the proposed statute revisions.

10. Election of Nominating Committee

The voting delegates unanimously approved the appointment of Drs. Kim Brøsen - Chair (Denmark), John Miners (Australia) – Vice Chair, Kathy Giacomini (USA), Mohamed Khayyal (Egypt), Zhi-Bin Lin (China), Simon Maxwell (UK) and Carlo Riccardi (Italy) as the 2014-2018 Nominating Committee.

11. Presentation on 18th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology, July 1-5, 2018 in Kyoto, Japan

The President of the 18th World Congress Organizing Committee, Dr. Shuh Narumiya, described the venue and program plans for this meeting as well as the attractions of the surrounding area. He closed by inviting everyone to make plans to attend this congress.

12. International Council for Science speaker, Prof. Nicole J. Moreau

Prof. Moreau described some of the ICSU programs, with an emphasis on the Future Earth initiative. The 10-year-old program focuses on research for global sustainability. She invited the audience to visit <http://www.futureearth.info> for more information and to become involved in this initiative.

13. Voting Results

Dr. Enna announced the British Pharmacological Society was awarded the bid to host the 2022 Congress in Glasgow.

14. Overview of Reports from the Division and Sections

Dr. Enna noted that Division and Section reports were provided in April, 2014 for the delegates' review. He asked if there were any comments or questions about these reports. As there were none, the reports were considered accepted in their present form.

15. Other Business / Closing Remarks

Dr. Enna observed that Dr. Ruegg was completing eight years of service as IUPHAR Treasurer. Dr. Enna noted that while during that time, the world experienced a global recession

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Dr. Ruegg was still able to grow the IUPHAR reserves by nearly 50%. Dr. Enna expressed appreciation to Dr. Ruegg for his conscientious management of the IUPHAR assets.

In closing, Dr. Enna thanked the tellers and volunteers for their assistance during the General Assembly. As no other business was offered by the delegates, he thanked the participants and closed the meeting at 20:40 South African Standard Time.