

Meeting of the General Assembly of the Council of IUPHAR
San Francisco - Wednesday July 10th, 2002

1. Roll Call

The Secretary-General, Dr Paul Vanhoutte, proceeded with the Roll Call. At that time, there were 141 delegates entitled to voting. These were the delegates appointed by Member Societies, by the Division of Clinical Pharmacology and the Sections, and by the Affiliate members, as well as the Officers and the Councillors of the Executive Committee (with one apology). The total number of official voting delegates present at the time was 116. According to the Statutes, one half of the Official Delegates constitutes a quorum. The meeting was therefore judged to be quorate.

The Pharmacological Societies of Bulgaria, Columbia, Iran, Macedonia, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Slovakia, Yugoslavia were not represented or their delegates were present but without voting rights, because of failure of paying the dues. The chairperson of the Membership Committee, Dr K. Netter, the Chairman of the database committee, Dr C. Dollery and the Vice-Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dr W. Bowman, were present in a non-voting capacity. Also present at the meeting were 18 invited, non voting guests. These were: E. Gabrielan, S. O'Dannel, Sir Lembeck, M-I. Rudolph, J. Svihovec, Sir Simonsen, S-K. Gupta, A. Ray, U. Bhandari, R.C. Srivastava, Sir Biswas, A. Sebastiao, D. Oliver, C-C. Wu, B. Jarrott, D. Girdlestone and J-R. Claude.

2. Opening Remarks

The President, Dr W. Fleming welcomed the delegates. He reminded the audience that in the past year four distinguished pharmacologists (E. Ariens, J. Gillette, T. Burks, M. Rand) had passed away, and asked the audience to observe a minute of silence in their memory. He stated that it had been an honor and privilege to serve as President of IUPHAR and thanked the members of the Executive Committee of IUPHAR for their help during the four years of his term, in particular the outgoing members (J. Castro, B. Fredholm, T. Godfraind, R. Gryglewski, P. Humphrey and E. Mutschler) who have served the Union so well. He also thanked the member societies who volunteered to increase their dues, as this has permitted IUPHAR to pursue its goals of which furthering the discipline of pharmacology in all its aspects is the most important one. He briefly summarized the achievements of the outgoing Executive Committee which were numerous despite severe financial problems (see p. 012 of meeting binder).

Apologies for absence were received from Dr R. Gryglewski, Vice-President of the Union, Dr S. Ebashi, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Dr R. Ruffolo, Chairman of NC-IUPHAR.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously (Addendum 1).

4. Appointment of the Tellers

Two Tellers, P. Saxena (The Netherlands) and R. Soares de Moura (Brazil), were approved.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Council held in Munich, July 29th 1998

The minutes (Addendum 2) were approved unanimously.

6. Report of the Officers

6.1 The Secretary-General summarized briefly the achievements of the last four years (see binder p. 16).

6.2 The Treasurer, Dr E. Mutschler briefly summarized his financial report (see Addendum 3). He stressed that the financial reserves of the Union had not decreased in the eight years of his tenure as Treasurer, despite major and numerous achievements.

7. Report of the Auditors

The report of the Auditors (see binder p. 22) was approved unanimously. The Council empowered the new Executive Committee to decide whether or not the complexity of the financial affairs of the Union requires external, professional auditors.

8. Changes in statutes

The changes in statutes proposed by the Executive Committee were approved unanimously (Addendum 4).

9. Societies dues

The Council approved unanimously the proposal of the Executive Committee to change the dues structure in order to reflect more accurately the cost of living in the member countries, as well as the actual membership of the individual member societies (see binder p. 31).

10. Election of the Nominating Committee

The following slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee, whose function is to provide a slate of nominees for the Executive Committee that will serve for four years following the meeting in Beijing in 2006, was put forward by the Executive Committee :

Chair : T. Godfraind,

Vice-chair : B. Fredholm,

Members : B. Jarrott, L. Limbird, Q. Han and E. Mutschler.

The slate was accepted (109 votes for, 6 against, 1 blank) and accordingly the above five persons are elected.

11. Election of Auditors

13.2 Contracts

P. Vanhoutte reported to the Council that contracts have been signed between IUPHAR and the organizers of the World Congresses in Brisbane (2004) and Beijing (2006).

13.3 Location of the 16th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology in 2010

13.3.1 W. Fleming briefly outlined the proposal of the Executive Committee to combine the World Congress of Pharmacology and the CPT World Congress in 2010. This proposal was accepted unanimously

13.3.2 Bids

The representatives of the Danish, French and Swedish Pharmacological Societies presented Copenhagen, Paris and Stockholm, respectively, as potential sites for the 2010 integrated Basic and Clinical Pharmacology Congress. The President then explained the secret ballot procedure, pointing out that there had been no prior decisions made, and that each voting member should vote in accordance with his or her personal preference. He emphasized that in the end the winning country had to obtain a minimum of 51% of the votes .

In the event, the voting was as follows :

First ballot : Denmark 57, Sweden 32, France 24, blank 1

Second ballot : Denmark 77, Sweden 28, blank 3

After the second ballot, Denmark was deemed to have won. The 2010 integrated World Congress in Basic and Clinical Pharmacology will therefore be held in Copenhagen.

14. **Communication**

The Council unanimously authorized the Officers to use electronic mail to handle official communications of the Union with the member societies.

15. **Report of the Membership Committee**

K. Netter summarized the activities of the Committee (see binder p. 83), and recommended the acceptance of three new Associate Members: the American College of Clinical Pharmacology, the Serotonin Club and the Society of Safety Pharmacology. This proposal was accepted unanimously.

16. **Report of IUPHAR Committee on Receptor Nomenclature and Drug Classification (NC-IUPHAR)**

M. Spedding, Secretary of NC-IUPHAR, briefly listed the achievements of the Committee in the last four years, and explained the future plans for its continued actions (see Addendum 5). Dr Fleming congratulated NC-IUPHAR and insisted on the tremendous contribution that it makes to the Union. The report was accepted with enthusiasm by the Council.

17. **Reports from the Division and the Sections**

17.1 Division of Clinical Pharmacology :

F. Sjöqvist, Chair of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, summarized the achievements of the Division in the last four years (see Addendum 6). He insisted

particularity on the contribution of the members from emerging countries, as well as on the emerging role of pediatric pharmacology. This report was accepted with enthusiasm.

17.2 Section on Teaching :

Dr I. Hughes, newly elected Chair of the Section, completed the written report (see binder p. 105) with the composition of the new Executive Committee of the Section (see Addendum 7).

17.3 Section on Toxicology :

The Council unanimously approved the proposal of the Executive Committee to rename the Section as "Section on Drug Toxicology". It authorized the Executive Committee to revitalize the section and to seek new Officers and new Membership.

17.4 Other Sections :

No further discussion took place of the reports of the Sections on Drug Metabolism (see binder p. 100), on Gastrointestinal Pharmacology (see binder p. 103) and on Neuropsychopharmacology (see binder p. 108).

18. New Sections

The Council unanimously approved the creation of three new Sections : Safety Pharmacology (see binder p. 111), Pharmacogenomics and Pharmacogenetics (see binder p. 118), and Bioinformatics in Pharmacology. The member societies are urged to propose names to contribute to the activities of these new (but also of the existing) sections.

19. IUPHAR Media

D. Girdlestone briefly outlined the activities of IUPHAR Media in the last four years (Addendum 8), explained why the trading activities were interrupted, and projected into the future the activities of the editorial office of IUPHAR, that IUPHAR Media will be responsible for. She clearly stated that as the end of 2002, the accounts of IUPHAR Media (including those of NC-IUPHAR) will be merged with those of the Union.

20. Relations with other organizations

P. Vanhoutte commented favourably on the improved relationship with WHO, as orchestrated by F. Sjöqvist. He also mentioned that the relations with IUTOX and ICMAP have been strengthened, as evidenced by the joint symposia between IUPHAR and those two Unions that are taking place in San Francisco 2002.

21. Program arrangements for the next World Congresses

D. Birkett and Z-B. Lin presented the progress in arranging for the CPT 2004 meeting in Brisbane, and the 15th World Congress in Pharmacology in Beijing 2006, respectively. They invited all pharmacologists to attend those two events. The Council warmly applauded, endorsing the two events.

22. The Meeting was adjourned at 7.00 pm, with the outgoing President thanking the Delegates for their presence and their support of IUPHAR.