

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Clinical Division of IUPHAR held on Thursday, July the 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 at 9.45 in Room 304A of Québec Convention Center**

**Present:** Darrell Abernethy, Ingolf Cascorbi, Gilberto Castañeda-Hernandez, Lars Gustafsson, Kalle Hoppu, Mahmoud Khayyal, Wim du Plooy, Hyung-Keun Roh, Emilio Sanz, Patrick du Souich, Guilherme Suarez-Kurtz, Petra Thürmann, David Webb, and Wei Wei.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

María Isabel Lucena, Don Birkett, Folke Sjöqvist.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **3. Introduction of new members**

The new members of the Council present introduced themselves and were cordially received.

### **4. Functioning of the Council**

Patrick du Suich emphasizes the necessity to show activities in order to obtain funds from IUPHAR. IUPHAR can never support all the activities – therefore the money can only be spent to foster the start of projects. The sub-committees are more or less independent, after the initial support by IUPHAR/Clinical Division they have to raise funds from other sources.

It was approved that regular reminders will be sent from the secretary every 3 months and interim reports will be distributed.

One goal is to get more influence in IUPHAR. Since the IUPHAR Executive Committee and Officers are elected by the General Assembly of IUPHAR, Clinical Pharmacological Societies already represented as member of IUPHAR should send names for elections to the Chair of the nominating Committee (see appendix 1).

Petra Thürmann will retrieve the IUPHAR member database and identify potential to quantify the number of Clinical Pharmacological member Societies. Ingolf Cascorbi has access to EACPT number of members.

### ***Consequences of the success of WorldPharma 2010 for the Clinical Division***

The criteria for success of WorldPharma 2010 and the relevance of WorldPharma 2010 for future decisions were discussed.

Suggestions include:

- Smaller conferences, e.g. on very specialized topics, should be organized in between IUPHAR combined meetings.
- Regional meetings could be organized under the auspices of CPT to increase the visibility of the Division.
- There could be 2 strategies: very specialized meetings for the “developed” countries, for less developed countries workshops or a summer school. The Division could share experience and course material, e.g. the website of IUPHAR can be used for this purpose.

Further suggestions were:

- The next national meeting in Egypt could be under the auspices of the Clinical Division, Nov. 2009
- Toronto 2010 Pharmacogenetics meeting with Pacific Rim Association
- For Latin America: Generic drugs are hot topic; Pharmacovigilance etc.

**To Do for all Councillors:**

**Please send ideas and suggestions with regard to meetings via email to the Secretary. Who would be willing to host a meeting?**

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**Communication in the Council of the Clinical Division:**

There will be regular emails/reminders send by the Secretary every 3 months – approved by the Councillors.

**5. Summary of projects undergoing**

In addition to the minutes from the meeting July 28th 2008, Emilio Sanz (Chairman Sub-Committee of Drug Utilization and Pharmacoepidemiology) reported about progress of an eLearning platform, where Lynn LeCount will care for the technical platform. South Korea and China will serve as pilot countries. Topics will be: Pharmacoepimiology, Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology (with Kalle Hoppu); 4.000,- USD are already approved by IUPHAR. The eLearning platform shall be supported by local person-to-person meetings, e.g. sponsored by WHO.

Kalle Hoppu (Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology) emphasized that the support of IUPHAR is very valuable, since IUPHAR is acknowledged by WHO as an NGO by contract and IUPHAR-delegates can attend open WHO meetings. Using the name of IUPHAR helps to start initiatives with WHO. The Pediatric initiative of the Clinical Division should be included in the contract between IUPHAR and WHO to further support these activities.

The previous Treasurer (P. Thürmann) assured, that approx. 2.500,- €are budgeted for this Sub-Committee.

Lars Gustafsson (Chairman Sub-Committee of Clinical Pharmacology in Less Developed Countries) and his group have screened potential activities regarding a CP curriculum in Africa (Egypt & PharfA) and maybe also in other regions (Asia, Latin America). This screening process should be finished by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

A training workshop (some sort of an “African Summer School”) about knowledge in clinical trials and regulatory affairs funded by WHO is suggested.

It has to be considered, that regional activities in some countries should be offered in other languages than English: in Latin America Spanish would be preferred; in some African countries French and Portuguese.

The previous Treasurer (P. Thürmann) assured, that approx. 2.500,- €can be devoted to this Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee of Pharmacogenetics lead by Ingolf Cascorbi was founded in 2006 in Beijing and is trying to establish a network. One idea is a Compendium on Pharmacogenetics, where a draft for content already exists, but future development (limited funding) is unclear.

To increase visibility of this Sub-Committee a conference was preferred, which is part of the Sao Paulo Conferences on Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics. In average these conferences are attended by 800 delegates as reported by Guilherme Suarez-Kurtz. Eight members of the Sub-Committee will lecture. There will be a meeting of the Sub-Committee and discussion about future plans.

The previous Treasurer (P. Thürmann) assured, that 1.790,- € are budgeted in 2008 for the Conference and 2.500,- € in 2009 for this Sub-Committee.

## **6. New Projects**

**To Do for all: New projects to strengthen relationship with WHO: Please send new ideas to Chairman or Secretary!**

**Also: ideas to raise funds, e.g. Bill Gates Foundation, are most welcome!**

Plans for activities so far include:

- How to introduce new expensive drugs? How to evaluate and follow-up?
- Rational use of Drugs in cooperation with WHO.
- How sensitize Universities/Regulators for individualised treatment?
- Small messages or bullets about clinical pharmacology topics, e.g. waste of money related to side effects, improper use of drugs etc. for the IUPHAR website.
- Guilherme Suarez-Kurtz explained that he has developed a basic course of pharmacology to be given in Mozambique (in Portuguese). The course could be translated in other languages and made available.

## **7. IUPHAR CPT 2010**

WorldPharma has been presented by Kim Brøsen during the meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> and at the General Assembly. Some proposals were mentioned:

- The evaluation of lectures/meetings would be very useful, CME points could be applied for, very valuable for physicians and pharmacists in many countries.
- Webcasts for some lectures/symposia should be considered to increase visibility.
- Short communications for non-invited speakers/submitted papers.
- Workshops in Clinical Pharmacology could be offered.

## **8. IUPHAR/CPT 2014**

Wim du Plooy will have a meeting with Kim Brøsen. They will consider especially courses in Clinical Pharmacology.

## **9. Other business**

As already started in the meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2008, future strategies and relationship with IUPHAR were discussed. A strategic paper, based on existing draft will be developed, discussed and finalized to be presented at the next meeting of the IUPHAR Executive Committee meeting in Egypt, March 2009.

For WorldPharma 2010 it has to be decided, whether the General Assembly will be together with the IUPHAR General Assembly or not.

The photo taken by David Webb from today's meeting participants will be sent to Lynn LeCount for the IUPHAR website.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.10

Respectively submitted

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**Appendix 1:**

IUPHAR Nominating Committee 2006-2010

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