

## **Report of the Drug Metabolism Section to the Executive Committee of IUPHAR – February 2007**

### **Report for the year 2006**

1. The Drug Metabolism Section deeply regrets the untimely death of its devoted treasurer Prof. Grant Wilkinson in May 2006. Prof. Wilkinson served the section for many years and made major contributions to the section's activities in developing countries.
2. The DMS Council and General Assembly meetings were held in July 2006 during the 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Pharmacology in Beijing, China. A new council was elected, and several future activities were suggested by the section (see the enclosed minutes).
3. The DMS provided financial support (\$5,000) to the International Conference in Pharmacogenetics (Changsha, China), a satellite meeting of the 15th World Congress of Pharmacology. Prof. John Miners, past Chair of the DMS, was one of the organizers of this meeting.
4. Possible collaboration between the DMS and the Division of Clinical Pharmacology on pharmacogenetics was discussed during 2006 (Patrich du Souich, Ingolf Cascorbi). This collaboration is a high priority item in the agenda of the DMS.

### **Future activities (2007-2008)**

1. Prof. Andrew Walubo asked the DMS to support the First African Conference on Drug Metabolism and Development (Johannesburg, 21-24<sup>th</sup> May 2007), organized by the ASDMD (see attached letter). This important African activity is fully compatible with IUPHAR's African Initiative, launched in Beijing at the 15th World Congress of Pharmacology. We therefore would welcome the special contribution of IUPHAR to this African meeting.
2. Dr. Collen Masimirembwa, CSO and Founder of AiBST, is asking for IUPHAR support to issue a hard copy of their Newsletter, for wide distribution in Africa (see attached letter). The DMS strongly supports this initiative and, again, asks for IUPHAR's support in the framework of its African initiative.
3. The planned Balkan's Workshop in Ochrid, FYROM, had to be postponed for various reasons, but especially because the EU could not secure support for this meeting. Section members have been active in trying to further this important meeting series. It is now envisaged that the next workshop will be held in 2008 in Novi Sad, Serbia.
4. The DMS is currently planning additional meetings in developing countries (as detailed in the Beijing DMS meeting minutes).

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