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To: The Secretary-General
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Dear Dr Sam Enna

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IUPHAR EDUCATION SECTION FOR THE YEAR 2011

1 General Comments

The Education Section of the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR-Ed) has the mandate and responsibility to support educators in pharmacology in fostering and promoting innovative teaching, learning and assessment of basic, clinical and translational pharmacology to higher education pharmacology students and wider audiences across the globe.

2 Summary of Planning & Activities

IUPHAR-Ed has been active during the 2012 cycle and a number of successful projects was completed as described below.

2.1 Capacity building & global networking

IUPHAR-Ed made available a travel bursary for educators from resource-poor countries to attend the EACPT Summerschool on education, Amsterdam from 23-25 August 2012 and to present a podium talk. Six applications were received and following a review process Dr. Kazeem A. Oshikoya from the Lagos State University College of Medicine, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria was selected to attend. He presented a podium talk on "Clinical pharmacology teaching and training in Nigeria: the challenges and remedies". This was well received and contributed to global networking in pharmacology education.

A 3-day workshop on Integrative and Organ Systems Pharmacology (IOSP) was held from 5-7 July 2012 at the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD), Idu District, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nigeria, as a pre-conference Satellite of the 5th All Africa Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology. The workshop, as organised by Prof Helen Kwanashie (President of the West African Society of Pharmacology - WASP) and attended by about 34 students, focused on the training of postgraduate students in experimental techniques for studies investigating the pharmacology of the central nervous system. Four lectures was also successfully presented by Prof Douglas Oliver and Prof Tiaan Brink via interactive video conferencing using Adobe Connect from South Africa.

Dr Dave Lewis, chair of the IOSP committee, worked hard to secure funding for IOSP workshops from the Nuffield Foundation. Although the application reached the final rounds, it was unfortunately unsuccessful in the end.

It is expected that the activities of the section will greatly expand once the new IUPHAR website and electronic platform has been completed and launched.

2.2 WCP2014

IUPHAR-Ed has started with its preparations to organise Satellite meeting on pharmacology education from 12-13 July 2013, as a pre-conference Satellite meeting of the 17th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2014) in Cape Town, South Africa. As chair of IUPHAR-Ed I have steered the processes leading to the following:

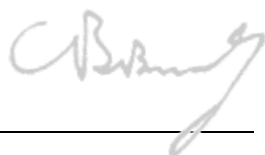
- A local organising committee (LOC) has been established (Dr Ronal Gounden – chair, Dr Shirah Moch, Mr de Wet Wolmarans).
- An event co-ordinator appointed (Ms Zelda Coetzee from Imfunzelelo Conference & Event Management).
- The venue has been secured at the University of Cape Town Conference Management Centre (<http://cmc-uct.co.za/>).
- The Satellite Programme Committee has been established and consists of the officers plus several councillors from around the globe, chaired by Dr Simon Maxwell. This committee has already commenced with the design of the Satellite programme.
- Two prizes, namely for a senior and a junior educator, will be awarded at the Satellite. The Evaluation Committee is chaired by Dr Liz Daves. Awardees will actively participate in the programme.
- Workshop themes & chairs, guest speakers and competitions have been identified, but full development and finalisation is still in progress.
- The LOC is working on the website for registration and abstract submission.
- A value proposition document for fund raising and exhibition is currently being designed.
- Plans are to open for registration and abstract submission in parallel with WCP2014

3 Conclusion

Members and activities have a sound geographical spread, although participation from Asia and South America's may be enhanced.

IUPHAR-Ed is healthy and increased activities are expected towards 2014.

Yours sincerely



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