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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IUPHAR TEACHING SECTION 2006-10

1 General Comments

The IUPHAR Teaching Section aims to promote teaching and learning in basic, clinical and translational pharmacology to tertiary learners and wider audiences, by providing support and forums for interaction to educators world-wide. Since its inception twelve years ago, it has established and grown a large interest group and support base of educators. In the past four years it was identified as priority for the Section to formalize and streamline certain of operational vehicles to expand its impact and support for its members. This report will outline these strategies and associated activities of the Section, as well as future activities for the upcoming four years.

2 Section Executive Committee

The Section Executive Committee, as elected during the 15th World Congress of Pharmacology in Beijing, China in 2006, and includes the officers plus councilors from various regions globally. The Integrative Organ Systems Pharmacology (IOSP) committee also operates under the auspices of the Teaching Section:

OFFICERS

Chair: Dr Joan Lakoski (*United States of America*)
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Atkinson, Jeffrey (*France*)
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Salazar-Bookaman, Margarita (*Venezuela*)
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Zhang, Xiu-mei (*China*)

IOSP COMMITTEE

Chair: Bylund, David B. (*United States of America*)
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Swick, Andrew G. (*United States of America*)
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3 Executive Summary of Activities

During 2009/10 the Section strategically positioned itself for improved communication in management and to improve its visibility and support to its members. The Section Executive Committee held regular meetings (monthly or bi-monthly) via teleconference in 2009/10 to discuss strategic matters related to the operational business of the Section. Several new initiatives were launched to promote the objectives of the Section. The following highlights are noted:

- A **pre-conference Satellite meeting** on “*Empowering Effective Teaching in Pharmacology for a Safer Tomorrow*” has been organized. This meeting will take place from 17-18 July 2010 in Copenhagen, Denmark. In addition, this will be followed up by a **workshop** titled “*Pharmacology Education for a Sustainable Future*” during the main conference, WorldPharma2010, also in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- As a new initiative the Section launched an “**Early Educator Award**” to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in all aspects of Pharmacology. Hereby the Section also contributes to capacity building, providing a platform for exposure for younger educators. The following are the awardees for 2010:



Dr Suzanne Hansen (*Denmark*)
Basic Pharmacology



Dr David Gurwitz (*Israel*)
Basic Pharmacology



Dr Robert Likic (*Croatia*)
Clinical Pharmacology



De Wet Wolmarans (*South Africa*)
Teaching for Wider Audiences

- In addition the Section has awarded **travel awards** to delegates from poorer countries to attend its meetings, thereby also to improve global networking.
- The Integrative and Organ Systems Pharmacology (**IOSP**) committee, under the leadership of Dr David Bylund, has been very active and successful to promote training in experimental pharmacology techniques in developing countries. A separate report in its activities has been submitted. Main activities include IOSP Schools in South Africa (Sep 2009), Egypt (Feb 2010) and Kenya (May 2010).
- **Communication** between members of the Section was informally and kindly maintained via a yahoo mail list by Mr Adrianta Surjadhana from Indonesia. This will be most likely be replaced by formal communication forums and lists facilitated by the envisaged new IUPHAR website.

4 Membership & Finances

- **Membership** to the Section is by free association of individuals. A need for a **constitution** (“by-laws”) has been identified and a process has been set forth to develop such a document.
- The **finances** of the Section is healthy, with balances from previous donations currently assisting the Section to maintain a cash flow for basic running expenses, as well as to execute strategic initiatives such as websites and awards. In addition generous sponsorships and income from exhibitors at the latest pre-conference Satellite meeting, will contribute to maintain healthy financial balances. The Section has been able to hold the aforementioned meeting at very affordable rates to its members.

5 Future activities

The Section will elect new management in Copenhagen during the meeting in July. It is foreseen that its main objectives for the next four years will include:

- Implementation of a constitution and associated strategic plan
- Active participation of all its Executive Committee members, with a particular focus to build on collaboration and engagement of councilors.
- Utilization of the new IUPHAR website as platform to provide a better “value-added” service to its members, including improved communication networks, exchange of innovative ideas and education solutions.
- Participation at the 17th World Congress of Pharmacology in Cape Town, South Africa. Attendance and active participation of delegates from poorer African countries will also be promoted.

Yours sincerely

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(Chair)