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A report on the activities and projected initiatives from March 2009 to February 2010 of the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section

The current Executive Committee members of the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR) –Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section remain the same as seen in the letter head.

I am reporting the activities of the Section as well as activities related to gastrointestinal pharmacology conducted by members during the reporting period.

2009 activities and projected initiatives for 2010 by the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section of IUPHAR

2009

June: A joint meeting of pharmacologists from Shenyang, Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong was held in Hong Kong from June 13-15, 2009. There were more than 100 participants mainly from Asia to join the 3-day meeting.

September: The Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section of IUPHAR supported a symposium in the 13th International Conference on Gastrointestinal Research (ICGR), held in Split, Croatia from September 10-16, 2009. There were over 250 participants from 19 different countries from Europe, North America and Asia. Abstracts have been published in the Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology, 60, Suppl. 2, 2009.

Other activities planned to be held in 2010 after the reporting period

1. We have made the proposal to the organizing committee of the Congress of IUPHAR 2010. The proposal entitled "Symposium on Advances in

Gastrointestinal Pharmacology” was accepted to be included in one of the symposia in the main programme in Copenhagen, Denmark IUPHAR2010.

2. The dates for the meeting "Assessment of emetic liability of novel chemical entities" have been changed to 2010 to be held in Hong Kong, China. The meeting is being planned by Prof. P. Adrews in London and Prof. J. Rudd in Hong Kong.

Other activities of the Gastrointestinal Section of IUPHAR during the reporting period:

The journal "Inflammopharmacology" becomes the major venue to promote and publish the work of gastrointestinal pharmacology for all members. The Editor-in-Chief, Prof. K.D. Rainsford gives us a great support to the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section throughout the years.

This year we are still facing big financial constraint in organizing scientific meetings and other activities related to gastrointestinal pharmacology. We have no solution to solve it at this time. It is a global thing and hope that it will become better in coming years.

We shall form a new panel of executives for the Section at the IUPHAR2010 in Copenhagen and shall report to IUPHAR in due course.

This ends my last report as a chairman of the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section. I am pleased to collaborate with you during the past 4 years.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best regards

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