

CLINICAL DIVISION OF IUPHAR

Council Meeting

Sunday, July 18st 2010

13:00 – 15:50

Copenhagen, Bella Conference Center, Room 6

Present: Darrell Abernethy, Don Birkett, Ingolf Cascorbi, Gilberto Castañeda-Hernández, Kalle Hoppu, María Isabel Lucena, Hyung-Keun Roh, Patrick du Souich, Guilherme Suarez-Kurtz, Petra Thürmann, Hiroshi Watanabe, David Webb.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Chairman's report (Patrick du Souich)

Patrick delivered an overview of the history of IUPHAR, the development of the Clinical Section with its first president Folke Sjöqvist in 1975. After the 1st CPT Congress in 1980, the Division of Clinical Pharmacology was founded in 1994. In 2006, IUPHAR changed its name to International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology. In 2008 (possibly) the last CPT Congress was held in Quebec.

Between 2008 and 2010, we had numerous discussions and decided to adopt for the time being a model involving maintaining and strengthening the Clinical Division, strengthening the role of CP in several key committees of IUPHAR (e.g. the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee) and integrating and restructuring the Sections so that all integrate basic and clinical pharmacology (see topic 5). The statutes of the different Sections were not at all uniform and IUPHAR does not have a good overview on activities. There will be a restructuring process, some subcommittees of the Clinical Division will become or be combined with sections of IUPHAR (e.g. Pharmacogenetics). Inactive sections and/or subcommittees will be closed.

There was agreement with these activities and in the first instance the Clinical Division's Subcommittee of Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology will become a Section of IUPHAR. There was, however, still some doubt about not having separate congresses of clinical pharmacology. Therefore the survey (topic 8) was still considered necessary.

3. Secretary's report (Petra A. Thürmann)

Was included in Chairman's report.

4. Treasurer's report (Maria Isabel Lucena)

The treasurer's report which had been distributed before the meeting was delivered and acknowledged. This report was also presented at the IUPHAR Executive Committee meeting.

5. Reports from Subcommittees and their transformation into Sections

- Report from IUPHAR EC meeting on Subcommittees and Sections

This was included in the chairman's report.

- Clinical Pharmacology in less developed countries (Lars Gustafsson)

No discussion.

- Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology (Kalle Hoppu)

This Subcommittee has exhibited extraordinary activities, congratulations! The S-C is involved in an EU-funded project application on Global Research in Paediatrics. Kalle Hoppu will be leader of a working group.

- Pharmacogenetics (Ingolf Cascorbi)

This S-C has been successful in planning two workshops, one in Brazil 2008, the second one to be held at WordPharma2010. Another Latin-American workshop is planned, possibly focusing on teaching. The S-C plans a practical, realistic guide on "what have we learned from PGX, what can be realised?" It should be a collection of recorded lectures, slides with voices and funded by IUPHAR.

- Subcommittee for Drug development, clinical trials and drug regulation (Phillip A. Routledge)

No report. Patrick will inform Phillip, that this S-C will be closed.

- Subcommittee for Drug Utilization and Pharmacoepidemiology (Emilio J. Sanz)

No report. Patrick will inform Emilio, that this S-C will be closed. It will be discussed at the General Assembly whether such a subcommittee or section is desirable and what shape it should take. Ulf Bergman may be willing to chair a new S-C or section on that topic.

6. Objectives and future projects (Patrick du Souich)

- Nomination of Patrick du Souich as President of IUPHAR – Interim Chairman

As Patrick became president of IUPHAR (he had been nominated, but his election was three days later), Don Birkett was elected ohne Gegenstimme and accepted to be Chairman of the Clinical Division. Darrell Abernethy was elected ohne Gegenstimme to become Vice-Chairman and accepted.

- **Involvement of the Division in the IUPHAR Teaching Section**

As Simon Maxwell is extremely active in teaching and chairs this Section at EACPT, he will be asked to further cooperate with the IUPHAR teaching Section. This was to be discussed at the General Assembly of the Clinical Division.

- **Foundation of a new Subcommittee of Geriatric Pharmacology**

It was unanimously approved, that a Subcommittee on this relevant topic should be formed. David LeCouteur had been asked to chair this activity, supported by Darrell and Petra.

7. Liaison with WHO (Folke Sjöqvist)

- **WHO Clinical Pharmacology booklet**

Congratulations on this excellent work. It will be presented in the General Assembly, undergo further editorial work at WHO and then appear as a Technical Report of WHO.

- **Future structure for interactions with WHO**

This will be discussed with Folke in the General Assembly of the Clinical Division.

8. Future Congresses – Discussion of the Questionnaire

The survey is supported by the Council of the Clinical Division and will be carried out by Petra.

9. Any other business

Gilberto suggested educational efforts on biologicals and biosimilars for Latin-America. Materials are provided in Spanish. This education should also be for people from regulatory bodies. It would be good to have contact with the International Conference on Drug Regulatory Affairs (ICDRA) from WHO, a contact should be possible via Lembit Rago. Gilberto will follow this project.

It was suggested to have a Task Force on Rational Prescribing and define the role of CP in relationship to Clinical Pharmacists. At the end of August, Petra will send a reminder on this topic to collect ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:50

Petra Thürmann
Secretary of the Clinical Division