

Minutes of the General Assembly of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology of IUPHAR

Wednesday, July 21st 2010

12.45 – 14.10

Copenhagen, Bella Conference Center, Room BV5

Patrick du Souich, Chairman of the Clinical Division of IUPHAR gave his opening address.

1. Report of the President of the Division and its Subcommittees

The President delivered his report and announced his nomination for president of IUPHAR. He also gave an overview of the history of IUPHAR, the development of the Clinical Section with its first president Folke Sjöqvist in 1975. The first CPT Congress was in 1980, and the Section of Clinical Pharmacology became a Division in 1994. Sections of IUPHAR have two delegates at the General Assembly of IUPHAR and the Division of Clinical Pharmacology has four delegates.

In 2006, IUPHAR changed its name to International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology, and in 2008 (possibly) the last CPT Congress was held in Quebec. Between 2008 and 2010, we had numerous discussions about the future structure of IUPHAR and the role of Clinical Pharmacology. The decision was made to maintain and strengthen the Clinical Division, strengthen the role of clinical pharmacology in key committees of IUPHAR (*e.g.*, the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee), and integrate and restructure the Sections in order better to integrate clinical pharmacology. A review of the Sections and Clinical Division subcommittees was carried out and it was recommended that active subcommittees be made sections, and that all sections should incorporate both basic and clinical pharmacology in their activities and structure.

Patrick du Souich announced that Don Birkett will be the new Chairman of the Clinical Division if he (Patrick) is elected as president of IUPHAR in the General Assembly of IUPHAR (which indeed happened the same day). Darrell Abernethy will become Vice-Chairman of the Clinical Division.

Education Section (formerly known as Teaching Section):

Simon Maxwell reported on a 2-day workshop on teaching with approximately 150 teachers in basic and clinical pharmacology. Simon will represent Clinical Pharmacology in this IUPHAR Section. An immediate activity will be to develop a core curriculum for clinical pharmacology.

The General Assembly considered it highly desirable that there should be a Section on Pharmacoepidemiology. Several issues were discussed at length:

- the inclusion of Basic Pharmacology and Toxicology
- relationships to ISoP and ISPE
- the inclusion of the term “adverse drug reaction”

Ulf Bergman will think about the issues discussed and consider taking the leadership of this group.

The Subcommittee of Geriatric Pharmacology should be chaired by David LeCouteur (who was absent).

The Subcommittee of Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology is highly active and will be transformed into a Section of IUPHAR.

Ingolf Cascorbi reported on the activities of the Subcommittee of Pharmacogenetics, which will become a Section of IUPHAR as well.

Lars Gustafsson reported on training programmes and the Latin-American Network, which will meet on July 22nd 2010.

Folke Sjöqvist reported on the liaison with WHO, and on the booklet on Clinical Pharmacology, which will become a WHO Technical Report. Michael Orme and Folke Sjöqvist thanked all contributors. Some chapters will be extended and/or re-edited.

2. Future Congresses of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology

A lively discussion evolved about that issue. Different opinions were expressed about the questionnaire to go to delegates at the Copenhagen congress.

3. WHO Booklet on Clinical Pharmacology (see above)

4. New Issues and Subcommittees (see above)

5. Financial Report

The financial report was given by Petra Thürmann. There is money for support of clearly described projects.

6. General Discussion

Patrick du Souich and Don Birkett thanked all participants of this well-visited General Assembly of the Clinical Division.

Petra Thürmann
Secretary of the Clinical Division