

Report of the Drug Metabolism Section to the Executive Committee of
IUPHAR – March 2010

Report for 2009/2010

1. The Drug Metabolism Section (DMS) of IUPHAR sponsored and supported financially (grant of 5,000 USD) the **International Symposium on Drug Transport and Metabolism** (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 13-14 October 2009), organized by the Argentinean Society of Experimental Pharmacology (SAFE). This was actually the first symposium of its kind in South America supported by the DMS (see attached full report, which was published in the December 2009 issue of Pharmacology International). The symposium was a great success and it is expected that it will be followed by a series of symposia in South America sponsored by the DMS and IUPHAR.
2. The DMS submitted to the organizers of the 2010 IUPHAR world congress in Copenhagen a proposal for a focused conference entitled 'Adverse Drug Reactions: Scope, Mechanisms, Solutions'. This proposal was rejected by the organizers. This is quite unfortunate, since the DMS organized highly successful symposia in previous IUPHAR world congresses. Due to its limited budget, the DMS decided not to organize a self-funded workshop in Copenhagen.

Planned future activities

1. The DMS is a sponsor of the **8th Xenobiotic Metabolism and Toxicity (XEMET) Congress of Southeastern Europe** (Thessaloniki, Greece, 28-31 May 2010), organized by Prof. Paraskevi Papaioannidou from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. A grant of 5,000 Euros will be provided by the DMS to the organizers, thus continuing its long-standing tradition and commitment to support these important regional meetings, previously named Xenobiotic Metabolism and Toxicity Workshop of Balkan Countries.
2. The current Executive Committee of the DMS will complete in 2010 its 4-years mandate. The new committee, which will be elected at the upcoming IUPHAR Congress in Copenhagen, will make a plan for future activities. A comprehensive report for 2006-2010 will be delivered to the DMS membership at its annual meeting in Copenhagen.

Prof. Jaime Kapitulnik, President

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