

Bringing European Pharmacologists together ...

Dear members of EPHAR Societies,

You are now holding in your hand EPHAR Newsletter 1/2010

The 16th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology **WorldPharma2010**,
Copenhagen, 17-23 July, 2010.

In year 2010, the most important event in European pharmacology will be the 16th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology – WorldPharma2010 which will be held in Copenhagen in July, in the same congress centre recently hosting the World Climate Change Conference. WorldPharma2010 is a unique congress in two ways. Firstly, it bridges basic and clinical pharmacology and provides updated information about the hottest topics in the field. Secondly, the congress combines the benefits of a specialized and broad spectrum scientific meeting. The scientific program is organized in 18 focused conferences which will last 23 days and cover the most important areas of basic and clinical pharmacology. In addition, there will be 26 plenary lectures, 25 workshops, poster sessions, satellite symposia and much more. The full program with 500 invited top international speakers may be viewed on www.worlpharma2010.org.

EPHAR will celebrate its 20th Anniversary in WorldPharma2010. The EPHAR Lecture on Thursday afternoon will be given by Thomas Lönngren, Director of European Medicines Agency EMEA, and it will be followed by the prize presentations to the winners of EPHAR Young Investigator Awards, as well as a wine reception. In addition, EPHAR will arrange a workshop “New opportunities in the pharmacology of neuroimmune interactions”.

The WorldPharma2010 homepage www.worldpharma2010.org is now open for the registration, abstract submission and hotel booking.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 15th January, 2010.

Don't miss out on World Pharma 2010! It will be a scientifically stimulating and rewarding experience, and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances and to savour the atmosphere of Copenhagen.

Looking forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.



Eeva Moilanen

President, The Federation of European Pharmacological Societies



What is EPHAR?

- The Federation of European Pharmacological Societies
- 25 National / Regional Member Societies
- about 10 000 members through Member Societies

Novel EPHAR educational activities

- EPHAR lectures
- EPHAR symposia
- EPHAR instructional courses

Objectives of EPHAR

The Federation is a non-profit voluntary association established to advance research and education in Pharmacology and related sciences and to promote co-operation between National / Regional Pharmacological Societies in Europe and surrounding countries e.g. by organising periodical European Congresses of Pharmacology, by sponsoring EPHAR lectures, symposia and instructional courses, by encouraging the holding of joint meetings between Member Societies and exchanging of scientific information between European Pharmacologists, and by facilitating the movement of Pharmacologists in Europe.

EPHAR LECTURES 2009

1. **Pharmacogenomic Approaches in Drug Therapy**, by **Desmond FITZGERALD** (Dublin) Given during the conference "New Drugs in Cardiovascular Research", Dresden, 7-9 May 2009 (joint meeting of the German Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology and the British Pharmacological Society).
2. **Emerging Drugs for the Treatment of Acute Heart Failure Syndromes**, by **Juan L. TAMARGO** (Madrid) Given during the 9th Congress of the European Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT), Edinburgh, 12-15 July 2009.
3. **Smooth Muscle Excitation**, by **Thomas B. BOLTON** (London) Given during the International Workshop "Influence of Degeneration and Repair in the CNS and Periphery", Budapest, 24-25 September 2009 (organized by the Hungarian Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology).
4. **CXC Chemokines and Antagonists in Chronic Inflammation**, by **Frans NIJKAMP** (Utrecht) Given during the Autumn Meeting of the Finnish Pharmacological Society, Tampere, 1 October 2009.
5. **Receptors for Free Fatty Acids: Targets for the Treatment of Diabetes, Obesity and Inflammation**", by **Graeme MILLIGAN** (Glasgow) Given during the 15th Scientific Symposium of the Austrian Pharmacological Society, 19-21 November 2009 (joint meeting with the Hungarian Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and the Slovenian Society of Pharmacology).

EPHAR SYMPOSIUM 2009

Pharmacoepidemiology for Monitoring of Drug Safety and Rational Drug Use: A Good Case for Translational Medicine? Held during the 34th National Congress of the Italian Pharmacological Society, Rimini, 14-17 October 2009.

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HISTORY OF EPHAR

EPHAR was founded at the XIth International Congress of Pharmacology in Amsterdam, in 1990. The foundation was prepared by a steering committee headed by Börje Uvnäs.

Since its establishment in 1990, the aim of EPHAR was to advance research and education in Pharmacology and related sciences and to promote co-operation between National / Regional Pharmacological Societies in Europe. EPHAR was recognized as an affiliate member of IUPHAR in 1994.

In addition, the statutes of EPHAR, approved at its foundation, established that the affairs of the Federation are conducted by a Council, formed by representatives nominated by each Society, and by an Executive Committee. The first President, R. Paoletti (Italy), the first Scientific Secretary, F. Cattabeni (Italy) and the first Executive Committee consisting of 4 further members were in office until 1997. Members of the first Executive Committee were W.C. Bowman (UK), G. Fillion (France), H. Scholz (Germany), and H.A.J. Struijker-Boudier (The Netherlands).

Since 1990, the Federation has sponsored important scientific events. In particular, EPHAR has contributed in the organization of residential Courses with a restricted number of participants, the first ones being “Molecular Biology in Pharmacology”, Milan, 1990; “Neuroimmunomodulation in Pharmacology”, Paris, 1992; “Electrophysiology in Pharmacology”, London, 1993. Courses are addressed to biomedical scientists willing to improve their knowledge in specific fields of pharmacology and related sciences. Moreover, the Federation has sponsored a number of “EPHAR Lectures” held in occasions of (joint) meetings of member Societies.

The most important scientific events established by the Federation are the **EPHAR Congresses**. Until now (2009), five such meetings have taken place in different European countries. The congress programs have included plenary lectures, symposia, round tables, and oral and poster communications devoted to the most recent advances in pharmacology and related sciences and therefore represented the adequate forum for discussing preclinical, clinical and therapeutic data. Particular emphasis was given to the impact of biotechnologies on drug development and to the identification of novel pharmacological approaches to incurable diseases. Sessions were also held on the relationship between science and society in Europe, with particular reference to drug registration, strategies for research funding and training of pharmacologists.

- First EPHAR Congress: Milan, Italy, 1996
- Second EPHAR Congress: Budapest, Hungary, 1999
- Third EPHAR Congress: Lyon, France, 2001
- Fourth EPHAR Congress: Porto, Portugal, 2004
- Fifth EPHAR Congress: Manchester, UK, 2008

In conjunction with the Congress in Porto in 2004, the first official Satellite Symposium took place. It was a meeting of the scientific Serotonin Club. The topic and motto of the Satellite was “Serotonin in the CNS and Periphery: Basic Concepts and Clinical Implications”. To follow that a Serotonin Club Satellite Symposium was organised also in association with the EPHAR 2008 Congress in Manchester.

The Sixth EPHAR Congress will be organized in Granada, Spain in 2012 by The Spanish Society of Pharmacology.

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British Pharmacological Society (BPS)



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