

**Report of the Drug Metabolism and Drug Transport Section  
to the Executive Committee of IUPHAR  
March 2011**

Report for 2010/2011

1. The previous Executive Committee of the DMS completed its 4 year term at the Copenhagen meeting, handing over to the new Executive whose members are listed on our website. New additions to the Section are Prof. Ann Daly, the Vice-Chair and Councillors from China, Europe, South Africa and South America.

2. Subsequent to discussions in Copenhagen, the Section formally changed its name to the Drug Metabolism and Drug Transport (DMDT) Section in Fall 2010. It is hoped that recognition of the importance of drug transport (along with drug metabolism) to overall drug disposition will expand the Section's purview, attract additional members to world congress meetings and expand the slate of potential Councillor and Executive members in the years ahead.

3. The DMS was a sponsor of the 8<sup>th</sup> Xenobiotic Metabolism and Toxicity (XEMET2010)

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 was provided by the DMS to the organizers, and members of the Section were active participants. The 9<sup>th</sup> Congress (XEMET2012) is being planned by the Pharmacological Society of Montenegro to take place in Budva, Montenegro in Summer 2012.

Planned future activities

1. The immediate priority of the new DMDT Section is fund raising through letter solicitations to Pharma, Biotech, CROs etc. Section member have identified more than half a dozen companies to contact and these efforts will begin shortly.

2. Given the current fiscal situation, it will be imperative that we work closely with other IUPHAR Sections to further the goals of our constitution. The present make-up of the DMDT Section includes researchers very heavily involved in Pharmacogenetics and Pediatrics research, and so we anticipate that this will encourage and facilitate development of joint symposia and other projects in the next few years.

3. To date, the Section has not been formally contacted about co-sponsoring any meetings in 2011. This may reflect the global economy. We have been contacted informally about potential future meetings in Brazil and in India. However, the infrastructure for these is only now developing and it seem likely to be at least a couple of years before these efforts could come to fruition on a local level.

4. More 'pro-active' efforts could include interfacing to greater extent with National (and International) Pharmacology Societies to become involved early in planning symposia that could benefit from the expertise of the Section members. The next IUPHAR World Congress in South Africa is an obvious place to start.

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