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Prof. Chi Hin CHO was elected as the President of the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section after the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of Pharmacology, held in Beijing, China on July, 2006.

The followings are the major events during the reporting period:

## 1. The executive committee was established and their affiliations are listed as follows:

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The committee members are well represented from different countries from Asia, Europe and North America.

**2. The goals for the Section have been decided:**

*(1). To enlarge our membership globally and co-ordinate activities related to gastrointestinal pharmacology, in particular drug development workshop, symposia and conferences in the field. Membership will not be restricted to pharmacologists, and will be expanded to related disciplines, including gastroenterologists, pharmacists, gastrointestinal physiologists, and professionals working in pharmaceutical industries.*

*(2). To encourage collaborations in terms of visiting professors and exchanging students between institutions across the globe, in order to enhance academic and research interactions.*

*(3). To promote our international image and influences in drug development and translational research for gastrointestinal diseases.*

*(4). To provide pharmaceutical companies a platform for dialogue with scientists, pharmacists and medical doctors for better medicines in the treatment and prevention for diseases of the gastrointestinal tract and liver.*

*(5). To teach our young researchers and medical doctors, and also those working in pharmaceutical industries, in the forms of lectures and workshops both locally and globally.*

**3. The website is being established: <http://www.iuphar-gi.org/>**

This website is to enlarge our membership and promote the image of IUPHAR and the Section globally and to create dialogue between members and also people outside the Section.

**4. The Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section establishes a close link with *Inflammopharmacology*, a journal published in United Kingdom.**

The journal will be reporting our activities and publishing abstracts of meetings organized by the Section.

**5. An international symposium** entitled “International Symposium on Drug Discovery and Development for Gastrointestinal Tract and Liver Diseases” is being planned for 2007, to be held in Nanjing, China.

Also, we are trying hard to get sponsorship and donation from the private sector in order to carry out our goals of the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section in the years to come.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best regards

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