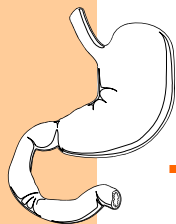


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A report from January 2007 to May 2008 activities and projected initiatives for the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section

The current IUPHAR-GI Pharmacology section's Executive Committee members are: C.H. Cho (President), K. Takeuchi (Vice-president), D. Chen (Secretary), J.A. Rudd (Treasurer), P. Andrews (Councillor), T. Brzozowski (Councillor), Gy. Mozsik (Councillor), K.D. Rainsford (Councillor), S. Szabo (Councillor), Y. Taché (Councillor) and J.L. Wallace (Councillor).

The following activities during the reported period have partially fulfilled the five goals of the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section, namely 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; 2) to encourage collaborations between basic and clinical research and between institutions across; 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; and 5) to teach our young researchers and medical doctors in the forms of lectures and workshops both locally and globally.

2007 activities and projected initiatives for 2008

2007

January:	We have established our own website www.iuphar-gi.org .
January-March:	We have tried but failed to raise a fund to organize the International Symposium on Drug Discovery and Development for Gastrointestinal Tract and Liver, Nanjing, China.
March:	All of our executive committee members have been invited to be members of Editorial board of World Journal of Gastroenterology.
April-June:	We plan to organize the International Symposium on Inflammation and Cancer in Gastrointestinal Tract. Beijing Friendship Hospital, Beijing, China during September 27-29, 2008.

This symposium will be co-organized by the Beijing Digestive Diseases Center, Beijing Friendship Hospital, Capital Medical University, Beijing, China, the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section, International Union of Basic & Clinical Pharmacology, and the Chinese Association of Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist.

- August: We have had email-discussions among the executive committee members about the plan of IUPHAR 2010 and have made a proposal entitled “Challenges in Modern Gastrointestinal Pharmacology: from Functional Disorders to Neoplastic Diseases” for the Gastrointestinal (GI) Pharmacology sessions in the main programme in Copenhagen, Denmark IUPHAR2010.
- September: Several members of IUPHAR-GI pharmacology have jointly submitted a proposal entitled “Building Europe-China Collaborative Network – Applying Systems Biology in Traditional Chinese Medicine” to the 7th Framework Programme of European Commission. Initial information on the outcome of the evaluation of proposals indicates that our proposal has passed all evaluation thresholds. The outcome of the Commission’s decision on our project has not been informed yet.
- October-November: We have established collaboration with Fu Dan University, Shanghai, China to organize the Zhongshan-International Conference- Drug Treatment in Liver Diseases, Shanghai, China, May 9-11, 2008.
- December: Prof. Duan Chen (secretary of IUPHAR-GI pharmacology section) gave three lectures at IUPHAR members’ universities in Japan, An Exchange program for PhD education has been established between Japan-Norway and China-Norway among IUPHAR members. As results, one Japanese student is going to joint a PhD program at Norwegian University of Science and Technology (under Prof. Duan Chen’s supervision) for a duration of 3-year period starting at June 1, 2008. One Chinese PhD student had spent 6 months as a visiting student at this university.

2008

- May: The Zhongshan International Conference ”Drug Treatment in Liver Diseases” was successfully held in Shanghai, China from May 9-11. There were 169 participants. Delegates from China, Hong Kong, Netherland, Taiwan and USA gave special lectures in variety of topics related to liver diseases, namely drug treatment and diagnosis for hepatitis B & C, hepatocellular carcinoma, liver fibrosis and autoimmune liver disease. They also set out the quidelines for the treatment for these diseases and discussed the mechanisms and therapy for liver damage induced by Chinese and Western medicines both in animals and humans.

This ends my chairman’ report for the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section. Thank you for your kind attention.

Best regards

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