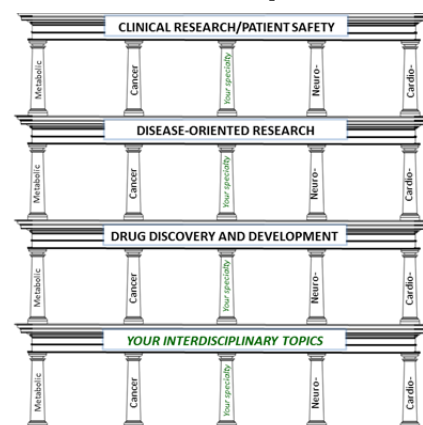


Dear IUPHAR Member Societies, Division and Sections/Subcommittees,

The 18th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2018) will be held in Kyoto, Japan from July 1 to 6, 2018. The WCP2018 Organizing Committee, jointly formed by the Japanese Pharmacological Society (JPS) and the Japanese Society of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (JSCPT), plans to make WCP2018 a success by offering rich scientific contents and memorable experiences. We are contacting you today to invite proposals for the scientific program of WCP2018, consisting of about 25 plenary lectures and about 80 symposia/workshops, as well as oral and poster sessions. The theme is:

Pharmacology for the Future – Science, Drug Development, and Therapeutics

We wish to structure the program based on *Pillars* and *Platforms* (tentative naming). *Pillars* represent the different fields of research, such as Neuro, Cardiovascular, Metabolic, Cancer, etc. *Platforms* represent different levels of research spanning from basic science to bedside, including drug discovery/development, disease-oriented research, clinical research, and patient care. *Platform* sessions may involve multiple fields of study for interdisciplinary or cross-sectional views of the pharmacological sciences. Sessions will be organized chronologically based on *Pillars* and *Platforms*, so every participant will easily locate sessions that appeal to his or her interests.



To optimize the scientific offerings, we have established a Program Committee chaired by Professors Norio Matsuki (Tokyo) and Hiroshi Watanabe (Hamamatsu). We have recruited experts to chair the Program Subcommittees (please see the attached list) to cover each of the prominent aspects of pharmacology, spanning from basic research to the bedside. The Program Committee will prioritize lectures on cutting edge science that have a strong impact on multiple disciplines.

Thus far, we have confirmed two distinguished scientists as plenary lecturers:

Prof. Shinya Yamanaka (Kyoto) won the 2012 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for his discovery of induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells, which now provide a platform for regenerative medicine and human disease cell-based drug development.

Prof. Karl Deisseroth (Stanford) is one of the founders of optogenetics, which revolutionized the methodology for examining cell systems in the brain and other organs.

We believe it is essential to have your feedback to make WCP2018 a scientific success. Therefore, we invite you and your colleagues to submit no later than **February 29, 2016** your scientific session proposals as Word file attachments to WCP2018@congre.co.jp with the following details:

Plenary Lectures

- Tentative title of the lecture
- Name of the proposed lecturer

Symposia/workshops

- The theme of the symposium/workshop
- A list of the provisional organizer(s)

In proposing plenary lectures and symposia/workshops, please note it is not necessary at this stage to ask the candidates about their availability. During March 2016, the Program Committee will make necessary adjustments to fit the proposals into the timetable of WCP2018. We look forward to receiving your proposals and greatly appreciate your contributions to WCP2018.

Yours sincerely,

WCP2018 Organizing Committee
Shuh Narumiya, President
Shinich Kawai, Vice President
Masamitsu Iino, Secretary General

Submission of proposals and inquiries
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【WCP2018】 Program Subcommittees

No.	Category	Heads	Affiliation
1	Neuroscience	Masayoshi Mishima Masahiro Nomoto	Ritsumeikan University Ehime University
2	Pain	Hiroshi Ueda Masahiko Shibata	Nagasaki University Osaka University
3	Cardiovascular System	Hiroshi Watanabe Akira Nishiyama	Hamamatsu University School of Medicine Kagawa University
4	Nephrology and Urology	Yoshikatsu Kanai Hidehiro Kakizaki	Osaka University Asahikawa Medical University
5	Immunology, Inflammation and Bone Metabolism	Masataka Majima Shinichi Kawai	Kitasato University Toho University
6	Gastrointestinal System	Koji Takeuchi Takahisa Furuta	Kyoto Pharmaceutical University Hamamatsu University School of Medicine
7	Stem Cell Medicine	Haruhisa Inoue	Kyoto University
8	Metabolism and Diabetes	Naoto Kubota	The University of Tokyo
9	Respiratory System	Yumiko Imai	Akita University
10	Systems Biology	Hiroki Ueda	The University of Tokyo
11	Education and Training	Atsuro Miyata Shinichiro Ueda Hideki Hanaoka	Kagoshima University University of the Ryukyus Chiba University
12	Sensory System	Hideaki Hara	Gifu Pharmaceutical University
13	Cancer	Masatoshi Hagiwara Atsushi Otsu	Kyoto University National Cancer Center Exploratory Oncology Research & Clinical Trial Center
14	Rare Diseases	Masatoshi Hagiwara	Kyoto University
15	Molecular Bioimaging	Kazuhiko Yanai	Tohoku University
16	Infection/Global Infectious Diseases	Kenji Hirayama	Nagasaki University
17	Natural Medicine and Traditional East Asian Medicines	Kiichiro Tsutani	The University of Tokyo
18	Regulatory Science	Yoshiaki Uyama	The Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency
19	Pharmacovigilance	Kiyoshi Kubota	The University of Tokyo
20	Health Economics	Takashi Fukuda	National Institute of Public Health
21	Toxicology	Yoshito Kamijo	Kitasato University
22	Genomics/Pharmacogenomics/Personalized Medicine	Ichiro Ieiri	Kyushu University
23	Pharmacometrics	Yuji Kumagai	Kitasato University
24	Pharmacokinetics	Hirotochi Echizen	Meiji Pharmaceutical University
25	Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology	Hidefumi Nakamura	National Center for Child Health and Development
26	Industry-Academia Collaboration	Chikako Saotome	Kyoto University