

Joint Meeting of the  
2010-2014 and 2014-2018  
International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR)  
Executive Committees  
**Minutes**  
**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:30 a.m.**

The Boardroom in the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

## Participants

### 2010-2014 Executive Committee Members

Darrell Abernethy, USA, Chair of Clinical Pharmacology Division 2014-2018  
Leigh Ann Arbuckle, USA, Treasurer's Assistant 2014-2018  
James Barrett, USA, Councilor 2014-2018  
Donald Birkett, Australia, Chair of Clinical Pharmacology Division 2010-2014  
Kim Brøsen, Denmark, Councilor 2010-2014  
Kay Brune, Germany, Councilor 2010-2014  
Patrick du Souich, Canada, Past President 2014-2018  
Sue Piper Duckles, USA, Past President 2010-2014  
S. J. Enna, USA, President 2014-2018  
Graeme Henderson, UK, First Vice President 2014-2018  
Masamitsu Iino, Japan, Second Vice President 2014-2018  
Lynn LeCount, USA, Administrative Officer 2014-2018  
David LeCouteur, Australia, Secretary, Clinical Division 2014-2018  
Francesca Levi-Schaffer, Israel, Councilor 2014-2018  
John Miners, Australia, Councilor 2010-2014  
Bhagirath Patel, India, Councilor 2014-2018  
Urs Ruegg, Switzerland, Treasurer 2010-2014  
Michael Spedding, France, Secretary-General 2014-2018  
Petra Thürmann, Germany, Treasurer 2014-2018  
David Webb, UK, Vice Chair, Clinical Division 2014-2018  
Yong-Xiang Zhang, China, Councilor 2014-2018

### Unavailable

Eeva Moilanen, Finland, Councilor (2014-2018)  
Maria Isabel Lucena, Spain, Treasurer, Clinical Division (2014-2018)  
Douglas Oliver, South Africa, Councilor (2010-2014)

## Discussion Topics

### President's welcome

President S. J. Enna (USA) congratulated the newly elected members of the 2014-2018 Executive Committee and thanked the members of the 2010-2014 Executive Committee for their efforts.

### Secretary-General comments

Secretary-General Michael Spedding (France) expressed his appreciation for the Executive Committee's support and time. He stressed how important their participation is for the success of IUPHAR. Dr. Spedding complimented the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2014) Organizers for their efforts in bringing the first World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology to the African continent. He recommended the IUPHAR Executive Committee form a subcommittee to link with the Pharmacology for

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Africa (PharfA) initiative to ensure the continuation of the momentum established during the recent years.

**Treasurer's reports**

Treasurer Petra Thürmann (Germany) introduced herself to the group. She announced that the Treasurer's Assistant, Ms. Leigh Ann Arbuckle (USA), will email Cape Town meeting travel reimbursement forms to the 2010-2014 Executive Committee members. While the signed form needs to be completed and returned, she indicated it is not necessary to submit travel receipts because the amount of reimbursement is a fixed amount for each 2010-2014 Executive Committee member regardless of expense.

Ms. Arbuckle summarized the 2010-2013 financial report and noted an anonymous donation received during 2010, which allowed the establishment of an endowment to help support NC-IUPHAR activities. As of the end of 2013, there was approximately US\$700k in reserves and US\$26k in operational cash.

A list of the member societies that are delinquent in paying dues to IUPHAR was included with the meeting materials.

**Overview of 2013-2014 activity reports**

Dr. Spedding reminded everyone the activity reports of the IUPHAR Committees, Division, Sections and Subcommittees were distributed in June. He asked if anyone had any questions regarding the content of these reports. As there were none, he asked Dr. Masamitsu Iino (Japan) to provide a brief update on the preparations and plans for the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2018). Dr. Iino reported the Congress Organizers are looking forward to receiving the IUPHAR Executive Committee members' feedback to develop the best program possible for the Congress, which is scheduled for July 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> in Kyoto, Japan. Dr. Spedding encouraged Dr. Iino to exploit the expertise of the 800 members of the IUPHAR Nomenclature Committees (NC-IUPHAR) to assist in identifying the hottest topics in the field and the most highly regarded speakers.

**Recommendations from the 2010-2014 Executive Committee to 2014-2018 Executive Committee  
NC-IUPHAR Chair**

Dr. Spedding announced that a search is underway to recruit a new NC-IUPHAR Chair. He will present to the Executive Committee a reorganizational plan for NC-IUPHAR to facilitate decision-making at the operational level.

**Liaisons**

**Section liaisons**

Dr. Enna explained the 2010-2014 Executive Committee decided at their first meeting to establish Section liaisons to encourage communication between the Executive Committee and the Sections. Drs. Thürmann and John Miners (Australia) volunteered to serve in this capacity. Dr. Spedding asked their opinions on the benefits of the undertaking. While Drs. Thürmann and Miners agreed that the Section chairs had been responsive to their emailed inquiries a few months prior to each Executive Committee meeting, the Section chairs did not initiate any unprompted communications with the Section liaisons as hoped. Following a brief discussion, the Executive Committee decided not to appoint new Section liaisons.

According to Dr. Miners, the most frequent concern raised by the Section chairs was the lack of funding to support their activities. Dr. Sue Piper Duckles (USA) commented that Sections may apply to IUPHAR through a process described on the IUPHAR website for a limited amount of funding to help finance specific projects. Dr.

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Francesca Levi-Schaffer (Israel) confirmed the website directions are clear and easy to follow. Dr. Donald Birkett (Australia) added that the IUPHAR Clinical Division has in the past provided seed money to assist Sections and Subcommittees in launching initiative to attract additional funding. Dr. Patrick du Souich (Canada) encouraged the Executive Committee members to think about ways to support the Sections in nonmonetary ways. In particular, he felt that asking the Section Chairs to post their ideas and plans on the IUPHAR website or in a forum might help stimulate synergies and opportunities for collaboration among the Sections and the Division. Dr. Spedding volunteered to draft a document describing the goals for 2014 – 2018 which will include as an objective the identification of Section synergies and funding opportunities.

**IUPHAR Liaisons to other organizations**

Dr. Levi-Schaffer asked about the rationale used in selecting the appointment of IUPHAR liaisons for some organizations and not for others. Dr. Duckles noted that the organizations assigned liaisons have historical relationships with IUPHAR. The liaisons were appointed to relay relevant information about those organizations to the IUPHAR officers and Executive Committee. Several organizations were suggested by various Executive Committee members as potential candidates for IUPHAR liaisons. Dr. Spedding recommended that a critical evaluation of candidate organizations for IUPHAR liaisons should be undertaken as part of the next Executive Committee meeting.

The 2010-2014 Executive Committee decided to recommend the following individuals to the 2014-2018 Executive Committee for appointment as IUPHAR liaisons:

International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS):

J.R. Haywood (USA)

International Council for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (ICMAP)

Yongxiang Zhang (China)

International Council for Science (ICSU)

Urs Ruegg (Switzerland)

ICSU Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA)

Rick Neubig (USA)

ICSU CODATA Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards (CODATA/VAMAS)

Darrell Abernethy (USA)

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)

Chris Southan (United Kingdom)

International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS)

John Miners (Australia)

International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX)

John Miners (Australia)

Pharmacology for Africa (PharfA)

Douglas Oliver (South Africa)

Dr. du Souich presented each of the departing Executive Committee members with a certificate of appreciation and a crystal paperweight:

Donald Birkett, Australia, Chair of Clinical Pharmacology Division 2010-2014

Kim Brøsen, Denmark, Councilor 2010-2014

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Sue Piper Duckles, USA, Past President 2010-2014  
John Miners, Australia, Councilor 2010-2014  
Douglas Oliver, South Africa, Councilor 2010-2014  
Urs Ruegg, Switzerland, Treasurer 2010-2014

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. South African Standard Time.

Lynn LeCount, CMA  
IUPHAR Administrative Officer