

Pharmacology of Natural Products Section

Activity Report 2013-2014

Activities during 2013

Organization of the Section of Pharmacology of Natural and Traditional Medicines at the 12th meeting of the Asia Pacific Federation of Pharmacologists (APFP)

The 12th meeting of APFP was held in Shanghai, China, from July 9-13, 2013. It was sponsored by Chinese Pharmacological Society (CNPHARS) and APFP. Dr. Yongxiang Zhang served as the secretary-general of the conference. Ten sections for specialized fields of pharmacology were offered at the conference, including Antitumor Pharmacology, Neuropsychopharmacology, Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Drug Discovery and Screening, etc. The conference dedicated a section to "Pharmacology of Natural Products and Traditional Medicines" in order to promote the most recent research findings in these fields. Ten pharmacologists from China, Thailand, and Japan gave topical presentations followed by opportunities for audience discussion. The delegates showed great interest in the presented new drugs and R&D from natural and traditional medicines, resulting in a lively debate during this section.

Activities planned

Preparation of the 3rd World Conference on the Pharmacology of Natural and Traditional Medicines

During the 12th meeting of APFP, Dr. Zhang and some of the executive members of the IUPHAR Section on the Pharmacology of Natural Product explored ideas for organizing the 3rd World Conference on the Pharmacology of Natural and Traditional Medicines. The group is considering holding the 3rd World Conference in Singapore during the summer of 2015. Professor Wai-Shiu Fred Wong, from National University of Singapore and the executive member of the IUPHAR Section on the Pharmacology of Natural Product showed great interest in convening the meeting in Singapore and has graciously offered to serve as the local organizer. He will come to Beijing in April to further discuss the meeting details.

Fundraising efforts

We seek financial support when holding meetings as relying on the registration fee is insufficient to pay the cost of the meeting. The first and the second meetings on natural products in Hangzhou and Macau were both supported by CNPHARS and the local organizers. We also try to elicit support from the pharmaceutical companies in China, but it is limited. So, we need to strengthen the collaboration with pharmaceutical companies both abroad and at home for our future work.

Funds in the bank

None

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