

REPORT OF THE PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY SECTION 2013-2014

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The Executive Committee of the Paediatric Section for the term 2010-2014: *Kalle Hoppu* (Finland, chairman), *Gregory L. Kearns* (USA, Vice-Chairman/chairman-elect), *Facundo Garcia-Bournissen* (Argentina/Canada, Secretary), *Madlen Gazarian* (Australia, treasurer), *Gabriel Anabwani* (Botswana), *Saskia N. de Wildt* (the Netherlands), *Hidefumi Nakamura* (Japan), and *Shalini Sri Ranganathan* (Sri Lanka).

The Executive Committee met during the ESDP Congress in Salzburg on 5 June 2014, in addition the Committee has communicated actively via e-mails around the activities listed below.

ACTIVITIES DURING 2013-2014

1) GRIP - Global Research in Paediatrics

The involvement of IUPHAR in GRIP activities has been the focus of the Section during this period.

- Facundo Garcia-Bournissen (Argentina, Secretary of the Paediatric Section) participated as the representative of IUPHAR Paediatric Section in the GRIP Network Governing Council meeting on 3.6.2013 and the GRIP workshop on “Building meaningful linkages with paediatric pharmacology training programs globally” on 8.6.2013 held in Salzburg, Austria.
- The GRIP Roadshow developed in collaboration by GRIP and IUPHAR member society ESDP (European Society for Developmental Perinatal & Paediatric Pharmacology) was piloted on 4.6.2013 in Salzburg, Austria as a Pre-congress Education day, on 25.8.2014 in Melbourne, Australia within the International Congress of Pediatrics, organised by the International Pediatric Association, and on 30.1.2014 in Paris France (For more information see: *Pharmacology International* No 81, December 2013:58-60).
- A seminar on “Global initiatives in paediatric medicines research & regulation” was organized by the ASCEPT in collaboration with IUPHAR and GRIP in Sydney, Australia on 21.8.2013. Associate Professor Madlen Gazarian & Professor David Le Couteur, chaired the seminar with Kalle Hoppu and Gregory Kearns as speakers.
- The first GRIP web based module in paediatric clinical pharmacology based on the content originally developed for IUPHAR by Shinya Ito from Toronto some years ago, was run for the first time in Nov-Dec 2013.

2) Other activities

- The IUPHAR Paediatric Section submitted two proposals for sessions related to Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology to the organisers of 17th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2014) in November 2012.
- The Chinese Society of Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology invited Section chair Kalle Hoppu to give an opening address and a talk at its 4th National Congress in Shenzhen held 23-27.10.2013.

3) WHO related activities during the reporting period:

- K Hoppu & G Kearns attended the 19th WHO EML Expert Committee meeting in Geneva, Switzerland on 8-12.4.2013 as observers, with partial support from IUPHAR.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED DURING 2014:

- The IUPHAR Paediatric Section will have two sessions related to Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology at 17th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2014).
- The collaboration with GRIP will continue in the area of training and education for the next activity period. For 2014 there are several GRIP Roadshows in planning (Finland, Argentina, Chile, India)

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Chairman of the Section of Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology