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SSEP Annual Report 2010

Scientific activities

At the USGEB meeting 2010 in Lugano, (February 10-11, 2010; general topic of the meeting: Frontiers in Human Biology:) a symposium was organized by Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon, University of Bern, on the topic “Autophagy and Immunity”.

At the USGEB meeting 2011 in Zurich (January 27 and 28, 2011; general topic of the meeting: Imaging life), a symposium was organized by Prof. Leonardo Scapozza, University of Geneva, on the topic “Imaging Life using PET”.

The USGEB meeting 2012 in Lausanne (February 6 and 7, 2012) will be organized by Prof. Leonardo Scapozza under the title: Molecular Recognition: When Biology meets Chemistry”. An SSEP symposium will be organised by Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon, University of Bern.

The SSPT Fall Meeting in 2010, organized by Prof. Kaspar Vogt, University of Basel and Prof. Michael Arand, University of Zurich, was rescheduled on April 27-28, 2011, in Zurich, and is currently taking place. The topic of its plenary session is “Potassium channels, Challenges and Opportunities”. An SSEP symposium was organized in this context by Dr. Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt, University of Basel, on the topic “Innovative approaches in Experimental Pharmacology: Opportunities and Challenges”.

Continuing education initiative

The SSPT Meeting ‘Fortschritte in der Pharmakologie’ in 2010 (topic: ‘pain’) took place in Bern on February 4, 2010. The interesting program of the meeting was put together by H.-U. Simon and U. Zeilhofer under the topic “Pharmacology & Psychopharmacology”.

The IMI is a unique partnership between the European Community and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA). The major aim of IMI is to support the faster discovery and development of better medicines for patients by fostering collaborations between the drug discovery communities. The SSEP participates in this program by offering the module C7 ‘Disease-Biology-based Pharmacology’ of the

Master of Advanced Studies in Drug Development Sciences (MDDS). The MDDS is part of the pharmaceutical medicine training programme which is supported by the IMI (IMI 1st Call #16). Moreover, the MDDS has been recently approved by the University Basel.

Taken together, the continuing education events were sparse in 2010. Except the meeting in Bern and the summer school organized by Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon, no continuing education was organized. The SSEP board is currently discussing the situation.

International contacts

Prof. Dr. U.T. Rüegg (Geneva) currently serves in the board of IUPHAR as the treasurer.

Prof. Dr. H.-U. Simon (Bern) has close contacts to the board members of the German Society of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology (DGPT) and is invited to their meetings.

Prof. Dr. O. Staub (Lausanne) served on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the EPHAR. The last EPHAR/IUPHAR (Worldpharma 2010) meeting was held on July 17 to 23, 2010 in Copenhagen. Moreover, he is now an EPHAR auditor.

At this occasion Prof. Olivier Staub, University of Lausanne, presented in the name of the SSPT to the EPHAR Council meeting in Copenhagen a bid for the organization of the EPHAR meeting in 2016 in Lausanne. The council meeting decided to choose Istanbul / Turkey for the EPHAR meeting 2016.

Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the EPHAR meeting 2012, which will take place in Cordoba, Spain, in July 2012.

Organizational matters

The Website of our society was regularly updated to provide useful information about our activities and local and international scientific events. In addition, our members were updated by the SSEP secretary of our society via E-mail.

Two SSEP Board Meetings were held in 2010 in Bern, one on March 26, 2010, and the other one on November 26, 2010.

The SSEP hold its General Assembly Meeting in Lugano, during the USGEB Meeting (February 10, 2010). At this occasion the SSEP president and the board were confirmed

Prof. Dr. Olivier Staub, University of Lausanne (president)
PD Dr. Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt, University Basel (secretary),
Prof. Dr. Hanns-Ulrich Zeilhofer, University Zurich (treasurer),
Prof. Dr. Hans-Uwe Simon, University Bern (past president, council member),
Prof. Dr. Leonardo Scapozza, University Geneva (council member), and
Prof. Dr. Kaspar Vogt, University Basel (council member),

On December 31, 2010, the society had 128 members.

Travelship

During 2010, travel ship grants were awarded to the following persons:

Dagmara Lagnaz, Philippe Suarez, Valérie Bachmann, Aurélien Boillat, Maximilien Blanchard, and Benoit Bargeton.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the board for their help and support during the last reporting period.

Prof. Dr. Olivier Staub
President SSEP

Lausanne, April 13, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O. Staub', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.