

ESTP Newsletter 2011 (1)



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President's column



Dear Colleagues and ESTP members,

Those of you who did not have the opportunity to participate might have heard about it and those who were able to be present did witness, that the 8th ESTP Congress 2010 in Budapest organized in conjunction with the Hungarian Society of Toxicology was a great success! Excellent and very relevant scientific presentations covering important aspects of the fields of Respiratory System Toxicopathology and Biopharmaceuticals, the wonderful surroundings of

Budapest and good food and entertainment made it a highlight of the scientific calendar in 2010! My special thanks go to the Scientific Organizing Committee headed by Zuhall Dincer (Alys Bradley, Catherine Botteron, Gabor von Bölcshazy, Ian Taylor, Matthias Rinke, Mihály Albert, Paul-Georg Germann, and Vasanthi Mowat) and the Local Organizing Committee headed by Dezső Dányi for their great efforts to make this event possible. For the first time, we used electronic voting pads during an interactive session the 1st part of which focussed on the recently published INHAND criteria of the respiratory tract (International Harmonization of Nomenclature and Diagnostic Criteria), and the 2nd part included several case presentations – it was great fun! You will find more details about the congress in a dedicated article from Gabor von Bölcshazy further down in this Newsletter. All presentations are available via the “Members Only” section on our website (www.eurotoxpath.org) and CDs kindly sponsored again by Nycomed have been prepared and sent to congress participants earlier this year [together with the 2nd INHAND publication on the liver (for ESTP members)]. The CDs can also be purchased through our Website.

As every year, The Annual General Assembly (AGA) was held in connection to the congress. It is a special honour for me to serve as the Chairman of the ESTP after 6 years as Secretary and 4 years as Councillor of the Younger Generation (partly on the Board of the German Society of Toxicology). I have been involved in the development of the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology from the beginning and I believe that we all can be very satisfied of what we have achieved together since the early days in 2002. It is a real pleasure to see that we connect colleagues not only from Europe and multiple national professional societies, but also from all over the world and that the relations with our sister societies and major professional societies in the field of toxicologic pathology become closer and more fruitful. One goal of the newly elected Executive Committee (EC) is to continue further on this integrative path, as

well as to broaden training opportunities in Toxicologic Pathology as a corner stone of our society's mission. I especially welcome Frédéric Schorsch (Designated Chairman), Francesco Marchesi (Secretary), Wolfgang Baumgärtner (Councillor for University) and Paul-Georg Germann (IFSTP Councillor) as new members and "fresh blood" in our Executive Committee and I am grateful to Ursula Junker-Walker (Vice-Chairman), Matthias Rinke (Treasurer), Rupert Kellner (Councillor for Electronic Communication), Sibylle Gröters (Councillor for the Younger Generation) and Birgit Kittel (Councillor for the Journal) for continuing on their positions. A warm thank for their hard and dedicated work on these crucial positions! I will obviously not forget to thank our past and also **first** Chair "woman" Ingrid Sjögren for her excellent leadership and management skills, which helped us to address and resolve several organizational issues, just to name a few among her numerous other contributions (congress organization etc.), as well as Catherine George for her excellent work in the important role as IFSTP councillor. I would also like to thank again John Finch, our leaving Past Chairman. Without his valuable advice, humour and enthusiasm, we would not be where we are right now! My special thanks naturally go to our honorary member Wolfgang Drommer as past Councillor for University and founder/organizer of the Classic Examples of Toxicologic Pathology Workshop for his unique contribution to our society.

I wish to welcome the Hungarian Society of Toxicology as new sister society, with György Selenyi as representative. In our effort to make the General Assembly more interactive, we introduced the "Membership Discussion of important topics" and started with a lively discussion around Peer Review and Education of Toxicologic Pathologists.

Last but not least, I want to thank the chairs and members of our committees (Award Committee, Guideline Committee, Membership Committee, Guess What Committee, and Case Committee) for their continuous and important work. Due to lack of submissions, the decision to dismiss the Case Committee was taken by the EC, based on a proposal from its chair Sibylle Gröters. On the other hand, a Newsletter committee headed by Zuhail Dincer was created. We need your input and participation, so please contact Zuhail (Zuhail.Dincer@pfizer.com) for further information! The minutes and presentations made during the AGA are available on the Members section of our website.

Your views are important to the ESTP! Please be an active part of our organization and share your concerns and suggestions with us. They are crucial for the further development of the ESTP. For example, we are currently working actively on solutions to address concerns repeatedly raised regarding our journal. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would volunteer for a committee assignment or if you would be willing to take

a position in the Executive Board in the future! And I hope to see many of you at our upcoming 9th ESTP congress in Uppsala, Sweden, which is a joint meeting with the European Society and European College of Veterinary Pathology (ESVP/ECVP) on September 7-10, 2011. Please mark your calendars!

Sincerely,
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8th European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology: 28th September – 1st October 2010, Budapest, Hungary



Budapest: Chain Bridge and House of Parliament

The 8th European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology this year took place in the capital of Hungary, Budapest. The congress was organized in the Danubius Health Spa Resort Helia. Fortunately – and this was not common for the weather this year – it was a wonderful sunny and warm autumn, a real "Indian summer".

The Congress sessions had two major topics, Respiratory system toxicopathology and Biopharmaceuticals – a challenge for toxicopathology. All lectures were well attended. The speakers kept largely to time for each presentation and all speakers received good to excellent feedback. The most popular speakers were for the respiratory system session: Charles Clifford (Infectious diseases of Respiratory System), Sarah Bolton (Animal models of asthma & COPD), Richard Haworth (Application of special labelling techniques (IHC, ISH) in the respiratory tract), Heinrich Ernst

(Hyperplasia/tumours – upper respiratory system) and Susanne Rittinghausen (Hyperplasia/tumours – lower respiratory system); for the biopharmaceutical session: Kevin McDorman (The issues of immunogenicity/immune complex disease to Biopharmaceuticals), Jeffrey Engelhardt (Species selection in pre-clinical testing of biopharmaceuticals) and Lauren Black (Experiences with FDA & EMEA on biopharmaceutice). The presentation of Günter Oberdörster (Comparative pulmonary response to inhaled nanostructures) regarding the new trend for the use of nano materials in the pharmaceuticals industry was very interesting. The interactive session was also very popular and provided an active training session for the participants.

Both the welcome reception and the congress dinner provided unforgettable impressions of Hungary and the Hungarian culture. The sight-seeing tour was very informative (even if the guide was not very familiar with the most recent theory of the origin of the Magyars, namely that they are of Central Asian origin rather than of Finno-Ugric one).



Budapest, A night view from the Castle

In summary the participants strongly agreed on the topics chosen, sequence of the talks, presentations containing new ideas and the domestic arrangements. The speakers were considered to be well chosen and it was thought to be a very well-organised congress, both scientifically and socially. It was a good mixture of basic topics and research based topics.

So, what could be improved for future congresses? Suggestions included extending the discussion time after lectures, providing more time for the ESTP dinner and, last but not least, to provide e-mail addresses for both speakers and participants.

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9th ESTP congress in 2011 – Cutting Edge Pathology - a joint congress with ESVP and ECVP

Coming back from an excellent congress in Budapest, I already look forward to the next year's congress in Uppsala, Sweden. This meeting will take place September 8-10, 2011 and is a joint congress of the 29th meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology (ESVP), a meeting since 2009 arranged in close collaboration with the European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP), and the 9th European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology of the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ESTP). This joint congress will give us the opportunity to broaden the scientific scope and give us all possibilities to new and exciting insights in the field of pathology. The programme will focus on cutting edge methodologies in diagnostic pathology, safety testing of new and innovative therapeutics, alternative models for safety testing and more. Uppsala is an old university town with a university founded in 1477 and many historical remarkable places to visit, such as the cathedral, the Linneaus garden and the castle. Uppsala is located only 30 minutes from Stockholm – Arlanda international airport and 40 minutes from Stockholm. Registration will open in January 2011. For more information please visit the ESTP homepage:

www.eurotoxpath.org

or

www.cuttingedgepathology2011.se

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Uppsala next year!

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