
Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the monthly e-Newsletter.

The International Society for Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy (ISCP) has served as a forum for discussion of new advances in the drug therapy of cardiovascular diseases both through its scientific meetings and the journal -Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy (CDT). The aim of the Newsletter is to further promote the role of the ISCP by keeping members informed of educational activities and current research in particular on the pharmacotherapy for hypertension,

hyperlipidemia, atherosclerosis, coronary artery disease, heart failure and arrhythmias.

This first issue introduces the members of the ISCP Executive Board, lists the current members of the Council of Governors and provides information on relevant upcoming scientific meetings.

We would welcome any contributions from members.

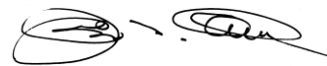
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Presidents Section

I am delighted to welcome you to the inaugural issue of our ISCP newsletter. Our goal with this electronic publication is to keep members and interested health care professionals apprised of activities of our Society as we develop international programs aimed at improving cardiovascular pharmacotherapy.

Cardiovascular disease is now the leading cause of death worldwide. Drug therapy has gained in importance with growing evidence of its remarkable success in slowing disease progression and improving quality and duration of life. Our challenge is to foster appropriate use of these effective drugs to enhance the health of the world population.

We urge you to join in our effort. If you are not currently an ISCP member, we invite you to apply for membership so you can participate actively in this mission. A scholarly and impartial body advocating for rational pharmacotherapy is critical in our international effort to improve cardiovascular care.



Jay N. Cohn, M.D.
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Executive Board

President: Jay N. Cohn, USA



Jay N. Cohn MD is Professor of Medicine, Cardiovascular Division, Department of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School, and is the Director of the Rasmussen Center for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention. Prof Cohn is internationally recognized for his contributions to the understanding of therapy for cardiovascular disease and in particular heart failure.

Prof Cohn founded the Heart Failure Society of America and was the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Cardiac Failure. He is a past President of the Heart Failure Society of America, the International Society of Hypertension, and the American Society of Hypertension, as well as a past chairman of the Cardiorenal Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration. Prof Cohn is also the recipient of multiple national and international awards for his research and is co-editor of the textbook *Cardiovascular Medicine*.

Vice President/President Elect: Juan Carlos Kaski, UK



Juan Carlos Kaski MD, DSc is Professor of Cardiovascular Science, Hon. Consultant Cardiologist, Head, Cardiovascular Biology Research Centre and Deputy Head, Division of Cardiac and Vascular Sciences, St George's, University of London.

Prof Kaski is Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the American College of Cardiology, the European Society of Cardiology and several other scientific societies. He is also Honorary Member of several national and international societies of Cardiology, including the British Cardiac Society and the New York Academy of Sciences. Prof. Kaski was Chairman of the Microcirculation Working Group of the European Society of Cardiology and a member of both the Training and Education Committee and the Scientific Board of the European Society of Cardiology.

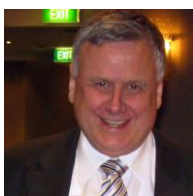
Past President: Antonio Bayés de Luna, Spain



Antonio Bayés de Luna is Honorary Director of Service, Hospital Sant Pau, Barcelona, and Emeritus Professor in the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona.

Prof Bayés de Luna was President of the World Heart Federation and a member of the Executive Committee of the European Board Specialists Cardiology of ESC. He has established several projects targeting cardiovascular diseases, especially in developing countries such as “The twin centres program”, “The white book in world cardiology” and the yearly “World Heart Day”. Prof. Bayés de Luna received “Rey Jaime I” prize on Clinical Medicine (2003), the “Creu de Sant Jordi” Medal of the Government of Catalonia (2003), the Distinguished Specific Award of the World Heart Federation (2006), and the Gold Medal of the Spanish Society of Cardiology (2007).

Scientific Secretary: John McNeil, Australia



John McNeil MBBS, is the Head of the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne. Prof McNeil’s research interests focus on drug safety and cardiovascular disease prevention. He is a member of several Australian state based and national committees and a member of the Editorial Board of Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapeutics.

Treasurer and Chairman of Nomination Committee: Bill Louis, Australia



Bill Louis MD, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Melbourne. Prior to his retirement in 2007 Prof Louis was the Foundation Professor of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics, at University of Melbourne and a former Director of Cardiac and Hypertension Services at Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre, Melbourne. He is a Past President and Scientific Secretary of the ISCP and his clinical and research interests are in Hypertension, Cardiovascular Risk Prevention and the development of Cardiovascular Drugs. He has played a central role in the Drug Regulatory System in Australia.

Business Manager: Marianne Burle de Figueiredo

Marianne Burle de Figueiredo has had a long association with societies of cardiology, heart foundations, cardiologists and persons interested in cardiac health. Marianne previously held the position of Managing Director of the World Heart Federation and the former International Society and Federation of Cardiology (ISFC). The ISCP is an Associate Member of the World Heart Federation. In 2007, Marianne accepted her position as ISCP Business Manager in an honorary capacity.

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New Council of Governors: Proposals for the appointment of new governors to replace the positions of inactive members and those who have completed their terms are under consideration. A new list of Council of Governors will be available for the next Newsletter once the selection procedure is completed.

News from the Governors

Prof Jose Antonio Ramires informed us that the Heart Institute (INCOR) of the University of São Paulo has been recognized as best hospital of cardiology in Latin America.

Dr Satyavan Sharma provided the following information on **The Indian Polycap Study (TIPS)** presented by Prof Salim Yusuf, the study chair, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada at the March, 2009 American College of Cardiology meeting. The Polycap, (Cadila Pharmaceuticals, India) is a daily capsule containing 5 drugs: aspirin 100 mg; simvastatin 20 mg; ramipril 5 mg; atenolol 50 mg; and hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg. The phase-III double-blind, controlled trial compared the efficacy and safety of Polycap versus its individual or combined components in 2,000 subjects in India (age 45 -80 years) with at least one additional cardiovascular risk factor but no cardiovascular disease. After 12 weeks, subjects showed a reduction in cholesterol, a decrease in BP and blood clotting. The Polycap was well-tolerated, but compliance was poor with 18% of subjects dropping out at 12 weeks. The Polycap

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Council of Governors Meeting: The next meeting which is hosted by Prof Bayés de Luna will take place in Barcelona, during the ESC Congress on the 1st of September 2009 at Institut Català Ciències Cardiovasculars, Hospital San Pau, Pavilion 11, Sant Antoni M. Claret 167.

will generate a lot of controversy when it hits the market. This trial has important implications for global health.

Prof G-Andrei Dan, the Director of the **Heart Rhythm Update II Symposium** (24 -25 April, 2009) provided the following information on the recent symposium which was held in Bucharest. The main aim of the symposium was to familiarise general cardiologists with the modern rhythmology. The 5 main sessions included physiology, clinical and technology. The ISCP and "*Nicolae GH Lupu Medicine Foundation*" auspice the Heart Rhythm Update (HRU) edition. The "*Nicolae GH Lupu Foundation*" promotes the dissemination of knowledge among the medicine practitioners through the close co-operation between national and international key opinion leaders. Several well-known medical experts from Great Britain, France, Spain, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Slovenia, Serbia and Romania actively supported this symposium by accepting to give lectures.

Upcoming International Meeting

From 9th October to 12th October 2009, Beijing, China will host the Combined Congresses of



20th Great Wall International Congress of Cardiology (GW-ICC)

15th International Congress on Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy (ICCP)

Congress website: www.gw-icc.org



The International Symposium of ISCP – the ICCP will be held from 11-12 October 2009 in collaboration with Great Wall International Congress of Cardiology. The congresses are sponsored by the American College of Cardiology (ACC); Asia-Pacific Heart Association (APHA); Heart Rhythm Society (HRS); Japanese Circulation Society (JCS); European Society of Hypertension (ESH); International Society for Holter and Noninvasive Electrocardiology (ISHNE); American Society of Echocardiography (ASE); Specialty Committee of Cardiovascular disease of Chinese Medical Association; Cardiologist branch of the Medical Doctor of China Association; and other domestic and overseas academic institutions.

The H Neufeld Lecture titled *Atheromatous Plaque Regression* will be given by Prof Juan Carlos Kaski.

ISCP Young Investigator Award

Four "ISCP Young Investigator Awards" each consisting of an Award Certificate and €400 will be awarded to the four best abstracts on topics related to cardiovascular pharmacotherapy, authored and presented by investigators aged <35 years.

Secretariat of ISCP 2009

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Upcoming Major Cardiovascular Meetings: August –October 2009

XII Brazilian Congress of Atherosclerosis

Campinas, Brazil, August 6- 8, 2009

<http://congresso.cardiol.br/da/xii/>

CSANZ inaugural Indigenous Cardiovascular Health Conference

Sydney, Australia, August 16-17, 2009

<http://www.csanz.edu.au/>

European Society of Cardiology Congress

Barcelona, Spain, August 29-2, 2009

<http://www.escardio.org/congresses>

Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand

Sydney, Australia, September 13-16, 2009

<http://www.tourhosts.com.au/csanz2009/>

Annual Scientific Meeting of the British Hypertension Society

Cambridge, UK, September 14-16, 2009

http://www.bhsoc.org/courses_conferences.stm

64th Brazilian Congress of Cardiology

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, September 12-16, 2009

<http://congresso.cardiol.br/da/xii/>

2nd Symposium on the Future of Heart Health

Winnipeg, Canada, September 20, 2009

<http://www.heartconference.com/>

Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics 2009 (TCT 2009)

San Francisco, CA, United States, September 21-25, 2009

<http://www.tctconference.com/>

5th World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery

Cairns, Australia, September 22-26, 2009

<http://www.pccs2009.com/>

Conference of the Pan African Society of Cardiology (PASCAR)

Abuja, Nigeria, September 26-30, 2009

http://www.pascar.co.za/A_Meetings.asp

11th International Workshop on Cardiac Arrhythmias - Venice Arrhythmias 2009

Venice, Italy, October 4-7, 2009

<http://www.venicearrhythmias.org/home.htm>

Cardiometabolic Health Congress

Boston, MA, United States, October 7-10, 2009

<http://www.cardiometabolichealth.org/>

8th International Congress on Coronary Artery Disease from Prevention to Intervention

Prague, Czech Republic, October 11-15, 2009

<http://www2.kenes.com/cad/pages/home.aspx>