
Editors Section

In subsequent editions we hope to include a brief biography on a featured Governor with some information on their work and how they will develop ISCP in their country.

In April Prof Gheorghe Dan was appointed Chairman of the Council of Governors. In this role Prof Dan will coordinate the work of the ISCP Governors world-wide and liaise with the Programme Director and the President to align this work to the general mission of the society. To achieve ISCP's educational goals Prof Dan will be assisted by three Lead Regional Governors: Felipe Martinez – representing The Americas, Gábor Széplaki – representing Europe and a third governor who will represent Asia

We would like to draw your attention to a recent article by Prof Kaski titled "*Pharmacotherapy Crisis in the Spotlight—Is Open Collaboration Between Academia and Industry the Answer?*" The article published in the April issue of Cardiovascular Drugs Therapy (Volume 25, Number 2) discusses financial problems of funding the traditional drug development process and discusses some cost effective initiatives that involve collaboration between Industry and academia. Prof Kaski states "ISCP may have a role to play in this process given the wide

representation the Society has worldwide and could constitute a suitable forum for discussion among cardiovascular pharmacologists and physicians." To access the full article please go to: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/0920-3206/25/2/>.

Other recent publications that may be of interest to members include the WHO publication "*Global Status Report on Non-communicable Diseases 2010*" (http://www.who.int/nmh/publications/ncd_report_full_en.pdf).

Members are reminded that the XVI ISCP International Congress will be held on 4th December 2011, during the XLVIII Chilean Congress of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery. The ISCP Symposium includes the Management of Heart Failure, Pharmacological Management of Arrhythmias-New Developments and Management of Risk Factors-Cardiovascular Prevention.

If you have any articles, news or information on upcoming conferences or meeting that you would like included in the September 2011 Newsletter please e-mail to lisa.demos@monash.edu by the 17th of August, 2011.

Editors: John McNeil & Lisa Demos

President's Section

Launch of the ISCP Website at the 18th Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 5-8th, 2011.

Dear Friends,

I am proud to announce that with the help of Prof Akira Matsumori the Society formally launched the new ISCP website, www.iscpcardio.org at the 18th Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology in Malaysia.

Perhaps the most significant advance we have made compared to our previous site is that each Governor now has his own "Homepage". This is a unique platform for you to add content that is of particular relevance to colleagues in your home country. This can include information on local meetings, news and educational content than can be in English or your National language.

I am grateful to Prof Matsumori who found time out of his busy schedule to help arrange the presence of ISCP at the Congress and to ensure that many delegates from Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia became new members of ISCP.

To overcome issues regarding the timely updating of content, ISCP now has full administrative control of the website. Please send any content for the website to Mak Khan, the ISCP Programme Director at iscped@gmail.com.

I urge all our Governors to join in our effort to ensure the website and in particular their Homepage's remain dynamic and relevant by contributing on a regular basis so enabling their colleagues to participate actively in the mission of the Society within your own country and internationally.

Sincerely yours

Juan Carlos Kaski
President

The Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy (CDT) Journal

The first issues for 2011 have been published on line. CDT 25:1 was published on the 2nd of April 2011 and issue 25:2 was published the 15th of May 2011 (<http://www.springerlink.com/content/0920-3206/>). The print versions will soon be distributed. Issue 25:3 is scheduled to be published online in late June.

ISCP Presence at European Society of Cardiology Congress, Paris 2011

ISCP will have a Stand (Number E206) in the Special Booths Area in Hall 6 at this year's European Society of Cardiology Congress in Paris between the 27th and 31st of August.

All ISCP members attending the congress are encouraged to visit the booth and to invite their colleagues to take this opportunity to join the Society.

ISCP Council of Governors Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Council of Governors from 9:00 am till 12:00 on the 29th of August 2011 at the European Society of Cardiology Congress in Paris to discuss a number of exciting new initiatives that will help deliver the Society's goals to the global membership.

New Look ISCP Website



16th International Congress of ISCP 2011

The 2011 Congress of the International Society of Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy (ISCP) will be held in conjunction with the Chilean Congress of Cardiology in Viña del Mar, Chile on the 4th of December.

H. Neufeld Lecture

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of ISCP, we are delighted to announce that the "H Neufeld Lecture", an award instituted in memory of the founder of the ISCP will be presented by Edgardo Escobar, Professor of Medicine at the University of Chile.

The Committee selected Professor Escobar as the H. Neufeld lecturer on this occasion in recognition of his many important contributions to cardiovascular science over the years and for his support of the educational activities of ISCP.

ISCP Young Investigator Awards 2011

The ISCP has instituted three Young Investigator Awards, to be presented to the authors of the three best posters on topics related to cardiovascular pharmacotherapy, presented at the 16th Annual Congress of the ISCP held on the occasion of the Chilean Congress of Cardiology.

The Posters submitted to the ISCP Young Investigator Award competition will be assessed and ranked by an *ad hoc* ISCP evaluation committee.

Each successful young investigator will receive an award certificate with a first place prize of \$750 USD, a second place prize of \$500 USD and a third place prize \$300 USD.

Although posters on topics related to cardiovascular pharmacotherapy are preferred, work on other aspects of cardiovascular biology, including cardiovascular clinical research, are welcome and will be assessed on their own merits.

Candidates should be less than 35 years and posters have to be written in the English language

Mak Khan
Programmes Director

News from World Heart Federation (WHF)

Twibbon page: The WHF has released a Twibbon page: <http://twibbon.com/join/One-WorldOne-HomeOne-Heart>. The Twibbon tool is being used as a fun way to build awareness and bridge the World Heart Day and UN High-Level Summit on NCDs' activities. A Twibbon is a small picture – in the form of a badge - that you can upload onto your Twitter or Facebook profile picture to show your support. The Twibbon page will help in the lead up to the UN High-Level Summit on NCDs and World Heart Day in September by driving awareness of the 'One World,

One Home, One Heart' campaign as well as garner support for the global effort to fight CVD.

New guidelines to help prevent CVD in women: In February the updated guidelines entitled "Effectiveness-Based Guidelines for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in Women—2011 Update" were released. They were commissioned by the American Heart Association and co-sponsored by several scientific organizations

including the WHF. The guidelines were published online ahead of print on February 14, 2011 in Circulation.

Launch of new advocacy newsletter: Counting down to the UN High-Level Summit on Non Communicable Diseases in September, the WHF released the first issue of the new advocacy newsletter: **Heart Action** in March. The newsletter aims to highlight not only the WHF advocacy efforts in the run up to the Summit and strategies beyond it, but also profiles the work members are doing in parallel at a national level.

Consensus reached on diagnosis of rheumatic heart disease in developing countries: At the end of March, experts from countries around the world met to develop a standardized approach to the diagnosis of rheumatic heart disease (RHD). The echocardiographic standardization workshop was held in Bangkok under the auspices of the World Heart Federation and was facilitated by of the Heart Association of Thailand. Heart specialists and physicians from countries most affected by RHD have been working together for over 12 months to develop a standardized approach to echocardiographic diagnosis of RHD via a web-based project.

WHO Post-graduate course on Rheumatic Heart Disease - This is a full-day course on prevention, control and treatment of rheumatic heart disease and is being held on 21 June 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland. The course is held as part of the 7th Global Forum on Humanitarian Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, held in Geneva on 20-22 June 2011.

The NCD Alliance, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat held a joint event on the 23rd of May at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) held at the UN Headquarters, New York. The event '*Nothing About Us Without Us: Addressing the threat of NCDs in indigenous communities*' drew attention to the urgent need to take action on the growing global burden of non-communicable diseases in indigenous populations.

AF AWARE (Atrial Fibrillation AWAREness And Risk Education): A multi-disciplinary panel of experts will meet in Paris to develop recommendations on developing a practical 'principles' tool to help healthcare professionals bring AF practice closer to existing management guidelines. Following the meeting, a Steering Committee will oversee the development of the principles tool. A toolkit containing relevant materials and guidance to help with implementing the AF AWARE campaign is being developed and will be available by the end of June. A patient information leaflet (electronic format only) will be posted on the AF AWARE website in mid-August.

World Heart Day: will be celebrated this year on Thursday, 29 September 2011 around the theme: **One World, One Home, One Heart**. A World Heart Day Toolkit which includes a PR Ideas document and "Save the date" are available through the Member-only section of the WHF website. As from this year, World Heart Day will always be celebrated on the 29 September.

Upcoming Meetings, Courses & Workshops 2011

Swiss Society of Cardiology 8th Annual Meeting

8-10 June, 2011

Basel, Switzerland

<http://www.congrex.ch/sgk2011>

EHRA (European Heart Rhythm Association)-Europace Congress

26-29 June, 2011

Madrid, Spain

<http://www.escardio.org/congresses/ehra-europace-2011/Pages/welcome.aspx>

26 June, 2011: **ISCP & EHRA Joint Session - Rhythm control for atrial fibrillation: better results with new antiarrhythmic drugs?** Chairpersons: U. Ravens, A Martinez-Rubio

European Society of Cardiology Congress 2011

27-31 August, 2011

Paris, France

<http://www.escardio.org>

Echocardiography Umeå 2011 Courses

26-30 September, 2011

Umeå, Sweden

<http://www.umeaechocardiography.se>

Venice 2011 Arrhythmias

9-12 October, 2011

Venice, Italy

<http://www.venicearrhythmias.org>

ARTERY 11

13-15 October, 2011

Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris, France

<http://www.arterysociety.org>

Abstract Submission deadline: 20th June 2011

For further updates email: artery@hamptonmedical.com

The 22nd Great Wall International Congress of Cardiology-Asia Pacific Heart Federation Scientific Congress 2011

13-16 October, 2011

Beijing, China

<http://www.gw-icc.org/EnglishWeb/2011/index.shtml>

9th International Congress on Coronary Artery Disease (ICCAD) from Prevention to Intervention

23-26 October 2011

Venice, Italy

<http://www2.kenes.com/icad2011/pages/home.aspx>

7th International Meeting Intensive Cardiac Care

30 October -1 November, 2011

Tel Aviv, Israel

<http://www.isas.co.il/cardiac-care2011/>

The American Heart Association Scientific Sessions

12-16 November, 2011

Orlando, Florida, USA

<http://www.scientificsessions.org>

**XLVIII Annual Congress of the Chilean Society of
Cardiology**

3-6 December, 2011

Viña del Mar, Santiago, Chile

[http:// www.sochicar.cl](http://www.sochicar.cl)

*XVI International Congress of the ISCP organised by
Governor: Prof Escobar to be held on the 4th December
2011.*

**Japanese Circulation Society 2012-76th Annual Scientific
Meeting Congress**

16-18 March, 2012

Fukuoka, Japan

<http://www.congre.co.jp/jcs2012/>

World Congress of Cardiology (WCC)

18-21 April, 2012

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

<http://www.worldcardiocongress.org>

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