

Editors Section

This has been a busy few months for ISCP with the Rome meeting and the recent European Society of Cardiology Annual Meeting in Amsterdam which included a joint meeting with ISCP and an ISCP booth.

The [Current Cardiovascular Therapy Series](#) published by Springer will soon include further volumes apart from: ***Antiplatelet and Anticoagulation Therapy*** by A. Ferro, D.A. Garcia (Eds.). Upcoming volumes include: ***Pharmacological Treatment of Acute Coronary Syndromes***- P. Avanzas, P. Clemmensen (Eds.), ***Atrial Fibrillation Therapy***- G.-A. Dan, A. Bayés de Luna, J. Camm (Eds.), and ***Cardiac Drugs in Pregnancy***- K. Sliwa, J. Anthony (Eds.). Each volume is designed to be between 120 and 250 pages containing practical illustrations and designed to improve understand and practical usage of cardiovascular drugs in specific clinical areas. The books will be available from Springer as [printed books](#) or [e-books](#).

For any young investigators thinking of attending CVCT 2013 in Paris there are grants available. These provide one full scientific registration to attend (including congress materials, lunches, coffee breaks and an invitation to the networking reception) as well as two nights' hotel accommodation and a travel grant of up to €200.

Please note the [2014 Annual Scientific Meeting](#) of ISCP will be held in Adelaide, Australia on the 26th to 28th of November. There will also be an official ISCP co-sponsored session on the [World Congress on Cardiology](#) program in Australia in 2014.

If anyone has any articles, news or information on upcoming conferences or meetings they would like to submit for the December 2013 Newsletter please send them to lisa.demos@monash.edu by the 22nd of November, 2013.

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President's Section



The first part of the year 2013 has seen remarkable achievements. Among these the new ISCP statutes, recently approved by the General Assembly, feature prominently. They will set the basis for a revitalised society and will help ISCP achieve its goals in a more efficient fashion.

Also, the Board of Directors for 2014, the Executive Committee and the new Emeritus Members were announced during the General Assembly at the 18th Annual Scientific Meeting in Rome.

At present there are 39 members on the Council of Governors. The Council of Governors acts as an advisory body to the Board of Directors and consists of one or more Full Members elected to represent different countries worldwide. Governors are contributing content to the website, particularly the sections on Expert Opinion, Clinical Trials, and News. Governors also participate in a new ISCP venture, the publication of the Springer Series, and contribute to the ISCP newsletter. They organize local meetings in their respective countries, endorsed by the ISCP. Regional collaboration of Governors has started involving Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Governors have been also instrumental in coordinating webcast sessions carried

out during the CVCT-ISCP meeting (Prof Zannad) in Paris in December 2012. More than 10 countries participated via this.

We are making remarkable progress in different areas. In particular, the ICP Pharmacotherapy series, stand-alone annual scientific meetings and website educational programmes. I am truly delighted to announce that in addition to the recently published volume on antiplatelet therapy –edited by Prof Ferro- three other volumes are just about to see the light and three others will be published in the first part of the next year with another nine volumes already in preparation. Following the success of the Annual Scientific Meeting in Rome in June this year, preparations for the 2014 meeting in Adelaide are going ahead at great speed. With regards to website activities, the EXPERT OPINION section has had an excellent production and its activity has been coordinated by Prof D Tziakas, from Greece. The excellent contributions of Dr Amelia Carro Hevia, from Spain, are greatly appreciated. She has produced outstanding articles and represents a major asset to the section.

I am truly optimistic about the future of the ISCP which is becoming a major player among scientific organisations in the cardiovascular field. Most certainly, George Dan, who will start his presidency of ISCP as from January 2014 and Felipe Martinez, the recently elected Vice-President, will ensure the continuous growth of ISCP.

Best wishes
Juan Carlos Kaski

The ISCP Annual Scientific Meeting

The **18th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ISCP** held at the NH Vittorio Veneto Hotel in Rome included almost 40 speakers from across the globe. The meeting was outstanding with several informative talks from high profile speakers including Prof Carlo Patrono who gave the Henry N. Neufeld Lecture titled: *Low-dose aspirin in the prevention of atherothrombosis and cancer: is platelet inhibition a common mechanism of action?*



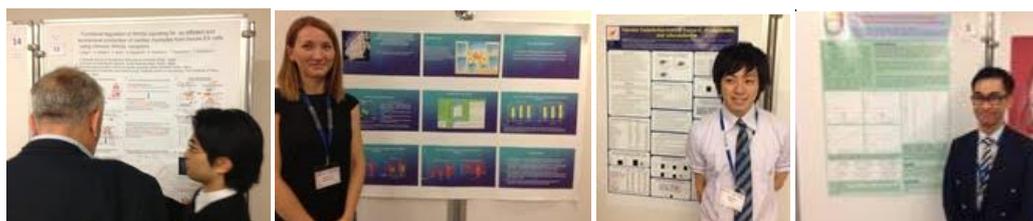
Winner of the Young Investigator Award Yasafumi Katanasaka with Prof John McNeil and receiving his Award from Prof Kaski

The ISCP Young Investigator Awards: The winners of the three best posters were:

First prize was awarded to Yasafumi Katanasaka for his poster *Pitavastatin suppresses cell hypertrophy more than rosuvastatin in cultured cardiomyocytes*.

Second prize was awarded to Takahiro Sogo for his poster- *Functional regulation of Wnt3a signaling for an efficient and economical production of cardiac myocytes from mouse ES cells using chimeric Wnt3a receptors*.

Third prize was awarded to Bozhidar Krastev for her poster *Predictors of cardiotoxicity in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy*.



Takahiro Sogo (winner of second prize), Anastasia Andrieieva, Shuichi Ura, Bernard Cheung



Maki Komiyama at her poster, Prof Carlo Patrono giving the Henry N Neufeld Lecture:

There were 29 submitted posters at the meeting. Other poster presenters who received favourable comments were Bernard Cheung, Vivian Ivan, Morihiko Matsuda and Takahiro Horie.

The **19th Annual Scientific Meeting** of the International Society of Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy will be held in Australia in conjunction with Australian Atherosclerosis Society High Blood Pressure Research Council of Australia. The preliminary programme will be available in October 2013.



19TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF
CARDIOVASCULAR PHARMACOTHERAPY
Adelaide, Australia | 26th-28th November 2014



... from the ISCP General Assembly

The ISCP General Assembly was held on the 29th June during the ISCP Congress in Rome.

The first ISCP Constitution, in place since 1983, has been rewritten and was approved by the Swiss lawyer and the members. The main changes in the ISCP Statutes relate to membership, the functions of the General Assembly, the composition and length of office of members of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Nominating Committee and other Advisory Committees. The Statutes can be found on the ISCP website, www.iscpcardio.org.

The following members were appointed as Emeritus Members: Antonio Bayes de Luna, Jay N. Cohn, and William J. Louis.

The Board of Directors from 2014 was also announced and will be as follows:

President George Dan, Romania

Vice President/President Elect Felipe Martinez, Argentina

Past President Juan Carlos Kaski, UK

Secretary Dennis Cokkinos, Greece

Treasurer Alberto Gallino, Switzerland

Chairman Nominating Committee Juan Carlos Kaski, UK

Members:

Peter Clemmensen, Denmark

Edgardo Escobar, Chile

Alberto Ferro, UK

Dayi Hu, China

Thomas Kahan, Sweden

Miran Kenda, Slovenia

John McNeil, Australia

Ali Oto, Turkey

According to the new Statutes, the term of office of any director is three calendar years, with the option to be re-elected for another two terms.

The General Assembly also approved the appointment of the following members to join the International Council of Governors: Vakhtang Chumburidze, Georgia; Yoseph Rozenman, Israel; Maurizio Volterrani, Italy; Luis Rodriguez Plaza, Venezuela.

The Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy (CDT) Journal -official journal of ISCP



CDT issue 27.4 August 2013 has been published and is available [online](#). CDT includes peer-reviewed articles on basic pharmacology, clinical pharmacotherapy, clinical trials, pharmacoeconomics and pharmaco-epidemiology of novel and established therapeutic agents in a wide range of cardiovascular disease areas. The journal has an impact factor of 3.6. To access the journal Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy through the ISCP website login with your username and password and click on the [JOURNAL](#) link.

News from World Heart Federation (WHF)

Champion Advocates Programme -The World Heart Federation has launched a microsite which will form part of its Champion Advocates Programme (CAP). The aim of the programme is to reduce premature deaths caused by cardiovascular disease (CVD) by 25% by 2025. To achieve this goal WHF will engage with: cardiologists and other healthcare professionals, to become advocates of best evidence-based secondary prevention and treatment of heart disease and stroke; Journalists, to help build awareness and media coverage of CVD as preventable and to influence national policy; and Emerging leaders, to help drive the global CVD agenda, promoting best practice, influencing national policy and strengthening health systems' responses to CVD. The programme will also provide members access to reference and research materials relating to secondary prevention of heart attack and stroke.

WHO Regional Committee for Europe- The 63rd session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for Europe will take place in Çeşme Izmir, Turkey from 16 - 19 September. The agenda of the regional committees this year will be of great importance for the cardiovascular disease (CVD) and non-communicable disease (NCD) communities as discussions will focus on both the Global NCD Framework and the post-2015 development agenda. As a non-governmental organization in official relations with the WHO, the World Heart Federation is invited to participate in these discussions.

United Nations (UN) to establish Interagency Task Force on NCDs- UN Member States unanimously adopted ECOSOC resolution E/2013/L23, formally establishing the UN Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases. This will enable collaboration across UN agencies in the global fight against CVD and NCDs.

Slides from the NCD Alliance Webinar - The NCD Alliance hosted a webinar that provided updates on the Global NCD Framework and the Global Development campaigns. A recap of recent NCD events and initiatives, including the launch of a new NCD Alliance program, was also included. The presentation slides from the meeting can be accessed [HERE](#).

World Heart Day - 29 September 2013: This year the WHF have developed the World Heart Day material to reflect the importance of a life-course approach to the prevention and control of cardiovascular disease (CVD) with a focus on women and children. This year's theme addresses the importance of a life-course approach to the prevention and control of cardiovascular disease (CVD) with a focus on women and children. This campaign will highlight what actions can be taken through a person's life to reduce their risk of CVD.

Supporting material for projects and campaigns- The re-vamped [Physical Activity and Healthy Diet webpage](#) includes: [Superheart Animation](#) and [Infographic on Physical Activity](#).

Global Heart - is the official journal of the World Heart Federation. It seeks to provide a forum for dialogue and education on matters that relate foremost to the prevention and control of cardiovascular diseases worldwide, with a special focus on countries with middle and lower economies.

The **World Congress on Cardiology** (WCC) will be taking place in Melbourne, Australia from the 4 to 7 May 2014. Organized by the World Heart Federation and co-hosted by the National Heart Foundation of Australia and the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand, thousands of cardiologists and other healthcare professionals are expected to attend the event. Abstract submissions for WCC 2014 are open until 15 September 2013 at www.worldcardiocongress.org. Please note ISCP does have an official cosponsored session on the program titled- **How to best monitor drug efficacy**.



Upcoming Meetings, Courses & Workshops 2013

68th Brazilian Congress of Cardiology

28 September - 1 October, 2013
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Russian National Congress of Cardiology

25-27 September, 2013
Saint-Petersburg, Russia

68th Brazilian Congress of Cardiology

28 September-1 October, 2013
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

24th Great Wall International Congress of Cardiology

10-13 October, 2013
Beijing, China

XXIV InterAmerican Congress of Cardiology, XXXIX Argentine Congress of Cardiology

18-20 October, 2013
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Venice Arrhythmias 2013

27-29 October, 2013
Venice, Italy

American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2013

16-20 November, 2013
Dallas, Texas, USA

XXVIII Congreso Mexicano de Cardiología

23 November—27 November 2013
Leon, Mexico

4th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Cardiovascular Sciences Research Centre

29 November, 2013
Royal Society of Medicine, London, UK

Global CVCT Forum and Workshop

6-7 December, 2013
Paris, France

4th Annual Scientific Meeting of the CVSRC

9 December, 2013
London, England

The 3rd International Congress on Cardiac problems in Pregnancy

20 - 23 February, 2014
Venice, Italy

World Congress of Cardiology Scientific Sessions 2014

4-7 May, 2014
Melbourne, Australia

8th Cuban Congress on Cardiology

3- 6 June, 2014
Havana, Cuba

2nd Global Cardiovascular Forum

4- 6 June, 2014
St Petersburg, Russia

Hypertension Athens 2014

13 - 16 June, 2014
Athens, Greece

American Heart Association- Scientific Sessions 2014

15-19 November, 2014
Chicago, USA

19th Annual Scientific Meeting of ISCP

26-28 November, 2014
Adelaide, Australia

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