Welcome to the September issue of the ISCP Newsletter.

Upcoming International joint ISCP Symposia include the InterAmerican Congress of Cardiology in Santiago de Chile on the 5th - 8th of December, and the 2016 World Congress of Cardiology in Mexico City.

An agreement for Joint Sessions and other activities with the ESC Working Group of Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy has been confirmed. During 2016 three Joint Symposiums will be held (Tel Aviv in May, Rome in August and Beijing in October). The possibility of joint activities with ACC and AHA is also being explored.

In 2016 we will welcome Dayi Hu from China as the ISCP President and Antoni Martinez-Rubio from Spain as the President-elect.

Please forward any news or information on upcoming conferences or meetings that you would like included in the next Newsletter (December 2015) to me at lisa.demos@monash.edu by the 24th of November, 2015.

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As you know, the 20th ISCP Annual Scientific Meeting (BA2015) was held in Buenos Aires from the 25th - 26th of June. We feel that the outcome was that we held a very successful congress and sum it up in the following points.

- More than 600 Registrants from 28 countries attended the two day meeting. Its location in one of the most attractive areas of Buenos Aires was much appreciated by those at the meeting and added to the overall enjoyment of the occasion.
- The program had an outstanding list of International Speakers including Valentin Fuster, John Mc Murray, Faiez Zannad, Juan Carlos Kaski amongst others, and the presentations and discussions were at a high scientific level.
- The European Society of Cardiology (ESC), Working Group in CV Pharmacotherapy participated in a Joint Session and a Workshop with the ISCP.
- Both the Argentine Federation and Society of Cardiology actively participated in the meeting with their Presidents and key Speakers.
- The ISCP booth received many visits, and heightened the visibility of our Society. Through this we received 42 new applications for Membership.

- The meeting evaluation feedback confirmed there was great satisfaction among participants who rated the Organization and Scientific level as “Excellent”
- As further evidence of the positive result of BA 2015, the ISCP has been invited to take part in Joint Activities with Regional Scientific Organizations and we have confirmed our participation with pleasure.

In summary, our Annual Meeting has strongly contributed to the visibility of ISCP and has strengthened our international presence. This has been possible because of the efforts of many people and to them we extend our thanks.

During the ESC in London on August 30th three important ISCP Meetings were held: the Board of Directors, The Council of Governors and the ISCP General Assembly. The number of attendees at the General Assembly was the highest in the history of the ISCP providing a strong sign that the ISCP is growing and consolidating its position.

Two Registries in CV Pharmacotherapy are in preparation and a new “Official ISCP Journal” and new Book Series are also under negotiation.

There is no doubt that the 2016 President, Prof Dayi Hu from China, and the new President Elect for 2017, Prof Antoni Martinez Rubio, from Spain, will reinforce and consolidate the position of our Society.

Finally, I wish to recognize the ever present, generous collaboration of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and many key members, who have been crucial in enabling us to accomplish the above achievements.

Best wishes
Felipe Martínez, MD
President
**News in Brief**

**Young Investigator awards:** The winners of the at the ISCP 20th ISCP Annual Scientific Meeting Young Investigator awards in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 25th -26th of June, 2015 were:

**First Prize:** Masafumi Funamoto and co-workers from Japan for *A transcriptional co-activator, P300 is involved in the epigenetic gene activation on hypertrophic response gene promoters during cardiac hypertrophy.*

**Second Prize:** Ezequiel Zaidel and co-workers from Argentina for *Real world use of novel oral anticoagulants for atrial fibrillation in argentine cardiology residency centers.*

**Third Prize:** Romina Hermann and co-workers from Argentina for *Effects of autophagy inhibitor, 3-methyladenine, on isolated atria subjected to simulated ischemia-reperfusion.*

**21st ISCP Annual Scientific Meeting:** This will be held in China on the 13th-14th of October, 2016. Check the website for further information.

**Governor sponsored meetings**

These included a meeting in Kyoto, Japan (Koji Hosegawa) and a meeting in Stockholm, Sweden which was co-organised by Red White and Black and ISCP (Governor: Thomas Kahan).

**Thomas Kahan:** On June 18th 2015 around 20 Italian physicians arrived for the ISCP-MICOM meeting in Stockholm. The program included a scientific program and tour of facilities. The program went very well and the participants enjoyed the visit.

**Koji Hasegawa, ISCP Governor for Japan:** On June 25th -26th, 2015, the first ISCP Japan branch meeting was held in Hyatt Regency Kyoto. There were 150 registered physicians and scientists, and at any given time in the hall during the symposium there were about 100 people. The meeting centered on preventive cardiology, but covered nearly all fields related with cardiovascular pharmacotherapy. The conferences consisted of 60 lectures including special lecture by Professor Juan Carlos Kaski and of 45 poster abstracts. All lectures, poster presentation and coffee break were performed in one room. Each session was so informative, exciting and of very high quality, thus the event was a great success.

**Expert Opinion Section – Brief Reports**

Koji Hasegawa has provided a review of the *Significance of LOX-1 in CV function and its application for therapeutic indications* by Tatsuya Sawamura. This review can be read in the Expert Opinion section of the ISCP website under Brief Reports.

**Current Cardiovascular Therapy Series**

The Current Cardiovascular Therapy Series published by Springer are available as e-books or in soft cover. The Series Editor is Juan Carlos Kaski.

The books are available at a discounted rate for ISCP members and include: *Pharmacological Treatment of Chronic Stable Angina Pectoris* editors Pablo Avanzas and Juan Carlos Kaski; *Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension* editors B Madden, SJ Wort, A Loveridge, J Bacon and C Patterson; *ACEi and ARBS in Hypertension and Heart Failure* editor Pasquale Perrone Filardi; *Pharmaco therapy in Aortic Disease* editors Evangelista Arturo and Christoph A. Nienaber; *Antiplatelet and Anticoagulation Therapy* editors Albert Ferro, David A Garcia; *Pharmacological Treatment of Acute Coronary Syndromes* editors Pablo Avanzas, Peter Clemmensen; *Cardiac Drugs in Pregnancy* editors Karen Sliwa, John Anthony and *Atrial Fibrillation Therapy* editors Gheorghe-Andrei Dan, Antoni Bayés de Luna, John Camm.

The books have proven to be very popular. The eBook *Pharmacological Treatment of Acute Coronary Syndromes* has had 3,546 chapter downloads since its online publication on August 14, 2013.

The printed book and eBook are available at [http://www.springer.com/series/10472](http://www.springer.com/series/10472)
The Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy (CDT) Journal - official journal of ISCP

CDT is the official journal of the ISCP. It includes peer-reviewed articles on basic pharmacology, clinical pharmacotherapy, clinical trials, pharmaco-economics and pharmaco-epidemiology of novel and established therapeutic agents in a wide range of cardiovascular disease areas. In 2014 the impact factor for the journal increased to 3.189.

The focus of CDT issue 29.4 (August) which is available online is on Women and Heart Disease. Jawahar Mehta provides the editorial which is followed by several interesting original articles including: Gender-Related Differences in Atherosclerosis; Metabolic Syndrome: Does it Differ Between Women and Men?; Vasotonic Angina as a Cause of Myocardial Ischemia in Women; The Role of 17β-Estradiol in Myocardial Hypertrophy in Females in the Presence and Absence of Hypertension; The Challenges of Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ischemic Heart Disease in Women; Unique Aspects of Coronary Artery Disease in Indian Women; Heart Failure in Women – Insights from the Framingham Heart Study; Adverse Pregnancy Conditions, Infertility, and Future Cardiovascular Risk: Implications for Mother and Child; and Gender Differences in Cardiovascular Drugs. Upcoming CDT issues for 2015 include October (29:5), and December (29:6).

The Journal will welcome contributions in the form of reviews and there will be special issues to which the members of ISCP are invited to contribute. Full ISCP members receive a free on-line subscription.

News from World Heart Federation (WHF)

Global Heart edition: CVD Roadmaps: Three CVD Roadmaps dedicated to secondary prevention, tobacco control and raised blood pressure have been developed by the World Heart Federation and are now available in the journal Global Heart.

World Heart Day (29 September 2015): The campaign includes sharing a Healthy Heart Selfie via Twitter using #heartchoices.

World Congress of Cardiology 2016: will be taking place in Mexico City from 4th - 7th of June, 2016. The programme will cover several aspects of cardiovascular health and focus on the following scientific topics: Global health / Political advocacy (led by Pekka Puska); Latin American Cardiology (led by Marcia Barbosa); Coronary artery disease (led by Pedro Moreno and Hector Garcia); Arrhythmias (led by Carlos Morillo); Imaging and technology (led by Mouaz Al-Mallah); Heart failure (led by Karen Sliwa); Preventive cardiology (led by David Wood); Other cardiac diseases including Rheumatic Fever and Chagas’ disease (led by Liesl Zühlke); Epidemiology / Public health / Health systems (led by Martin McKee). Abstract submission opens on the 14th of September, 2015.

Recent and Upcoming Meetings, Courses and Workshops

Cardiovilla
8 - 10 October, 2015
Villa Clara, Cuba

4th Edition Venice Arrhythmias
16 - 18 October, 2015
Venice, Italy

10th Annual Cardiometabolic Health Congress
21-24 October, 2015
Boston, MA, USA

19th Annual Meeting of the European Council for Cardiovascular Research (ECCR)
23-25 October, 2015
Poiano, Italy

26th Great Wall International Cardiology Conference & Asia Pacific Heart Congress 2015 (GW-ICC & APHC)
29 October - 1 November, 2015

Beijing, China

AHA Scientific Sessions 2015
7 - 11 November, 2015
Orlando, Florida, USA

19th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Institute of Cardiovascular Science and Medicine in conjunction with 10th Across the Strait Scientific Conference
21 November, 2015
Hong Kong

11th International Congress on Coronary Artery Disease (ICCAD 2015)
29 November - 2 December, 2015
Florence, Italy

XXV IACC Congreso Interamericano de Cardiología y Cirugía Cardiovascular
4 - 7 December, 2015
Santiago de Chile, Chile
12th Global CVCT Forum  
4-6 December, 2015  
Washington, DC, USA

X Taller Nacional de Prevención y Rehabilitación Cardiovascular  
10-11 December, 2015  
La Habana, Cuba  
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4th International Conference on PreHypertension, Hypertension & Cardio Metabolic Syndrome  
3-6 March, 2016  
Venice, Italy

WCC 2016 – World Heart Federation  
4-7 June 2016  
Mexico City, Mexico

21st ISCP Annual Scientific Meeting  
13-14 October, 2016  
China

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