



Serotonin Club Newsletter



Acapulco bay by night

IUPHAR Satellite Meeting, 2002-Mexico **NEW VENUE**

Investigation by meeting organizer Carlos Villalón revealed that Los Cabos, the original site selected as the venue of our meeting, was incredibly expensive and the projected hotel costs were likely to put off many of our potential delegates, particularly the younger members. We have therefore moved the meeting within Mexico to ACAPULCO. Travel connections are good and hotel costs very competitive. Therefore, the Club will hold its 5th IUPHAR satellite meeting in Acapulco (Guerrero state), Mexico on July 3-5, 2002 in conjunction with the IUPHAR Congress.

Important dates to remember:

Early registration deadline: February 15, 2002.

Abstract submission deadline: February 15, 2002 (see 1st announcement for submission information).

Hotel reservation deadline: May 15, 2002.

Send in the form which is part of the attached 1st announcement (sent with this Newsletter) to ensure you receive further information on the meeting.

The Symposia that will take place in Mexico

The list below presents the selected symposium titles. It is hoped that all these symposia will take place at the meeting.

- Differences in serotonergic modulation of dorsal and median raphe nuclei – opportunities for improved psychotherapeutics
- Serotonin 5-HT_{2C} Receptor: New Cross-Disciplinary Findings and Implications for Normal Behavior and Psychiatric Disorders
- Clinical and experimental studies on MDMA (ecstasy)
- 5-HT receptors in gastrointestinal diseases
- The Serotonin hypothesis of pulmonary hypertension: from diet pills to transporters
- The 5-HT_{2B} receptor: What next?
- Serotonin Receptors and Pathways in Pain
- 5-HT systems and Memory
- Diverse signalling by 5-HT receptors
- Pharmacogenomics of 5-HT receptors
- Central Serotonin in Cardiovascular Regulation
- 5HT_{1B} Receptor Stimulation and Clinical Efficacy of Current and Prospective Antimigraine Drugs: Are 5-HT_{1D} and 5-HT_{1F} receptors out of the game?

- 5-HT autoreceptors: from neural circuits to therapeutics
- 5-HT₆ and 5-HT₇ receptors – new drug targets or academic curiosities?
- Serotonin Receptors: Eating and Obesity

New Members

Welcome to the following new members of the Club who have joined since our last Newsletter:

Australia: Haihuang Liu, **Belgium:** Koen Laenen, Kim De Martelaere, **Sweden:** Carina Stenfors, **UK:** Tom Beveridge, **USA:** Sam Amer, Nancy Muma.

Travel awards

The Serotonin Club is proposing to make a limited number of travel awards available to pre- and post-doctoral students who are authoring communications to the Acapulco meeting. The size of the award is not yet finalized but will always cover the cost of registration and will, subject to funds available, also try and assist with travel and accommodation costs.

Awards will be available to applicants who are pre-doctoral or no more than 3 years post-doctoral and will be competitive. The awards will be decided on the basis of the quality of the submitted abstract by the organisers, whose decision will be final. Applicants are expected to already be members of the Serotonin Club.

Please submit all applications to the Secretary/Treasurer (address shown below), together with a copy of the abstract and a covering letter from the applicant's Head of Department who should confirm the applicants age, academic status and the fact that sufficient funding is not available from any other source. *Applicants must be members of the Serotonin Club.*

Submissions must be received by 15th February 2002. Successful applicants will be informed shortly thereafter.

The Club Website

Remember to check on the website for Club matters! The address is:

<http://serotoninclub.org>

Paying in €

In January 2002 the Euro will be the unit of currency for some of our European members and we have, therefore, opened a Euro account ready to receive membership subscriptions.

Members worldwide whose subscriptions become due for payment during 2002 will be notified early in the New Year.

Address change?

If you have changed your address send it to us now while you are thinking about it – send to:

rosemary.allen@astrazeneca.com

Where are they now?

Can anyone help us locate the following members?

Natalia Fetkovska, Katerina Sebekova & Rastislav Dzurik all of these members last known address was The Medical Bionics Research Institution, Bratislava. **Mark Hansen**, last known address Royal Veterinary & Agricultural University, Denmark, **David Graham**, Bagneux, France, **Stephen Silberstein** Philadelphia, USA.

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