



Serotonin Club Newsletter



The 50th Newsletter

As you will see from the header this Newsletter is the 50th issue. Numbers 1 - 36 were written by our former Secretary/Treasurer Ewan Mylecharane and I took over with number 37. While the Newsletter may not always have matters of major interest, I hope you find that they keep you in touch with the Club; not always an easy task with a world wide organisation. If there are matters you would like to see included please ask or even better submit something yourself.

Still growing

It is a pleasure to record the fact that Club membership is now *over 650 persons world-wide*. An impressive figure that shows that the Club is now a major international scientific society. If you know of scientists who are working on serotonin and who are not members, encourage them to join.

The Club Website

Our webmaster, Professor Rodrigo Andrade, has managed to get our site 'name' back again. Do look at it and decide if you wish to provide links etc as some other members have. Also please send him matters you feel should be included on the site. News and information can be placed on the site although Rodrigo has the final authority as to whether it is suitable or not!

Look at the site:

<http://serotoninclub.org>

Rodrigo Andrade can be contacted at:

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IUPHAR

Membership

Another mark of the increasing importance of the Club in international biomedical science has been our application to become an associate member of IUPHAR – the International Union of Pharmacology. If awarded we will, in future, have representation on the General Assembly of IUPHAR thereby influencing the future of international pharmacology and you will also be able to find a link to our website on the IUPHAR website.

IUPHAR Satellite Meeting, 2002-Mexico

The Club is to hold their 5th IUPHAR satellite meeting at **Los Cabos** (Baja California Sur) in Mexico which will be held in conjunction with the IUPHAR congress which takes place next year in San Francisco. The chief organiser, Carlos Villalón, informs me that arrangements are now underway and members have started to send him suggestions for possible symposia but there is still time for you to send more to:

carlos_villalon@infosel.net.mx

We will need to be making firm decisions on the format of the meeting by later this year. As before we hope to have a mix of high quality symposia, free communications and a good social program (a boat trip perhaps, now that would be novel).

SO START THINKING NOW!!!

New Members

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

France: Olivier Cases, **Japan:** Takeshi Inoue, **UK:** Monica Bose, Clare Green, Christopher Lowry, Colm Lyons.

Where are they now?

Can anyone help us locate the following members: **Oliver Massot**, Unite de Pharmacologie Neurodegeneration, Institute Pasteur, Paris, France; **Jose Pereira Monteiro**, Dept Neurology, Largo Prof Abel Salazar, Porto, Portugal and **Michael Norden**, 701 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, USA.

Items of interest

I am happy to include items of interest to members so if you are organising a meeting about Serotonin or have some other matter you wish to share with readers, please contact me and I will try and fit it in.

Subscriptions

If you have had a note about renewing your subscription please send us your cheque **now** to save the time and cost of a reminder. Please note if your subscription is two or more years overdue your membership will be terminated.

Serotonin Notes

Many of you will remember these short reviews on matters of interest to serotonin researchers written by senior scientists and which were distributed to members of the Club. They went into abeyance for a while but we are re-activating the scheme. Illness and moves by potential contributors have delayed the start but it will happen. The *Notes* will again be distributed by e-mail.

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

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