XII Iberian Peptide Meeting
A French Symposium on Probes for Peptide Science
12th Naples Workshop and 2nd Italy-Korea Symposium on AMP
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The meeting went according to plan. No alterations to the plan were needed. The programme was not divided in thematic symposia so that an integrated view of peptide science was transmitted. Each session contained talks on peptide synthesis and/or innovative applications and/or in silico work. This organization serves the purpose of steering collaborations among different groups, leaving different expertises, rather then each group focusing on the talks of its own speciality.

The number of registrants was 119: 67 registrants from Spain, 39 came from Portugal and 13 from other countries. The average attendance to the sessions was 83%. The two keynote speakers (Rein Ulijn and David Craik) presented, as expected, very eclectic work ranging from synthesis to applications in material sciences, biology and medicine. The number of submitted presentations (42 oral and 9 poster presentations), although concerning a wide diversity of topics, had a significant increase in the area of...
Antimicrobial Peptides (AMP) relative to previous editions of the meeting. This probably reflects an increase in the dimension of the community of peptide scientists devoted to AMP.

The event ended with a closing dinner for networking and socialization.

All participants, including students, had automatic access to the dinner because it was not extra-charged.

*Contributed by Miguel Castanho*
The symposium “Probes for Peptide Science: Design and Methodological Development”, which was held at the Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Les Cordeliers in the “Quartier Latin”, Paris) on April 8th–9th 2010, (106th anniversary of the “Entente Cordiale”), was focused on molecular probes to study peptide and protein properties. Recent advancements in probe design as well as applications and methodological developments were in the heart of the presentations.

This meeting was organized under the auspices of the “Groupe Français des Peptides et Protéines”, as part of its biannual international thematic meetings. For the first time, our British Colleagues from the Protein and Peptide Science Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry joined their French Colleagues to co-organize this event (organizing committee: from Laboratoire des BioMolécules, Paris: Fabienne Burlina, Gérard Chassaing, Solange Lavielle, Olivier Lequin, and Eliane Moulinie, John Offer (MRC NIMR, London) and Weng Chan (University of Nottingham). This meeting was sponsored by the GFPP and RSC PPSSG, and our French institutional partners: Université Pierre et Maris Curie-Paris6 and its Faculté de Chimie; Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) and CNRS.

The organizers wish to thank their major sponsors (European Peptide Society, Activotec, CRB, IRIS and Merck) and also the following companies (Biotage, CEM and Peptisyntha), which allowed the Committee to make this two-day meeting as convivial as possible with a wine and cheese buffet in the evening.

This symposium was organized in different sessions with six keynote lectures given by the following invited speakers:

- J.E. Molloy (MRC NIMR, London) “Using extrinsic and intrinsic probes to visualise single molecules in living cells”;
- M.C. Morris (CRBM, Montpellier) “Fluorescent peptide biosensors for imaging protein kinases involved in cell proliferation and cancer”;
- M. Goeldner (Université de Strasbourg) “Photoregulation of
biological activities: concepts and applications”;

- D. Graham (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow) “Nanoparticle based probes for bioanalysis”;

- B. Imperiali (MIT, Boston) “Fluorescent tools for chemical biology”;

- L. Jullien (ENS, Paris) “Photocontrol of protein activity in a single cell of a live organism”.

Eighteen selected oral communications and 32 posters were also presented for a total of 135 participants.

This symposium was highly multidisciplinary from the chemistry of new probes and the production of labelled proteins by the most recent approaches, to the development of smart nanoparticles and new approaches/techniques to probe interactions of biological molecules, not only peptides and proteins, with \textit{in vitro} to living cell applications. In conclusion, and taking into account all the comments, especially from the young participants, and mails received afterwards it can be said that this meeting was highly successful in giving an enlarged view on new ongoing researches.

\textit{Contributed by Solange Lavielle}
The twelfth edition of the Naples Workshops on Bioactive Peptides was held in Napoli, Italy at the Centro Congressi d’Ateneo of the University of Napoli “Federico II” on June 4–7, 2010 jointly with the 2nd Italy-Korea Symposium on Antimicrobial Peptides. The meeting has had an extraordinary attendance of 207 peptide scientists coming from 21 different countries from all over the world. The meeting has been organized by the Centro Interuniversitario di Ricerca sui Peptidi Bioattivi (CIRPEB) and the Department of Biological Sciences of the University of Napoli “Federico II”, and by the University of Rome Tor Vergata and the Chosun University of Gwangju (Korea). The joint meetings were held under the auspices and sponsorships of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Education, University and Scientific Research of Italy (MIUR), of the European Peptide Society, of the Regione Campania Assessorato all’Università ed alla Ricerca Scientifica, of the Institute of Biostructures and Bioimages of the C.N.R. of Italy, and by the DMF S.c.a.r.l, the consortium on “Diagnostics and Molecular Pharmaceuticals”.

The theme of the Workshop for this edition has been “Peptides at Work: from Structure to Application”. In the four days the scientific program of invited lectures, oral and poster presentations amply covered the topic of the workshop. The Workshop opened on Friday afternoon with the two sessions dedicated to Antimicrobial Peptides in which the following leader scientists in the field presented their updated results on the subject: Donatella Barra, (Rome, Italy), Bok Luel Lee (Pusan, Korea), Fernando Formaggio (Padova, Italy), Richard Epand (Hamilton, Canada), Burkhard Bechinger (Strasbourg, France), Anne Ulrich (Karlsruhe, Germany) and Yechiel Shai (Rehovot, Israel).

On Saturday morning a very stimulating session was dedicated to the “Murray Goodman Young Investigator’s Session”, in which eight selected short lectures were presented by young scientists competing for a price represented by a copy of the Huben Weyl workbench edition E22 of “Synthesis of Peptides and Peptidomimetics”, sponsored by G. Thieme Verlag. This competition was judged by an international jury, which in a clear cut contest assigned the price to Dr. Donatella Diana of the University of Napoli “Federico II”, who presented a lecture on “NMR structural characterization of a bioactive β-hairpin peptide and of its interaction with VEGFR-1D2”. The other very talented young scientists were: Costance Chollet (Leipzig, Germany), Marta De Zotti (Padova, Italy), Lubomir Vezenkov (Napoli, Italy), Tereza Neubauerova (Prague, Czech Rep.), Andrea Caporale (Munchen, Germany), Julien Tailhades (Montpellier, France), and Sara Bobone (Rome, Italy).

The workshop ended on Sunday morning with the sessions dedicated to Bioactive Peptides and other related biological systems begun with nine invited lectures presented by Alessandro Pini (Siena, Italy) Yoonkyung Park (Chosun, Korea), Giorgio Rispoli (Ferrara, Italy), Beyong Jae Lee (Seoul, Korea), Alessandro Tossi (Trieste Italy), Maira Goytia (Decatur, GA, USA), Ralph Hoffmann (Leipzig, Germany), Kesavakurup Santhosh Kumar (Trivandrum, Kerala, India), and Jirina Slaninova (Prague, Czech Rep.).

On Sunday morning the sessions dedicated to Bioactive Peptides and other related biological systems begun with nine Invited Lectures presented by the Nobel Laureate Robert Huber (München, Germany), David Craik (Brisbane, Australia), Yoshiaki Kiso (Kyoto, Japan), Barry R. O’Keefe (Frederick, MD, USA),
John A. Robinson (Zurich, Switzerland), Mauro F.A. Adamo (Dublin, Ireland), Jean Martinez (Montpellier, France), Claudio Toniolo (Padova, Italy), and Gilles Guichard (Bordeaux, France). In the afternoon session six Oral Presentations were delivered by Grace Vanier (Matthews, NC, USA), Gilles Subra (Montpellier, France), Luisa Bracci (Siena, Italy), Frederic Carriere (Marseille, France), Lars Vouillème (Berlin, Germany), Hidehito Mukai (Kyoto, Japan).

The Monday morning session begun with the celebration of the 70th birthday of the Chairman of the Naples Workshops Prof. Ettore Benedetti with introductory remarks by Carlo Pedone and brief personal and scientific notes on his life and career by Claudio Toniolo and Jean Martinez. The session then continued with eight Invited Lectures on Bioactive Peptides given by Michael Chorev (Cambridge, MA, USA), Horst Kessler (Garching, Germany), Ferenc Hudecz (Budapest, Hungary), David Andreu (Barcelona, Spain), Sonia Longhi (Marseille, France), Yan Liang Zeng (Indianapolis, IN, USA), Rob L. J. Liskamp (Utrecht, The Netherlands), and Oleg Melnyk (Lille, France).

In the final session of Monday afternoon, again dedicated to Bioactive
Peptides and their constructs, two Invited Lectures were given by Yuji Kobayashi (Osaka, Japan) and Joel Schneider (Bethesda, MD, USA) and two Oral Presentations by Prisca Boisguerin (Berlin, Germany) and Maxim G. Ryadnov (Teddington, UK).

The Scientific Program was further enriched by a Poster Session held on Sunday and Monday afternoons with a total of 81 presentations covering the various aspects of peptides as therapeutics, diagnostics and vaccines, once again well described the topic of the Workshop and demonstrating the importance reached by the field of peptides in the medical and pharmaceutical areas.

The scientific content of the Invited Lectures, Short Oral and Poster Presentations certainly gave in short a rather wide idea of the state of the art in several specific aspects of the topic of the two joint Meetings; the investigations presented were indeed representative examples of emerging subjects, which highlighted the field of continuously increasing biologically important and “man-made” peptide systems. Two common features, which ideally connected the different subjects covered, were the “molecular approach” used by the various authors in tackling the problem of understanding the structure-activity relationships of bioactive peptide and the applications of the peptide-based
compounds for medical and pharmaceutical purposes as drugs, vaccines, diagnostics, etc.

The Meetings proved to be once again a highly successful forum for the exchange of ideas on hot subjects and trends in peptide chemistry and an important and decisive stimuli for future work in the area.

With the additional benefit of the usual warm weather of Napoli in late Spring, participants, beside science, had the occasion of enjoying the city with its museums, monuments and natural beauty, and least but not last the social occasions offered by the Organizing Committee.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee and the Co-Chairs Prof. Kyung-soo Hahm and Prof. Lorenzo Stella, the Chairman and the Organizing Committee warmly thank all participants for their scientific contributions and all Sponsors for their financial assistance in the organization of the two joint meetings. The Chairman also deeply thanks Prof. Carlo Pedone and Dr. Michele Saviano, for their scientific assistance and continuous stimulus and suggestions, the web master Luca De Luca who kindly tolerate any “last minute changes” asked by anyone involved in the meetings and Valentina Ferrari Bravo, who other than managing administrative aspects, led and organized the Workshop Volunteer Team. All of them heavily contributed to make once more this event a memorable one both scientifically and socially.

Contributed by Ettore Benedetti
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with my deepest regret that, on reasons of health, I am obliged to cancel the works of the 7th Hellenic Forum on Bioactive Peptides, May 16–17, Patras 2010. Through this communication I would like, both personally and officially, to ensure all Forum attendants and friends that this decision was not taken easily but rather unavoidably.

Regarding the cancellation of the 7th HFBP, the Organizing Committee would like to inform all people involved that:

- The Book of Abstracts will be publicized as planned, with all submitted lecture and poster contributions. The electronic edition will be available through the site.
- The 2nd Dimitrios Theodoropoulos Memorial Lecture Award will be sent to the Awarded Professor Ernest Giralt, and his lecture will be included in the Book of Abstracts.
- Invited speakers are kindly requested to cancel their travel arrangements; all pending issues will be arranged to the best possible way.
- All subscription transactions are to be returned; personal notifications will be sent to the beneficiaries.
- All emails concerning the 7th HFBP will be forwarded and handled by the Organizing Committee; please use the account gpopen@me.com for this purpose.

Hoping to have the pleasure to welcome you in Greece in a future HFBP edition.

Professor Paul Cordopatis
The 2nd Dimitrios Theodoropoulos Memorial Lecture Award is awarded to Professor Ernest Giralt

Nominations

Last November the Organizing Committee of the 7th Hellenic Forum on Bioactive Peptides and the Hellenic Peptide Society, have announced a call for nominations for the 2nd Dimitrios Theodoropoulos Memorial Lecture Award, and invited all National Representatives of the European Peptide Society to propose candidates for this award sponsored by the A. Polychroniadis family.

The award is to be presented to a scientist who has made a significant contribution to Peptide Chemistry in the five years preceding the date of selection, and the candidates have to be members of the European Peptide Society, with no restriction as to their age or their position.

The candidates proposed by the Council members were: Fernando Albericio, Kleomenis Barlos, Christian F. Becker, Ernest Giralt, Horst Kunz, Maria Sakarellos-Daitisiotis, Zbigniew Szewczuk and Carlo Unverzagt.

Ballot Results

The Organizing Committee received, at the closing date (February 12th), the votes of 14 National Representatives, with a total of 27 votes (1st and 2nd choices) from a possible total of 26 voters, for the 8 candidates.

According to the votes, the 2nd Dimitrios Theodoropoulos Memorial Lecture will be Awarded to Prof. Ernest Giralt (Barcelona, Spain). The distinguished colleague is invited to attend and give a lecture during the Opening Session of the 7th HFBP, on May 16th, 2010 and he will also receive the pecuniary reward of €2,000.

“The Organizing Committee of the 7th HFBP and the Hellenic Peptide Society would like to thank all the Council Members of the EPS for their participation in the Nominations-Ballot procedures and of course to congratulate Ernest Giralt.”

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The Josef Rudinger Memorial Lecture Award for 2010 is for

Stephen B. H. Kent

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This Award is presented “to the scientist who has in the opinion of the Council of the Society made the most outstanding contribution to the chemistry, biochemistry, or biology of peptides in the five years preceding the date of selection”. There is no restriction as to nationality or position of the candidate, but regulations give preference to younger candidates.

The Leonidas Zervas Awardee for 2010 is

Helma Wennemers

JOURNAL OF PEPTIDE SCIENCE
BEST PAPER AWARD

The 2010 winners will be announced during the Journal of Peptide Science Reception at the 31st EPS Symposium in Copenhagen on Tuesday, 7th September 2010.

Alex Eberle
EPS Secretary
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Contributed by Martin Röthlisberger
Executive Commissioning Editor
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The Elections for the 18 new National Representatives in the EPS Council are completed. The newly elected members will assume positions after the 31EPS at Copenhagen for the period 2011–2014. The results announced by the Secretary Professor Alex Eberle are the following:

Newly Elected Members are depicted in green

Austria > Dr. Christian GRUBER
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United Kingdom > Prof. John HOWL
The minutes of the EPS-EC Meeting (Helsinki, 2 September 2008) are accepted without modification and signed by the President and the (former) Secretary.

The Secretary will update the membership list. His suggestion that all existing members should go through a re-registration step is approved by the EC. This message will be distributed via Council members, through a broad emailing and as announcement on the EPS website. The aim is to have the updated list complete before the Council elections in spring 2010.

Professor Benedetti presented his report on the accounts for the year 2008. The auditors’ report was accepted and signed (3 documents) by the President and the Treasurer. The sponsor situation was documented by the Treasurer. The budget for 2009 was presented and accepted by the EC.

Martin Röthlisberger (representing Wiley) informed about the current and future structure of the EPS website and the income of Wiley through the banner adverts. On behalf of the webmaster George Pairas, Paul Cordopatis distributed a documentation about the website. It was agreed that:

a) Wiley reports about the revenue and expenses for the website since 2006. A new contract replacing the old one for the website will be worked out.

b) The webmaster (G. Pairas) will allow only advertisements from sponsors of the EPS. The details will be part of the new contract between Wiley and EPS.

c) New EPS members should register solely through the website. All officially registered EPS members get a discount of €50.00 when registering for the 31st EPS in Copenhagen. Existing members should re-register through the website; Wiley will install two different buttons: (1) new registrations; (2) re-registrations for existing members.

30th EPS in Finland (2008)
It has become gradually to the attention of the EC that the organizers of the 30th EPS (Finland, 2008) will not be in the position to produce the expected Proceedings book. Professor David Andreu will negotiate the option to have the book produced via Michal Lebl, either in a certain copy number or on a print-on-demand basis. However, the EC does not consider to pay for these books.

31st EPS in Denmark (2010)
Good progress in the preparation of the Symposium was reported (venue, exhibition, accommodation, budget, etc) by Professor Thomas Høeg-Jensen. Abstracts will be published by the Journal of Peptide Science. Wiley will make a deal with the organizers: Each full paying participant will get free access to EPS for a certain period. The organizers will pay Wiley a certain sum. A free CD will be provided and a book-on-demand version of the hard copy (to be bought by the participant). The members of the EC had several suggestions.

32nd EPS in Greece (2012)
Professor Paul Cordopatis reported about the venue of the 32nd EPS in Greece which will be held in the International Conference Center Megaron (near the Akropolis) in
Athens. It is planned to have a one-week meeting, from Saturday to Friday. The contract will be signed at the end of 2009.

- The Scientific Affairs Officer reported that the small meetings supported by the SAC were for 2009: Prague (CZ); Strasbourg, La Grande Motte, and Saint-Malo (F); near Gdansk (PL), and for 2010: West Mediterranean (E); Naples (I); and Patras (GR).

- The Newsletter Editor asked from everybody to submit articles about local events. Also, all meeting organizers receiving money from the SAC of the EPS must submit a report.

- Concerning the Journal of Peptide Science, in 2010, the subscription for the symposium participants appears to be solved but is in question in later years, in view of the commercial situation. However, it may be solved by negotiating for an electronic subscription for a limited time.

- The next EC Meeting will take place in Naples during the Symposium organized by Ettore Benedetti.

The venue of the Executive Committee meeting in Budapest was the Eötvös Loránd University. The meeting was perfectly organized by the Rector of the University, Professor Ferenc Hudecz. Sincere thanks go to him for the warm hospitality.

Condensed by the Editor from the Minutes of the Meeting provided by the EPS Secretary

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