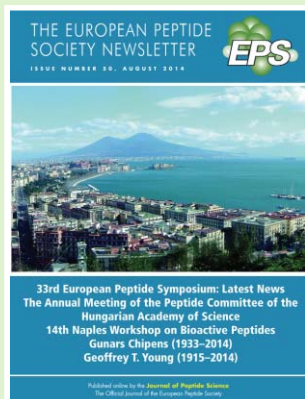


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*Cover photo: Gulf of Naples, the host city of the 14th Naples Workshop on Bioactive Peptides.*

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# 33rd European Peptide Symposium: Sofia, Bulgaria *Latest News*



On behalf of the Organizing Committee we are looking forward to welcoming you in our sunny and hospitable capital Sofia on the 33<sup>rd</sup> European Peptide Symposium.

In close collaboration with the International Scientific Committee, the Local Organizing Committee is composing a high quality scientific program aimed to present and highlight the most important new results in peptide science. More than 550 participants coming from more than 37 countries have been already registered, 78 oral and 330 poster presentations are included in the scientific program.

Outstanding scientists will be taking part in the scientific program:

## Plenary Speakers

Prof. Ada E. Yonath, Nobel laureate in chemistry 2009, Structural Biology Department, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel, Prof. D. Sc. Evgeny V. Grishin, Shemiakin-Ovchinnikov Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Moscow, Russia, Prof. Jean Martinez, University of Montpellier, France, Prof. Victor J. Hruby, University of Arizona, USA, Prof. Mohamed Marahiel-Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany.



### Invited Speakers

Prof. Dr. Annette G. Beck-Sickinger, University of Leipzig, Germany, Prof. Dr. Vassilios Tsikaris, University of Ioannina, Greece, Prof. Frédéric Checler, University of Nice-Sophia-Antipolis, France, Prof. Krzysztof Rolka, University of Gdansk, Poland, Prof. Huib Ovaa – Leiden University, The Netherlands

After the opening ceremony on the 31st of August we shall have the pleasure to hearing the lectures of two Leonidas Zervas Award winners, sponsored by Dr. Rao Makineni. Prof. Miguel Castanho from the Instituto de Medicina Molecular in Portugal will give the first lecture entitled “Making new connections in peptide and protein chemistry”. The second lecture provided by Prof. Philip E. Dawson from the Scripps Research Institute in USA is dedicated on “Use of Peptides to Modulate Protein-Protein Interactions”.

The winner of Josef Rudiger Award sponsored by Polypeptide group is Prof. Ernest Giralt from the Institute for Research in Biomedicine, Spain. His lecture title is “Peptide-lipid duets in viruses, bacteria, and humans: new views, new avenues”

### Young Investigators Mini Symposium

Eleven young investigators were selected from over 65 requests for oral presentations. Following the tradition of collaboration with EPS, ESCOM Science Foundation will sponsor two Dr Bert L. Schram Young Investigator Awards for the best oral presentation.

Dr. Bert L. Schram Young Investigator Poster Competition Awards : Two posters will be selected from 56 posters to obtain the Dr. Bert L. Schram Poster awards.

EPS Fellowships: 43 young researchers were selected as recipients of Fellowship awards funded by the European Peptide Society

### Sponsors and Exhibitors

All the major companies in the peptide field (PolyPeptide Group, Bachem, Merck Millipore Protein Technologies, Biotage, CEM, Aapptec, Activotec, Akzo Nobel/Eka Chemicals, CAT, Corden Pharma, CPC, CS Bio, Hecheng, Hybio, Iris Biotech, Rapp-Polymere, PCAS Biomatrix, Senn, Sigma-Aldrich, ACM, FOT, Acvachim, GLS, Aquachim-Sofia) will be presented on the 33<sup>rd</sup> European Peptide Symposium in Sofia

Join the 33<sup>rd</sup> European Peptide Symposium in Sofia, explore an excellent and dynamic scientific program, experience the beauty of Bulgaria!

*Contributed by Ivanka Stoineva*

## CONFERENCE REPORT

# The Annual Meeting of the Peptide Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Science

**Balatonszemes (Lake Balaton), Hungary, 28–30 May 2014**

The Annual Meeting of the Peptide Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Science (HAS) was held on 28–30 of May in 2014 in Balatonszemes at the Lake Balaton. More than seventy participants (Ph.D. students, post doctoral researchers and professors) from Hungary took part in the meeting. Two prominent European peptide scientists who are also the members of EPS Executive Committee, Professor Anna Maria Papini (PEPTLAB Department of

Chemistry, University Florence, Italy) and Professor Dirk Tourwé (Organic Chemistry Department, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgique) had accepted the invitation of Professor Gábor Mezö, President of the Hungarian Peptide Committee to participate and gave lectures at this annual meeting.

After the opening words delivered by Professor Gábor Mezö (Research Group of Peptide Chemistry, Eötvös Loránd University – HAS, Budapest) Emeritus

Professor Kálmán Medzihradszky (Research Group of Peptide Chemistry, Eötvös Loránd University – HAS, Budapest) commemorated his colleague and friend, Professor Sándor Bajusz, who died on 19th of December last year. Professor Medzihradszky remembered many illuminating stories and anecdotes from their more than 60-year friendship about Sándor.

It was also emphasized that Professor Sándor Bajusz contributed to a great



*Some of the participants of the Meeting*



Sándor Bajusz

extent to the development of peptide derivatives with anticancer activity (e.g. Cetrorelix [Cetrotide (Merck-Serano)] and of caspase inhibitors (e.g. 3-amino-4-carboxybutyraldehydes), thrombin (e.g. GYKI-14 166), and of peptides with anticoagulatory effect (e.g. efegatran GYKI-14 766). At the end of this memorial session, a 45 minute report film was screened about his oeuvre.

In the afternoon of the first day, Professor Anna Maria Papini and Professor Dirk Tourwé, presented their recent research topics and results on *Post-translationally modified peptides to develop efficient IVDs to follow up disease activity: a challenge for theragnostics of autoimmune diseases* and *Azepinone-constrained aromatic amino acids for the design of opioid agonist/NK1 antagonist hybrids*.

The exceptionally diverse program of the meeting (47 lectures) contained a broad range of topics in peptide science covering: protein and peptide structure studies by NMR spectroscopy, synthetic approaches *e.g.* chemical ligations, peptides in immunology and in tumor therapy as well as chemotactic activity of the peptides. During the three days of the meeting one survey lecture and two keynote speeches were also presented. Professor Márta Zarándi (Department of Medical Chemistry, University of Szeged) provided an outline entitled “Cancer treatment with peptides”. Her lecture summarized the *in vitro* and *in vivo* efficacy of the growth hormone releasing hormone (GH-RH) antagonists against several types of tumors. The keynote speeches were presented by Professor Gábor Mező (Research Group of Peptide

Chemistry, Eötvös Loránd University – HAS, Budapest) and Professor Gábor Náray-Szabó (Department of Organic Chemistry, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest). The lecture of Professor Gábor Mező demonstrated the important highlights of the GnRH peptides in the targeted tumor therapy, while Professor Gábor Náray-Szabó described various computational modelling methods for proteins. The actuality of this lecture was the chemical Nobel Prize in 2013.

At this meeting not only professors, but many Ph.D students and post-doctoral researchers presented their recent results followed by intense professional discussions.

The Foundation of Hungarian Peptide and Protein Research, established by Professor Bajusz and Professor Medzihradsky in 1997, and the Gedeon Richter Plc. significantly supported the Meeting of the Peptide Committee also this year. Several local and international companies (ABL&E-JASCO Hungary Ltd, Gen-Lab Ltd, LAB-EX Ltd, UNICAM Hungary Ltd. and S-Biotech Ltd.) as exhibitors were also present and sponsored the meeting.

*Contributed by Ildikó Szabó*

## CONFERENCE REPORT

# 14th Naples Workshop on Bioactive Peptides

### Naples, Italy, 12–14 June 2014

The 14th Naples Workshop on Bioactive Peptides has been held at the Congress Center of the University of Naples 'Federico II' on June 12–14, 2014. The workshop has had an extraordinary attendance of over 230 peptide scientists of different countries from all over the world. The workshop has been organized under the auspices of the European Peptide Society by a joint effort of the Interuniversity Research Center on Bioactive Peptides (CIRPeB) and Department of Pharmacy at University of Naples 'Federico II', the Institute of Biostructures and Bioimages, and the Institute of Crystallography of the Italian C.N.R. The theme of the workshop "*The Renaissance era of Peptides in Drug Discovery*" was covered by several lectures, key notes, oral communications, with a total of 45 oral presentations, and two poster sessions. The workshop started on the morning of June 12 with a satellite meeting dedicated to "MicroRNA: Potential for Cancer Detection and Diagnosis" chaired by Michele Saviano. The first day, after the welcome addresses by Giancarlo Morelli, co-chairman of the workshop, Carlo Pedone, honorary chair of the Naples meetings, and Ferenc Hudecz chairman of the EPS executive committee, hosted a session on Antimicrobial Peptides. The second and



*Prof. Paolo Grieco, Prof. Giancarlo Morelli and Dr. Michele Saviano, co-chairmen of the 14th Naples Workshop on Bioactive Peptides.*

third days were dedicated to the other scheduled sessions dedicated to the following topics: "Peptides in nanotechnology and nanomedicine", "Peptides in Immunology", "Peptides in Chemical Biology" and "Peptides in Industrial Applications".

A total of five invited plenary lectures, nine invited key notes and 31 oral presentations were given in the three days of the workshop. Furthermore, a rather

substantial number of poster presentations (95) were also enriching the program, covering the various aspects of peptides as therapeutics, diagnostics, vaccines, peptides in nanomedicine and in nanotechnologies. The presence in the audience of many PhD students and several communications presented by talented young scientists were also highly appreciated.

The scientific content of the invited



lectures, short oral, and poster presentations certainly reflected the state of the art in several specific aspects of the topic of the workshop; the research studies presented were representative examples of emerging subjects, which highlighted the field of continuously increasing biologically important and

'man-made' peptide systems. Many very interesting applications for new peptides were presented, some of these already in clinical phases or in preclinical experimentation.

The Naples meeting has been, once again, a highly successful forum for the exchange of ideas on hot subjects and

trends in peptide chemistry and an important and decisive stimulus for future work in the area. The pleasant weather of Naples, offered to participants, beside science, the occasion of enjoying the city with its museums, monuments, and natural beauty.

*Contributed by Giancarlo Morelli*



*Some of the participants at the 14th Naples Workshop on Bioactive Peptides.*

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# In Memoriam

## Gunars Chipens (1933–2014)

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Professor Gunars Chipens passed away on April 29, 2014. His career at the Institute of Organic Synthesis of the Latvian Academy of Sciences spanned well over 40 years. Studies in peptide chemistry, biophysics and pharmacology in Latvia became internationally recognized under his undisputed leadership. His departure marks closing of a certain chapter of peptide research in Latvia.

Gunars Chipens had graduated from the Latvian State University in 1958 and had earned his doctoral degree working at the Institute of Organic Chemistry on the chemistry of aminotriazoles. In 1964 Dr. Chipens was invited to establish new field of research – chemistry of amino acids and peptides – in the Institute of Organic Synthesis. Initial scientific results were presented at the First Soviet Peptide Symposium in Riga in 1967, where Gunars met Professor Joseph Rudinger whose recognition and acknowledgement encouraged and inspired him for all his life. In 1973 Gunars Chipens earned the scientific degree of Dr. hab. in chemistry defending the thesis “Synthesis and investigation of structure-function organization of some peptide hormones and kinins”. He became the Director of the Institute of Organic Synthesis in 1975 and headed the Institute until 1982.



Gunars always was open to new ideas and his approach to peptide research always was a comprehensive one. While analyzing structure-activity relationships of peptide bioregulators he identified some similar structural elements (so-called “common fragments”) in their amino acid sequences. These findings and application of ideas and principles of

information theory for analysis of hormone-receptor interaction led to discovery of common principles of structure organization of peptide bioregulators. Combined with independent results of molecular modeling and conformational analysis it allowed design of cyclic analogues of linear peptides, which was quite innovative idea at the



time. Indeed, some cyclis analogues of angiotensin II and bradykinin synthesized in the Professor Chipens's lab revealed biological activity in standard pharmacological tests. He also paid a lot of attention to the applied peptide research: several peptide pharmaceuticals of oxytocin and vasopressin family had been developed as commercially available products during his tenure as Director of the Institute. Since research funding decreased dramatically after restoration of the independence of the Republic of Latvia in 1991, Professor Gunars Chipens devoted his time and efforts to analysis of theoretical aspects of the ligand-receptor interaction from the point of view of the principles of biochemical universality and aspects of genetic encoding of the protein structure.

Professor Gunars Chipens has authored more than 1000 scientific publications,

including five books. He has given also a number of conference presentations. His discoveries yielded 76 patents and certifications. He has been an advisor for 25 Ph.D. dissertations; his trainees and associates continue now his studies throughout the world. His outstanding accomplishments have been recognized by awarding him the prestigious State prizes and several other State decorations. He was elected a Member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences.

Those who knew him may testify that Professor Gunars Chipens was a genuine man of science who devoted his life to relentless pursuit for understanding laws governing Nature. He did it with dignity and integrity.

*Contributed by Peteris Romanovskis*

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# In Memoriam

## Geoffrey T. Young (1915–2014)

*First Chairman of the European Peptide Society*

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We are sad to report that Geoffrey Young died at home in Oxford on 24 May 2014, aged 98. Originally trained in carbohydrate chemistry, after wartime work on explosives he turned to amino acids and peptides. He made several fundamental contributions, especially to the understanding of racemization in peptide synthesis and how to plan to avoid or minimize it. In 1958 he was the British representative at the first small meeting of European peptide chemists convened by Josef Rudinger in Prague, and was an original member of the informal committee which organised subsequent symposia, and from which the present international network of Peptide Societies has evolved. Although he retired from research in 1982, he was a leading figure in European peptide science for more than another decade, and when the European Peptide Society was formalized he wrote its constitution and was its first Chairman.

He was a gentle, courteous, and wise man. His students loved him and he was universally respected among his peers.

A detailed Memoir is planned for the *Journal of Peptide Science*.

*Contributed by John Jones*

# Society News

## J. Rudinger and L. Zervas Awards

**33 EPS, Sofia, September 2014**

According to the results of EPS Council voting for 2014, the laureates are:

### **Rudinger Award 2014: Ernest Giralt**

The *Josef Rudinger Memorial Lecture Award* is presented every two years, during the European Peptide Symposium, in commemoration of Josef Rudinger's role in the foundation of the European Peptide Symposia and of diverse contributions he made to peptide chemistry. The Award honours a candidate with longstanding contributions to the field. The members of the General Assembly of EPS elected Prof. E. Giralt, full professor, Group Leader and Head of Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology Programme at the Institute for Research in Biomedicine, Barcelona, Spain as the winner for the 2014 Award. Prof. Giralt is recognized for his important contributions to the development of methodology in peptide synthesis, structural studies and molecular recognition and peptides and drug delivery.

Prof. Giralt's has published around 350 papers, 16 patents, numerous review articles, and several books that have become a reference in his field. In 2008, Ernest Giralt was accepted into the Royal Academy of Sciences and Arts of Barcelona. Along his career he has received various prizes: Leonidas Zervas Award (1994), Dimitrios Theodoropoulos Memorial Lecture Award (2010), Novartis Chemistry Lectureship Award (2011), and the Premio Nacional de Investigación (2011), the highest scientific award in Spain.

The Rudinger Memorial Lecture Award is graciously sponsored by Polypeptides Europe.



*Ernest Giralt*



### **Zervas Award 2014: Miguel Castanho and Philip Dawson**

The *Leonidas Zervas Award* is presented every two years, during the European Peptide Symposium, to the scientist who has in the opinion of the General Assembly 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. For the 2014 Award, the members of the General Assembly of EPS elected Prof. Miguel Castanho, University of Lisbon, Portugal and Prof. Philip Dawson, The Scripps Research Institute, as joint recipients of the Zervas Award.

Prof. Miguel Castanho is recognized for his major contributions to peptide biochemistry, biophysics and biology, particularly in the field of peptide-lipid interactions as they relate to antimicrobial and cell penetrating peptides. In addition, he has done important research on analgesic peptides crossing the blood brain barrier, work that was recognized by the Grünenthal Foundation Award and by the second prize in the Ideas-to-Product (I2P) European Entrepreneurship Competition. Prof. Castanho has published over 125 papers, reviews and book chapters, and served as editor for two books on translational peptide research. In addition to his widely acknowledged expertise in the peptide-membrane field, Prof. Castanho has shown exceptional organizational and leadership skills in related areas such as the mentoring of young scientists, or the organization of scientific meetings and societies, at both domestic and international levels, most often with peptides at the focus.

Prof. Philip Dawson is recognized for his critical role in the development of the native chemical ligation (NCL). He recognized that thiol catalysts were able to transthioesterify peptidethioesters. NCL is now the most practical method for the total chemical synthesis of proteins. Dawson continues to study

and extend NCL, by for instance the development of a solid phase synthesis method of Fmoc peptide-thioesters. In addition, Dawson's understanding of mechanistic organic chemistry led to his discovery of aniline catalysis of hydrazone and oxime formation. In recent work he has opened better access to C-terminal thioester peptides using an intramolecular activation approach using the diaminobenzoyl (Dbz) linker for peptide assembly. He was awarded the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, the Vincent du Vigneaud Award, and the Max-Bergmann-Medal 2011 for outstanding contributions in chemistry. Philip Dawson has published 123 papers, 10 reviews and book chapters and three patents.

The Zervas Award is graciously sponsored by the endowment of Dr. Rao Makineni.



*Miguel Castanho*



*Philip Dawson*

# Executive Committee Meeting

**University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy, Sofia,  
Bulgaria**

**15 March 2014**

- The President welcomed the EC members and the Organizers (I. Stoineva and L. Vezenkov) of the 33rd EPS as invited participants and informed them that at the last minute P. Cordopatis was unable to attend.

- The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 29–30th, 2013 at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, were accepted.

- *Report on the Wiley discussions.*

The Secretary and the Treasurer provided a report on the procedure and the results of the discussion with representatives of Wiley.

In 2012 the EC decided not to prolong the contract with Wiley regarding the Journal of Peptide Science and had concerns about the important accumulated debt with Wiley. Dr. Hugo Norlén, a business lawyer of Lindahl in Uppsala was contacted and involved as an adviser, proposed by Lars Baltzer, the Effective Member of Sweden at the General Assembly. The contract was ended on December 31st, 2013, by official notification before December 31st, 2012. The negotiations about a new contract were conducted in the initial stages by A.M. Papini (Treasurer) and D. Tourwé (Secretary), in the final stages also by F. Hudecz, as reported in details to the Executive Committee during the EC meeting in Budapest (29–30 March, 2013). After a final meeting in Brussels on September 28–29, 2013 with the Wiley representatives, M. Rothlisberger and R. Boucher, an agreement was reached for a new Journal Agreement and a separate one for the Website, running for five and three years respectively. The main features of the contracts are the following: The ownership of the Journal remains 50/50. The accumulated debt is cancelled and instead of a profit share model, a royalty on the net revenue of the

Journal is accepted. This will guarantee an annual income for EPS. The payments will be made in two installments: a first upfront payment will be made by Wiley in January 2014, the balance of the royalty being paid before 30 April 2015. This two-stage payment scheme will continue in the following years. The Website Agreement stipulates that EPS is the owner of the Website which is hosted and maintained by Wiley at an annual cost of 5500€ to be paid by EPS. Income from advertisers recruited by Wiley will be shared 50/50. EPS can recruit sponsors and will pay Wiley 50€ for putting each sponsor logo and company description on the website, 50€ to link the logo to the company website and another 50€ for providing to the sponsor the annual click-through statistics.

A.M. Papini reports that EPS requires a permission to perform commercial activities and needs to obtain a VAT number. The help of a competent lawyer for this is required. F. Hudecz expressed his sincere thanks to all members of the EC for their vivid discussions, wisdom and full involvement in the preparation, first the strategy/concept and then final form, of the new contracts during the last 14 months. He appreciated very much the hard work of the Secretary and the Treasurer for running the day-to-day negotiations, for clarifications all the legal and fiscal problems regarding the relationship between EPS and Wiley.

*Addendum: The VAT Number of the EPS was obtained after the EC meeting.*

- *General Assembly related issues.*

A meeting of the General Assembly by videoconference needs to be organized to approve the accounts 2013 and the budget 2014. As in 2013, the meeting will be organized by the Secretary at the Eötvös Loránd University,

Budapest, Hungary on May 28th. Besides the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary will attend in person. The Effective Members will be invited to attend in person, or by video. The agenda of the meeting will be prepared by the Treasurer (accounts 2013 and budget 2014) and Secretary (report on the activities) and sent to the Effective Members in due course.

The Secretary reported that in 2013 the Effective Member of Slovakia, Dr. J. Bakos resigned, and Dr. K. Krskova was elected as the new Effective Member of Slovakia. In 2014 re-elections will be needed for the following member countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and UK. A “de novo” election will be needed for Denmark, Hungary, Russia, Sweden. It was agreed that for the members to be re-elected, the Secretary will first inform with the present Effective Members whether they agree to continue their duties. In such a case, the members of the county involved will be informed and their consent will be requested, and in the absence of any alternative nomination, the current member will be considered re-elected. For “de novo” elections, a call for nominations will be done, followed by the election procedure by the national members.

Following the proposal of G. Pairas it was agreed on the need for updating the EPS membership list, which contains now 1676 members, of which some are duplicates, or not active in the peptide field anymore. A partial update will occur at the occasion of the election procedure for the Effective Members (see above). Wiley will be asked to provide an option to send a bulk e-mail to all registered members.

- *Update from Scientific Affairs sub-committee*

The Scientific Affairs officer, S. Lavielle presents an overview of the support for small meetings. In 2013 a total of 3000€ was accepted for donations for five meetings. Only two of them were already paid (1125€), for the others a report is awaited. For 2014, three meetings have been accepted for support (total accepted 2250€). Of them is already paid.

A report was obtained from the Austrian Peptide Symposium, but the organizer never submitted a request for support. The EC decided that in such a case the rules have to be followed and support cannot be given for posteriori requests. For the next edition of this Symposium, a request for support will be welcomed in advance.

A discussion within the Scientific Affairs Subcommittee on whether a continuation of the present system of support for small meetings is desired, or whether alternative options are preferred, is mentioned. The members of the EC agreed to outline a novel strategy of supporting small meetings (e.g. increasing the sum). The Scientific Affairs Subcommittee is invited to make a proposal on this matter by the next EC meeting.

Nominations for the Rudinger and Zervas awards have been received, but the deadline of March 31st is not yet attained.

- E. Nadyenova, T. Paypanova, D. Danalev and representatives of the PCO Company for International Congresses (CIC) joined the EC and *visited the National Palace of Culture, the site of the 33rd EPS*. A presentation about the practical organization is given by the CIC representative. The EC witnesses that the conference facilities are excellent and that the organization is very



professional. The Palace of Culture is located in the centre of Sofia, and all hotels are within short walking distance. Some hotels with cheap rates, but good quality are available for students in the city.

- *Progress report on the 33rd EPS*

I. Stoineva and L. Vezekov and other members of the organizing committee reported on the following topics:

- a) Outline of the scientific program (11 sessions), invited speakers;
- b) Registration exhibition and sponsorship status;
- c) Abstract book will be published as a special issue of the Journal of Peptide Science;
- d) The Young Investigators mini-symposium will be incorporated into the program, rather than being scheduled before the official symposium start on Sunday afternoon; this might require a parallel session;
- e) Travel grant applications will need the submission of an abstract, a motivation letter, a short cv and a letter of recommendation by the promoter. The selection committee will be composed by the Scientific Affairs officer of EPS, S. Lavielle and three members of the scientific committee of the conference.
- f) In response to the proposal of the EC (in March, 2013) registration fees have been reduced, compared to those of the 32nd EPS, but do not include the conference dinner. Depending on the available budget, a reduced fee for the conference dinner for students will be considered.
- g) It is suggested to invite Rao Makineni, as donator for the Zervas award.
- h) The Secretary has obtained the confirmation of Dr. Neil Thompson, Polypeptides that they will sponsor the Rudinger Award;

- i) The contribution of the 33rd EPS organisers to EPS is according to the Appendix 9 of the Bylaws of May 2012, as agreed in the signed confirmation letter of July 30th, 2012;
- j) General Assembly, Executive Committee meeting and International Liaison Committee meeting will be organized by the host in collaboration with the Secretary

- Skype discussion with the Communication Officer P. Cordopatis

The following topics were briefly discussed:

- a) The report on the Status of the Journal of Peptide Science, submitted by L. Moroder;
- b) The report on Newsletter production, submitted by P. Cordopatis;
- c) The report on the EPS Website development, submitted by G. Pairas, including notes by P. Cordopatis on the digitalization of previous Symposia and the EPS physical archive;
  - P. Cordopatis expressed the wish to organize an event at the 33rd EPS to promote the Newsletter and Website. The EC agreed and the organisers reacted positively.
  - The unused budget of 1000€ of 2013 for the digitalisation of previous EPS Proceeding volumes is asked to be available in 2014 for this purpose. The EC agreed and considered during the discussion of the EPS budget for 2014.
  - The printed back volumes of the Journal of Peptide Science and of EPS Proceedings can be accommodated in the University of Patras library.
  - A reimbursement of costs (e.g. 1000€ travel) made by the Website editor G. Pairas is asked and agreed.

● *Treasurer's report*

A financial statement was prepared by the auditor, Dr. Gori, and a certificate of conformity was provided. An overview of the financial situation of EPS from 2011 until 31/12/2013 and a detailed list of expenses and incomes in 2013 are given. After discussion, the Executive Committee approved and signed the Financial Statement document.

- The following documents as requested by the Statutes will be sent by the Secretary to the General Assembly members for final approval.

- Financial statements at 31/12/2013
- Notes to the financial statements closed on 31/12/2013
- Certification of the Financial Statement for the year ended on
- Expenses of competence of the previous year
- Budget of the European Peptide Society for the Year 2014
- Report on the activities of the Executive Committee.

A budget for 2014 was proposed. The EC interpreted the budget for 2014 as a figure without taking into account payments which are still due for 2013.

- The Secretary reported that a letter has been sent by the Secretary to the 34th EPS (2016) organizer A. Beck-Sickinger, asking to return a signed letter of agreement.

The EC acknowledges the confirmation of the intention to organize the 35th EPS in Ireland by C. Hewage. The EC will propose to the General Assembly in Sofia to agree with this location. For the 36th EPS (2020) an offer has been received from M. Teixido (Spain).

It was agreed by the EC members that a draft of a contract between EPS and the Symposia organisers will be prepared by A.M.Papini.

- Because of the new Statutes, which became effective in March 2012, the current term of the EC members F. Hudecz, S. Lavielle and A. M. Papini is ending in March 2016, while the current term of P. Cordopatis and D. Tourwé is ending in September 2016. In order to be in conformity with the statutes, two members (President and Scientific Affairs Officer) of the incoming EC should be elected already in 2014 for the period of 2016–2020. P. Cordopatis, as Communication Officer will not be eligible for re-election. F. Hudecz and S. Lavielle expressed the intention of retirement after the end of the current term in 2016. The nomination and election of new EC members will be made during the General Assembly in Sofia.

- The President thanked I. Stoineva and the members of the 33EPS Organizing Committee for the kind invitation, hospitality and organization of the EC Meeting in Sofia.

*Condensed by the Editor from the Minutes  
provided by the Secretary*

# International Liaison Committee (ILC) Meeting

**Hilton Hotel, Athens, Greece**

**4 September 2012**

Participants:

*American Peptide Society:* Emanuel Escher, Maurice Manning, Greg Fields

*Australian Peptide Association:* John Wade, Paul Alewood

*Chinese Peptide Community:* Keilang Liu, Yan-Mei Li

*European Peptide Society:* Ferenc Hudecz, Alex N. Eberle, Dirk Tourwe, Anna Maria Papini, Solange Lavielle, Paul Cordopatis

*Indian Peptide Society:* Not represented

*Japanese Peptide Society:* Yoshiaki Kiso, Yoshio Hayashi, Hidenhito Mukai

*Korean Peptide Society:* Not represented

*Singapore Peptide Community:* James Tam

- F. Hudecz welcomed all participants on behalf of EPS to this year's ILC meeting which was in accord with the previous practice – a mixed business meeting and lunch.
- The minutes of the ILC meeting in Kyoto in 2010 were circulated; they were already discussed during the APS meeting in San Diego.
- M. Manning, on behalf of the President of the APS, Prof. Ben Dunn, gave a report on the ILC meeting held in San Diego in June 2011, on the basis of notes composed by Benn Dunn. Major issues of that meeting were the frequency and sequence of International Peptide Symposia as well as the establishment of a high-impact journal in peptide science.

## ● *Reports from Peptide Societies*

- a) *American Peptide Society* (M. Manning)  
M. Manning reported about the forthcoming APS Symposium to be held in Hawai (23–27 June, 2013), which will also be the 6th International Peptide Symposium. In view of the latter, concerns were expressed about the international composition of the Scientific Program Committee and it was advised that an appropriate number of Committee members should be invited to participate in shaping the Symposium.
- b) *Japanese Peptide Society* (Y. Kiso)  
Y. Kiso reported about the forthcoming 49th Japanese Peptide Symposium that will be held November 7–9, 2012 in Kagoshima and the 50th Japanese Peptide Symposium in Osaka, which is also the 4th APIPS (Asian-Pacific International Peptide Symposium).
- c) *Australian Peptide Association* (J. Wade; P. Alewood)  
J. Wade and P. Alewood reported about next year's 10th Australian Peptide Conference to be held in Penang, Malaysia, from 8–13 September 2013.
- d) *Chinese Peptide Community* (K. Liu)  
K. Liu spoke about the activities of the Chinese peptide community and provided information that no formal Chinese Peptide Society does exist. However, the Chinese peptide community is always represented by the President of the Chinese Peptide Symposium held in every two years. The 13th Chinese International Peptide Symposium will be in July 2014.
- e) *Singapore Peptide Community* (J. Tam)  
J. Tam offered to organize a peptide meeting in Singapore just before or after the 10th Australian Peptide Conference of next year.



f) European Peptide Society (F. Hudecz)

F. Hudecz communicated that the EPS-33 will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in 2014 and the EPS-34 in Germany, most likely in Leipzig.

- Proposal on the rotation of the label “International Meeting” among Americas/Europe/Asia-Oceania (proposal by Ben Dunn) and the venue and time of the next International Peptide Society Meeting (J. Wade) 6th and 7th International Peptide Symposium (Y. Kiso)

The issue of rotating the label “International Peptide Symposium” was discussed in much detail; however, a consensus about the type of rotation and the venue of the 7th IPS was not achieved. F. Hudecz suggests to send all arguments to the President of the APS before the next ILC meeting at the forthcoming APS in Hawaii.

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# CALENDAR **of** Forthcoming Events

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## **33rd EUROPEAN PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM**

National Palace of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria  
31 August – 5 September 2014  
Website: [www.33eps2014.com](http://www.33eps2014.com)

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## **1st Peptides in Paris Symposium PIPS-2014**

Genevilliers, Paris, France  
5–8 October 2014  
Website: <https://iascolloque.u-cergy.fr>

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## **1st Peptide & Protein Chemistry & Biology**

Training Workshop for Postdoctoral fellows & PhD students  
Neuville Université, University of Cergy-Pontoise, France  
8–10 October 2014  
Website: <https://iascolloque.u-cergy.fr>

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## **Balard Chemistry Conferences: Self-Assembly of Biomolecules**

La Grande-Motte, France  
12–15 October 2014  
Website: [www.balard-conferences.fr](http://www.balard-conferences.fr)

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## **14th International Congress on Amino Acids, Peptides and Proteins**

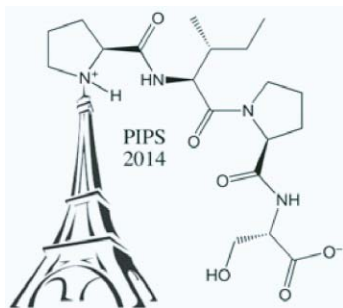
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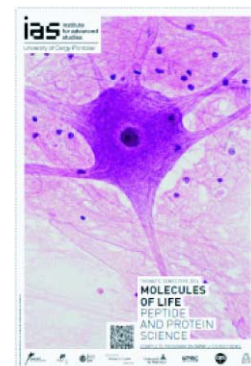
## **34th EUROPEAN PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM**

Leipzig, Germany, 2016





On behalf of the  
**Institute for Advanced Studies (IEA)**  
 of the University of Cergy Pontoise  
 under the auspices of the  
**European Peptide Society,**  
 we cordially invite you to the  
**1st Peptides in Paris Symposium**  
**PIPS-2014**  
<https://iascolloque.u-cergy.fr>



## **Re: Call for oral presentations and posters and training workshop for Young Investigators**

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you, your colleagues and your students to attend the "Peptides In Paris Symposium" (PIPS) from October 5-8, 2014. This symposium will take place in Genevilliers, (10 minutes by metro RER from the center of Paris) and will feature 15 plenary lectures from world leading experts (see below), 20 oral communications, which will be selected, and posters.

### **Invited speakers:**

Lars Baltzer (Sweden), Jean-Louis Banères (France), Christian Becker (Austria), Alicia Boto (Spain), Ashraf Brik (Israel), Nedjilko Budisa (Germany), Philip E. Dawson (USA), Assaf Friedler (Israel), Fernando Formaggio (Italy), Aphrodite Kapurniotu (Germany), Stephen Kent (USA), Galia Maayan (Israel), Giancarlo Morelli (Italy), Derek Woolfson (UK)

Note academic meeting registration is only 150€ (75€ for PhD and Post-doc) due to generous support from the Institute of Advanced Studies of the UCP. Registration includes admission to symposium welcome reception, gala dinner and lunches.

Furthermore, help us to identify talented Young Investigators, who are invited to submit their candidature for selection for a training course, which will be held after the Symposium. Space is available for 25 participants in this special workshop (75€ for PhD and Post-doc) at the Peptide Lab of UCP, October 8-10, 2014 featuring tutorials on:

Innovations in peptide synthesis: Luis Moroder (Germany)

Chemical Ligation: Stephen Kent (USA)

Post-translational modifications: Michael Chorev (USA)

Purification and formulation strategies: Waleed Danhoe (USA)

Biophysical characterization: Assaf Friedler (Israel)

De novo design and conformational analysis: Claudio Toniolo (Italy)


as well as novel instrumentation and technology tutorials by industrial leaders including: Microwave Synthesis: Giorgio Marini CEM

Resins and reagents: Peter White Nova Biochem – Merck Chemicals

Sincerely,

Anna-Maria Papini, Solange Lavielle and William Lubell

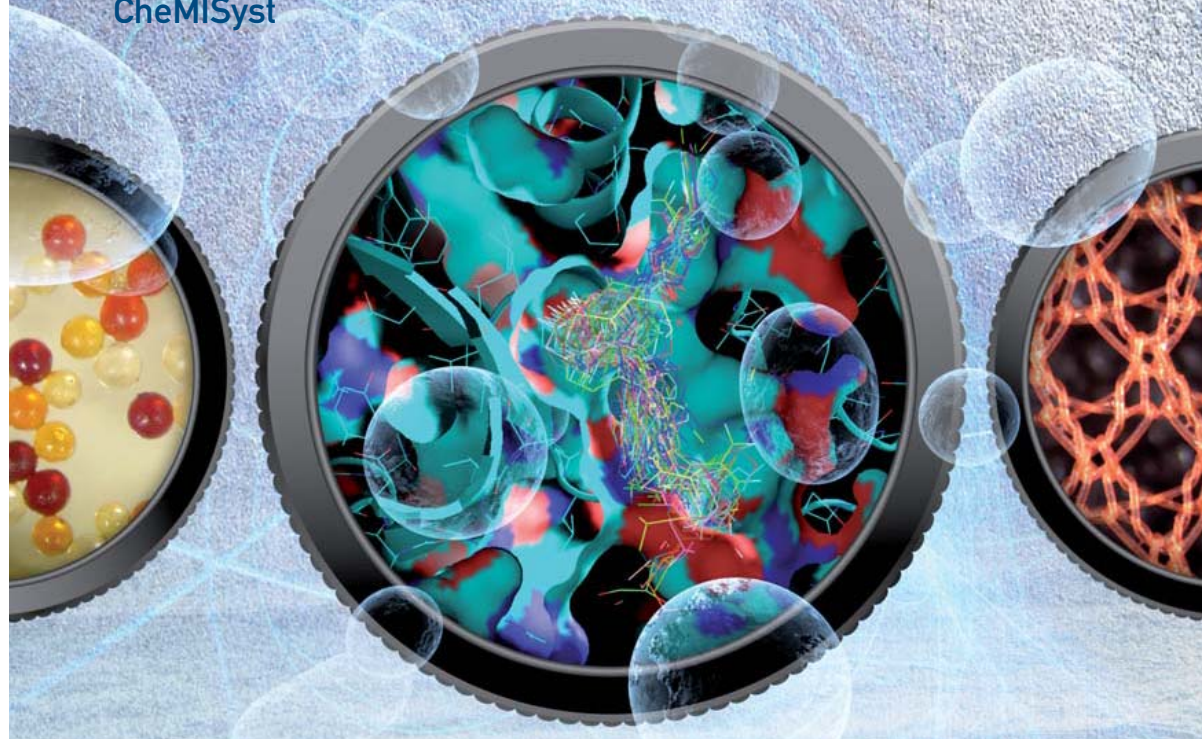
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