

2015 Newsletter

December, 2015



Message from the President

As the current President of the ISHC, it is my duty and pleasure to inform the membership of the developments and actions that have affected our society in the past year.

The 25th ISHC Congress was held in Santa Barbara, CA USA August 23-28, 2015



Thanks to Congress Chair, Tom Pettus, and the Organization Committee the 25th ISHC Congress last summer was a great success. The 283 registered attendees enjoyed 12 plenary and award lectures along with 33 invited lectures, 64 short talks, over 215 posters, and an exposition. The beautiful setting and social activities added to the exciting heterocyclic chemistry presented. Over 30 countries were represented at the Congress. The 1st ISHC E. C. Taylor Senior Award went to Janine Cossy (France), and the A. R. Katritzky Junior Award was presented to Hidetoshi Tokuyama (Japan).

Plenary Lecturers: Phil Baran (Scripps, CA), André Charette (U. of Montreal), Janine Cossy (ESPCI, Paris), Larry Overman (UC Irvine), Al Padwa (Emory), Matt Shair (Harvard), Erik Sorensen (Princeton), Brian Stoltz (Caltech), Hidetoshi Tokuyama (Tohoku Univ.), Dean Toste (Berkeley), Christina White (U. of Illinois), John Wood (Baylor Univ.).

Invited Lecturers: Aaron Aponick (US), Xu Bai (China), Chris Borths (US), Ben Bradshaw (Spain), Margaret Brimble (NZ), Antonio Burtoloso (Brazil), Carl Busacca (US), Victor Cee (US), Jef De Brabander (US), Flavio Emery (Brazil), Andrew

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Evans (Canada), Andrew Flick (US), Zlatko Janeba (Czech Rep.), Krishna Kaliappan (India), Stan Kolis (US), Jeff Kuethe (US), Timothy Lash (US), Tom Livinghouse (US), David Lupton (Australia), Geraldine Masson (France), Nuno Maulide (Austria), Christian Melander (US), Rocio Montano (Mexico), Thomas Müller (Germany), Johannes Platzek (Germany), Chris Ramsden (UK), Magnus Rueping (Germany), Victor Snieckus (Canada), Chris Stevens (Belgium), Naoki Toyooka (Japan), David Williams (US), Biao Yu (China), Arman Zakarian (US), Liming Zhang (US).

The Congress would not have been financially successful without support from industry. The sponsors for the 25th ISHC Congress were: Abbvie, Amgen, American Elements, Bayer Health Care, Biogen, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Boehringer Ingelheim, Eastman, Genentech, Lilly, Merck, Pfizer, Sanofi, Scynexis, JOC, Thieme, and W&J PharmaChem, Inc. The Society is very grateful to these sponsors for their support.

Meeting of the ISHC Executive and Advisory Committees in Santa Barbara

The Executive/Advisory Committees held their joint biennial meeting on August 27th at the ISHC Congress. In attendance were: Dan Comins, President; Oliver Reiser, President-Elect; Fred Luzzio, Treasurer; Tom Pettus, Publicist; David Williams, Secretary-Elect; Advisory Committee members: Alan Aitken, Flavio Emery, Xu Bai, Walter Huebsch; and Senior Fellow, Al Padwa.

Several topics were discussed including the upcoming membership drive, finances, the institution of ISHC Affiliate Groups, the creation of an ISHC Industrial Award, the site for the 26th ISHC Congress in 2017, and Senior Fellow nominations.

ISHC Affiliate Groups

In 2015, the ISHC instituted international Affiliate Groups. The addition of Affiliate Groups is in line with the aims of the Society which include: a) To provide a medium for the dissemination of knowledge dealing with current research in heterocyclic chemistry; b) To provide a medium for communication, cooperation, and understanding for persons of all nationalities who are concerned with the field of heterocyclic chemistry; c) To stimulate general interest in the field of heterocyclic chemistry among persons of all nationalities; d) To encourage the study of heterocyclic chemistry in institutions of higher learning at all levels and to improve the quality of teaching of heterocyclic chemistry; and e) To encourage the application of heterocyclic chemistry to the service of mankind through international cooperation among industry, governments, and concerned institutions.

Thanks to the efforts of Flavio Emory, our Brazilian member of the Advisory

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Committee, the BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES (ABCF) is now our first Affiliate group. We are having discussions with groups in Japan, India, Canada, and Australia with the hope of adding more Affiliate Groups in the upcoming year(s). If you have any suggestions on other potential Affiliate Groups, please contact the ISHC President or the Advisory Committee member in your area.

ISHC Senior Fellows

The Constitution of the Society indicates that up to two Senior Fellows can be appointed at each ISHC Congress. Professor Margaret Brimble (University of Auckland, NZ) and Professor Yasuyuki Kita (Ritsumeikan University, Kusatsu, Shiga, Japan) are the 2015 recipients of this honor. Previously appointed Fellows are Hans Neunhoeffer, Raymond Castle, Alan Katritzky, Thomas Kappe, Henk van der Plas, Charles Rees, Albert Padwa and Victor Snieckus.

Please note that any ISHC member can make nominations for new Senior Fellows of the Society. The nominee must have been a member of the Society for at least 5 years, and must have made outstanding contributions to the ISHC and/or to the field of heterocyclic chemistry. Nominations can be sent to the President at any time. Please provide both a letter and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

ISHC Membership

Fred Luzzio, the Society's treasurer, has reported that the membership stands at 488 in 2015 from 413 in 2014. We hope to raise the number to >600 in 2016-17, so help out by renewing your membership and actively recruiting new members into the Society. The membership fee is still relatively inexpensive (\$35/yr or \$90/3 yrs). Check the website <<http://www.ishc-web.org/>> for benefits associated with membership.

2015 Elections

After the 2015 election, on January 1, 2016, the current members of the Executive and Advisory Committees are:

Executive: President: Oliver Reiser; Past President: Dan Comins; Secretary: David Williams; Treasurer: Fred Luzzio; Publicist: Tom Pettus.

Advisory: Alan Aitken, Flavio Emery, Andy Evans, Bernardo Herradon, Walter Huebsch, Masa Inoue, John Macor, Steve Martin, Craig Williams.

(See the website for contact information.)

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The 26th ISHC Congress

The 26th ISHC Congress will be held in Regensburg, Germany in September, 2017. More information will be posted on our website in the coming months.

Closing Remarks

This Newsletter is my last official duty as ISHC President. I have enjoyed serving as President the last two years and working with the Committee members to keep our Society alive and well. It was also a pleasure to meet many of our members at the recent Congress in Santa Barbara. Let's all wish Oliver Reiser well as he leads the Society as our President the next two years. I hope you all had a great holiday season. Best wishes,

Dan Comins
President, ISHC