

Association News and Announcements

PROMOTION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES IN EUROPE: A NEW ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED

The European Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences—with the acronym *EUFEPS*—was established on September 21, 1991, when its inaugural council meeting took place in Strasbourg. The meeting was opened by Mr. Anders Björck, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The Federation is a voluntary association of pharmaceutical scientists, established to advance research in the pharmaceutical sciences in Europe. This is to be achieved by promoting cooperation between national, regional, and European societies or associations as well as individuals which aim at the advancement of pharmaceutical sciences.

Presently the Federation comprises societies from 15 European countries (Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Sweden, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia). The secretariat of the new organization is located in Stockholm, where it is run by the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The executive committee of the Federation constitutes: Prof. E. Mutschler, Frankfurt (D), President; Prof. D. D. Breimer, Leiden (NL), Vice President; Prof. S. Agurell, Stockholm (S), General Secretary; Prof. P. Sensi, Milan (I), Treasurer; Prof. K. Nikolics, Sopron (H), Member; Prof. P. Rossignol, Paris (F), Member.

One of the most important tasks for the Federation is to ensure that a close cooperation and exchange of knowledge between the nations now takes place. Among major objectives of the Federation is to facilitate the exchange of scientific information between European pharmaceutical scientists, to enhance the recognition of the pharmaceutical sciences, and to contribute to public policy relevant to the pharmaceutical sciences and drug related issues on the European level. The First European Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences will take place on October 7–9, 1992 in Amsterdam.

Mr. Björck eloquently spoke about the importance for the European countries to work together and underlined the importance of having joint European accomplishments, such as the Federation, rather than limited, uncoordinated efforts country by country. He also pointed out the need for involvement of Eastern Europe which needs short term support to initiate future rapid development. He finally assured the participants of the interest of the Council of Europe in maintaining contacts with the Federation.

APV SEMINARS

Pulsatile Drug Delivery—Current Applications and Future Trends. The Third APV-CRS Joint Workshop will be held on May 20–22, 1992, in Königswinter/Bonn, Germany.

Impurities in Starting Materials and Medicinal Products. This Seminar will be held on June 1–2, 1992, in Frankfurt/Bad Homburg, Germany.

38th Annual Congress: Aktuelle Hilfsstoffe für die Arzneimitteltechnologie. This seminar will be held on April 1–4, 1992, in Regensburg, Germany.

INTERNATIONAL OPEN CONFERENCE ON DISSOLUTION, BIOAVAILABILITY, AND BIOEQUIVALENCE

This conference is presented by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Canadian Health Protection Branch (HPB), and the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) and will be held on June 15–18, 1992 at the L'Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Topics include drug standards and drug information issues. For further information, contact Anju Malhorta in the USP Drug Standards Division at 1-301-816-8346.

19TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CONTROLLED RELEASE OF BIOACTIVE MATERIALS

The meeting will be held on July 26–29, 1992 in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. For further information, contact CRS Administrative Office, 1020 Milwaukee, Ste. 235, Deerfield, Illinois 60015 U.S.A. Telephone: 708-808-7071; fax: 708-808-7073.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT: CORRELATION TO HUMAN PERFORMANCE

This Controlled Release Society workshop following the 19th International CRS Symposium will be held on July 30–31, 1992 in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.

VETERINARY APPLICATIONS OF CONTROLLED DRUG DELIVERY

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCES IN DELIVERY OF THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

This meeting is cosponsored by Controlled Release Society, Australian Pharmaceutical Science Association, Royal Australian Chemical Institute, and Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists and it will be held on December 9–11, 1992 in Sydney, Australia. For further information, contact CRS Administrative Office, 1020 Milwaukee, Ste. 235, Deerfield, Illinois 60015 U.S.A. Telephone: 708-808-7071; fax 708-808-7073.