

Announcement

The Phytochemical Society of Europe

The Phytochemical Society of Europe (PSE) was founded in 1957. Its aim is to promote the understanding of plant constituents in respect of their chemistry, function, biosynthesis, and effects on the physiology and pathology of living organisms. A further objective is the application of such knowledge in agriculture and industry.

Details of the PSE are given at: <http://www.dmu.ac.uk/ln/pse>



Meetings in 2004

In 2004, the PSE organised three successful meetings, one being the traditional Joint Meeting of ASP, GA, AFERP and PSE. This joint meeting “2004 International Congress on Natural Products Research” took place in Phoenix (Arizona, USA) from 31 July to 4 August. The whole field of Natural Products Research was represented by plenary lectures and about 50 short oral contributions and 600 posters.

The PSE Young Scientists’ Symposium took place from 5 to 8 May in Gargnano, Italy. Besides 11 plenary lectures, more than 100 young scientists presented their research on plant natural products in oral presentations and posters.

“Phytochemistry and Application of Plant Saponins” was the topic of the PSE meeting in Pulawy, Poland which took place from 8 to 10 September. Nearly 100 participants from Poland and 18 other countries took the opportunity to meet, discuss and learn about the most recent results on saponins. In all, there were 14 plenary lectures, 19 oral and 79 poster presentations.

The PSE presented a number of Travel Grants to young scientists actively participating in one of these conferences.

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Meetings in 2005

20–22 April 2005: *TERPNET2005 – Joint Meeting organised by Terpnet and PSE*, Wageningen (The Netherlands). TERPNET2005 is dedicated to reporting on the latest advances in the chemistry and biology of terpenes and isoprenoids. The meeting is being hosted by Wageningen University and Research Centre. For more information see www.plant.wur.nl/projects/terpnet/

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22–25 June 2005: *PhytoPharm2005 – Plants and Health*, St. Petersburg (Russia). This meeting is co-organised by the Interregional Centre “Adaptogen” and the PSE. The scientific program covers many important current aspects of pharmaceutical sciences and the pharmaceutical industry. Scientists from eastern and western European countries are invited to meet each other in St. Petersburg. For more information, visit the website at: <http://adaptogen.by.ru/phyto2005.html>

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23–29 September 2005: *21st Conference on Isoprenoids*, Bialystok-Bialowieza (Poland). This year the PSE is honoured to act as an associated organiser in this series of Polish–Czech meetings. The conference will bring together researchers working on both plant and animal isoprenoids to present and discuss their most recent discoveries.

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1–5 November 2005: *Phytotherapy – the role of an ancient tradition in modern times*, Funchal, Madeira (Portugal). This meeting will present the latest advances in our understanding of how traditional knowledge is aiding the development of new treatments.

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In order to advance phytochemical research, the PSE undertakes a number of activities:

- Organisation of several scientific meetings each year and publication of the proceedings in the peer-reviewed journal “Phytochemistry Reviews”.

- The PSE–Pierre-Fabre Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding young phytochemist.
- PSE provides Travel Awards for young scientists to present their research at PSE meetings.
- Reduced registration fees for PSE meetings
- Regular mailing of information
- Up-to-date information on the PSE website
- Reduced subscription rates for “Phytochemistry” and “Phytochemistry Reviews” and some books.

Benefits of PSE membership

Membership of the PSE is worldwide and open to anyone with an interest in the chemistry, biochemistry and genetics of plant metabolism. Members benefit from:

Contact with the PSE

For details of membership, consult the PSE homepage at <http://www.dmu.ac.uk/ln/pse> or send an e-mail to the Membership Secretary Simon Gibbons at pse@ulsop.ac.uk.