

EAPB: New Executive Committee 2007

In 2006 the *European Association of Pharma Biotechnology* (EAPB) had elections for two members of the Executive Committee (EC). The constitutional meeting of the new EC took place in Berlin on February 19, 2007. The new EC, being composed of 3 previous members and the 2 new members elected the following persons for the different positions within the EC:

President of EAPB:	Wieland Wolf, PhD/Rentschler GmbH
1 st Vice President:	Karoline Bechtold-Peters, PhD/Boehringer Ingelheim
2 nd Vice President:	Sven Stegemann, PhD/Capsugel AG
Scientific Secretary I:	Barry Moore, PhD/XstalBio Ltd.
Scientific Secretary II + Treasurer:	Jörg Knäblein, PhD/Bayer-Schering Pharma AG

The EC further appointed Professor Rainer Müller/Free University of Berlin as General Secretary for the upcoming period of office.



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The Board of Governors (BG) of EAPB is composed of the 5 governors of the executive committee, running the daily business, and additional appointed governors for additional support of the society. All previous governors were re-appointed for the next 2 years.

The outgoing president, Sven Stegemann reviewed the activities over the last 2 years. One important milestone was the agreement with Elsevier to make the *European Journal of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics*, also the official journal of EAPB and introducing a section Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. Stegemann pointed out that this is a win-win situation for all, not only for Elsevier and EAPB but also for the promotion of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology in Europe. The section of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology was established by Gary Walsh, University of Limerick/Ireland, and is presently continued by Professor Gerrit Borchard, University of Geneva. Most important cooperation partner of EAPB outside of Europe is the Biotech Group of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS). EAPB contributes to the programming of the National Biotechnology Conferences organized by AAPS in the US. A joint Monoclonal Antibody Workshop will take place in conjunction with the FIP meeting in Amsterdam (April 26 and 27, 2007).

The meeting in Berlin was a meeting of the full board of the EAPB, which consists of the executive committee and appointed governors. In the meeting the strategy of EAPB was outlined for the upcoming 2 years under its new president. Emphasis will be given to the networking opportunities within EAPB members, but also extending networking contacts to countries outside of Europe. EAPB organizes meetings and events in conjunction with other large meetings, e.g. as done with the PharmSciFair in Nice in 2005 and this year the FIP meeting in Amsterdam. The next important upcoming European meeting for EAPB is the World Congress on Pharmaceutics, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology in Barcelona in 2008, where also the next membership meeting of EAPB will take place.