



Announcement

The Phytochemical Society of Europe

<http://www.phytochemicalsociety.org>

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.

Successful meetings in 2008

The 2008: Young Scientists Meeting “Future trends in phytochemistry: compounds-enzymes-genes”, was successfully organized by Maike Pettersen in Bad Herrenalb (Germany) from 26 to 29 March. About 100 mostly younger scientists presented their research and enjoyed a very stimulating scientific environment.

“Plant–microbial interaction”, was the topic of a PSE meeting that took place from 2 to 6 July 2008 in Krakow (Poland). Katarzyna Turnau and her coworkers organised a very successful meeting on this interesting subject.

The 7th Joint Meeting of AFERP, ASP, GA, PSE & SIF took place in the Intercontinental Hotel in Athens (Greece) from 3 to 8 August 2008. Leandros Skaltsounis, Joel Boustie and their team assembled a magnificent group of invited speakers that informed the over 1200 participants about the current status of natural products research.

A number of Travel Grants and Awards were presented from all the organizing societies to young scientists actively participating in this conference.

PSE awarded the Silver Medal of the society to Professor Arnold Vlietinck for his scientific calibre and contributions to the society.

The PSE-Apivita award for 2008 was presented to **Ulf Göransson** (Uppsala University, Sweden) for his contributions in the field of cyclic peptides.

“Natural Products in Cancer Therapy” meeting was organized by Virginia Lanzotti in Naples (Italy) in a beautiful old University of Naples building from 23 to 26 September 2008. The interdisciplinary contributions for Chemistry, Biology and Medicine created a stimulating environment and the organizer is considering a repeat of the conference in two years time.

A number of Travel Grants were presented to young scientists actively participating in all of the above conferences.

The PSE thanks all the organisers for their excellent work.

Forthcoming meetings in 2009

The Symposium **“Plants from High Altitude – Phytochemistry and Bioactivity”** will be organized in collaboration with Österreichische Pharmazeutische Gesellschaft in Obergurgl (Tyrol, Austria) from 26 to 29 April 2009. A rich scientific and social program is already arranged. For further information contact: Franz Bucar, e-mail: franz.bucar@uni.graz.at.

The 2009 Young Scientists Meeting. **“Future trends in Phytochemistry in the global era of agri-food and health”** will take place in Los Alcázares, Murcia (Spain) from 12 to 14 May, 2009. Younger scientists (Diploma/Master students, PhD students, Post-Docs) are especially invited to present their research results in lectures and posters, and to discuss them with colleagues and with senior scientists. For further information, contact: Dr Cristina García-Viguera, e-mail: cebas.pseysmspain09@cebas.csic.es.

The 6th European Conference on Marine Natural Products will take place in the city of Porto, Portugal, from the 19th to the 22nd July 2009. The meeting will cover both traditional and emerging areas of Marine Natural Products. For further information visit <http://www.cimar.org/6ECMNP>. The conference is organized by Anake Kijjoa in collaboration with PSE.

The **“Natural Pesticides”** conference will be held on Island of La Palma, Canary Islands (Spain) from 21 to 26 September, 2009. For further information, please contact: Dr Azucena González, e-mail: azu@ccma.csic.es.

42nd Annual General Meeting of the Society The 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the congress venue CAR Infanta Cristina, Los Alcazares, Murcia, 12.30 h on Thursday 14th May 2009, in conjunction with the Young Scientists Meeting: Future Trends in Phytochemistry in the global era of agri-food and health.

The Phytochemical Society of Europe

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 – Apivita Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding young phytochemist.
- The Jeffrey Harborne Award is given to young scientists giving outstanding oral and/or poster presentations at PSE Young Scientists’ Meetings.
- PSE provides Travel Bursaries for young scientists to present their research at PSE meetings.

Benefits of PSE membership

Membership of the PSE is worldwide and open to anyone with an interest in plant natural products and related fields. Members benefit from:

- Reduced registration fees for PSE meetings.
- Regular mailing and/or e-mailing of information.
- Up-to-date information on the PSE website.
- Reduced subscription rates for “Phytochemistry”, “Phytochemistry Letters”, and “Phytochemistry Reviews”, and some books.

Contact with the PSE

For details of membership, consult the PSE homepage at <http://www.phytochemicalsociety.org> or send an e-mail to the Membership Secretary Deniz Tasdemir at deniz.tasdemir@pharmacy.ac.uk.

PLEASE!

All PSE members wishing to receive regular information on PSE events must send their valid e-mail address to Deniz Tasdemir at deniz.tasdemir@pharmacy.ac.uk. A postal mailing will only be made once a year.