



Swiss Society of Experimental Pharmacology

Société Suisse de Pharmacologie Expérimentale
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Experimentelle Pharmakologie

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SSEP ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Memberships: On December 2022 the SSEP had 90 members including one honorary member (Prof. Hanns Paul Möhler).

We mourn the loss of a valued colleague and great pharmacologist, Prof. Harald Reuter (1934-2022), who was honorary member of the SSEP. In recognition and appreciation of his many years of service to science and pharmacology, we will honor his memory.

Board:

President: PD Dr. Stephan Kellenberger, University Lausanne

Past-President: Prof. Dr. Stephan von Gunten, University Bern

Secretary: PD. Dr. Georgia Konstantinidou, University of Bern

Treasurer: PD Dr. Matthias Wyss, University Zurich

Council member: PD Dr. Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt, AlloCytte Pharmaceuticals AG, Basel

Council member: Prof. Dr. Carole Bourquin, University Geneva

Council member: Prof. Dr. Leonardo Scapozza, University Geneva

Council member: Prof. Dr. Csaba Szabo, University Fribourg

Changes in the SSEP council and administration

Our treasurer, Matthias Wyss, will resign at this year's general assembly from his function in the SSEP council. We thank Matthias cordially for his engagement in our society. At the end of 2022, the administrative assistant of the SSEP, Katrin Uster (University of Zürich) has resigned from her function that she has exerted during many years. We cordially thank Katrin Uster for her contributions during all these years. It has been a pleasure to work with Katrin Uster and Matthias Wyss. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

We are glad to announce that Leonardo Scapozza, a current member of the SSEP council, will be our new treasurer. Vanda Sutovska of the University of Bern is our new administrative assistant. We welcome her in our society and look forward to collaborating with her.

Board meetings: Two SSEP board meetings took place in 2022, both by videoconference; one on February 17 and one on October 24. The general assembly of the SSEP was held in person during the SSPT Spring meeting on April 28.



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SSEP Website and communication: The address of the SSEP website is <https://experimental-pharmacology.ch>.

The SSEP would like to update the **News and Highlights section** on the SSEP website with selected original publications from SSEP members. **SSEP members are encouraged to submit recent publications with a brief statement on impact and relevance to other society members (see information on website).**

Members regularly received society news via e-mail.

LinkedIn: As a second internet platform, the SSEP hosts an interest group on LinkedIn. Registered members can access information on scientific meetings relevant to experimental pharmacology.

Scientific and educational activities: In 2022, members of the SSEP were engaged in the organization of the following scientific events:

- SSPT Symposium "Advances in pharmacology: Pharmacotherapies of pain and pharmacology of cannabinoids", 19 January 2022 in Bern. Organization: SSPT task force with Prof. Leonardo Scapozza and Prof. Stephan von Gunten.
- The SSPT spring meeting with the topic "Outbreak Covid-19" was held in person in Bern on April 28. Several members of the SSEP board participated in the organization of this meeting.
- At the LS2 Annual Meeting 2022 that was held in Zurich on April 21-22, Georgia Konstantinidou organized the SSEP symposium "Advances in Translational Pharmacology".
- 20th International Summer School on Translational Medicine, Drug Discovery and Inspiration in Bönigen, August 21-23, 2022, organized by Stephan von Gunten and Thomas Kaufmann.

Prizes: The SSEP awarded a prize of CHF 500 at the LS2 meeting for the best short oral presentation at the SSEP symposium. The winner was Chiara Pozzato of the University of Bern with the presentation "Combined inhibition of ERK5 and CDK5 synergistically suppresses cell proliferation and induces cell death in non-small cell lung cancer". At the SSPT spring meeting in Bern, two poster prizes sponsored by the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research were awarded. The winners were Darko Stojkov of the University of Bern, with the poster "Empagliflozine for treating neutropenia/neutrophil dysfunction in infants with glycogen storage disorder Ib under the age of 1 year" and Ophélie Molton, University of Lausanne, with the poster "Determination of the Ca²⁺ binding sites of acid-sensing ion channel 1a".

International contacts: The SSEP keeps close contact to international societies and associations including IUPHAR and EPHAR. Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon, University Bern, is board member of the Immunopharmacology Section of IUPHAR. The SSEP is also connected via the SSPT to international organizations. Caroline Samer, SSPT member, is member of the IUPHAR



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executive committee. In 2022, Prof. Stephan von Gunten, SSEP council member, was elected as a EPHAR Executive Committee member for the period 2022-2026.

European Certified Pharmacologist (EuCP): The SSPT has become the national evaluation committee for the title "European Certified Pharmacologist". The program for registering for this title was launched in Switzerland in spring 2022. By the end of 2022, two applications were received.

Travel grants: In 2022, the SSPT financed two post-doctoral travel grants for a total amount of ~1820 CHF.

I would like to thank my colleagues of the SSEP board as well as the SSEP members for stimulating discussions and for the support throughout the reporting period.

PD. Dr. Stephan Kellenberger
President SSEP

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