



Swiss Society of Experimental Pharmacology

Société Suisse de Pharmacologie Expérimental
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Experimentelle Pharmakologie

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SSEP ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Memberships: On December 2020 the SSEP had 99 members including two honorary members (Prof. Harald Reuter, Prof. Hanns Paul Möhler).

Board:

President: PD Dr. Stephan Kellenberger, University Lausanne

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

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

Treasurer: PD Dr. Matthias Wyss, University Zurich

Council member: PD Dr. Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt, AlloCyte 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

Board meetings: Two SSEP board meetings took place in 2020, one in Zurich on February 14, during the LS2 Annual Meeting 2020, and one by videoconference on November 18, 2020. The general assembly of the SSEP was initially scheduled to take place during the SSPT Spring meeting on April 16. Since the SSPT Spring meeting was cancelled, the general assembly took place as a videoconference on May 4, 2020.

SSEP Website and communication: The website of the SSEP is integrated in the web platform of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) and was updated by the SSEP secretary to provide current information on society activities and scientific meetings. In 2020, the SCNAT has updated the layout of their web sites. With this, the SSEP website got a new look. Since with the new SCNAT web site the societies obtained more freedom in choosing their web site address, we have changed the SSEP website address to <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 apply with a brief statement on impact and relevance to other society members (see information on website).**

Members regularly received society news via e-mail.



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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 2020, members of the SSEP were engaged in the organization of the following scientific events:

- SSPT Symposium "Fortschritte in der Pharmakologie: Herz-Kreislauf-Erkrankungen im Fokus: Von der Prävention bis zur Intervention", 22 January 2020 in Bern
Organization: SSPT task force with Prof. Leonardo Scapozza and Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon.
- At the LS2 Annual Meeting 2020 in Zürich on February 13-14, 2020, the SSEP contributed a poster prize of CHF 500. The winner was Paulina Nowak with the poster " Interaction between plasma membrane tension and mTOR complex 2: Lessons learned from drugging membranes".

Other meetings, including the SSPT spring meeting, were planned for 2020, had however to be canceled due Covid-19.

Prizes: The SSEP poster prize of the LS2 meeting is mentioned above. Other, traditional prizes were not attributed this year, due to the cancellation of the SSPT spring meeting.

International contacts: The SSEP keeps close contact to international societies and associations including IUPHAR and EPHAR. Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon, University Bern is Vice-Chair of the Immunopharmacology Section of IUPHAR.

European Certified Pharmacologist (EuCP): Several members of the SSEP council have been actively involved in elaborating guidelines for the attribution of the EuCP title to pharmacologists in Switzerland. These guidelines have been accepted by the EPHAR (<https://www.epharm.org>), and it is planned that the first applications can be received in fall 2020.

Travel grants: In 2020 the SSEP did not receive any applications for SSEP/SSPT travel grants, due to the fact that most international congresses were cancelled or held online.

Stephan von Gunten has stepped down from his function as SSEP president at the General Assembly in Spring 2020. I thank him for his excellent leadership during the past years as the head of the society. I would also 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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