

## Minutes of the General Assembly of the Purine and Pyrimidine Society and of the PP13 meeting.

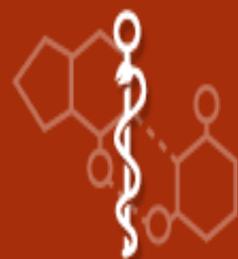
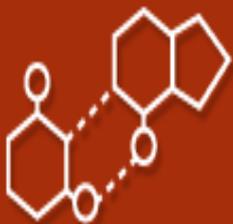
Madrid, June 11, 2013.

**Attendees:** 25 participants, including the Executive committee (the President of the Society (Juan G. Puig, JP), the Treasurer (Monica Loffler, ML), the Secretary (Frits Peters, FP), and most of the Scientific Committee.

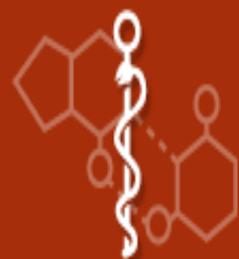
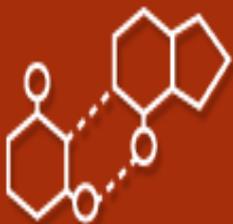
Opening:

The meeting was opened by the new PPS president Juan Puig, who welcomed all.

1. **The minutes** of the General Assembly of 2011 were approved.
2. **Report on membership of PPS.** FP's secretary Saskia Broekman (SB) has cleaned and updated the membership list, which was sent to all PPS members. The list contains everybody who once became a member (since 1987). FP was given authority to clean up the membership list, by informing all "non-paying members" (except honorary members) that membership would be suspended when no payment on 2012/2013 would be received in 2013, or on 2014/2015 before PP15. FP would appreciate any information on members who retired or deceased in order to keep the list up-to-date.
3. **Report on PP foundation:** In order to organize the legal aspects of the Society a Foundation was set-up with its seat in Amsterdam, NL. This foundation states in its statutes its relationship to the PPS. The Foundation will take care of the finances. A bank account was opened in 2011 and the money of ESSPPMM was transferred to PPS in March 2011. It was agreed that JP will join the board of the Foundation.
4. **LinkedIn.** FP opened a LinkedIn group and welcomes everybody to use it e.g. by starting a discussion. Currently the group has 30 followers.
5. **PPS finances.** ML gave a short overview of the financial situation of the PPS. Current status is € 10,054. Income consisted of the transfer of the ESSPPMM account (€ 12,642), membership fee (€ 2000) and interest (€ 359). Costs consisted of the incorporation of the foundation, membership fee of the Chamber of Commerce, maintenance of the website, and bank costs. FP was asked to further explore other payment methods, such as by credit card.
6. **Election of new members to the PPS committees**
  - a. **Membership executive committee:** According to the statutes, Juan Puig is the new president and Staffan Eriksson and Kimiyoshi Ichida are the new past-presidents. ML agreed to remain treasurer and FP to remain publication secretary/secretary
  - b. **Membership of the scientific committee:** In their meeting the executive and scientific committee agreed to review membership of the scientific committee, in order to improve the geographical distribution and representation of various disciplines. Three committees have been appointed, one on Inborn Errors, one on Basic Sciences and one on Oncology/virology, while Kimiyoshi Ichida will review Japanese membership.
7. **Report on the PP13 meeting.**



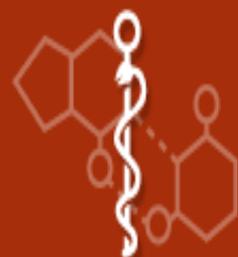
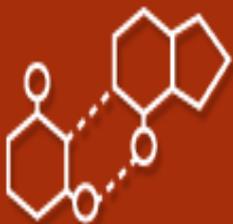
- a. **PP13 meeting:** JP gave a report on the organization of the PP13 meeting. He, Rosa Torres and their team were congratulated with the perfect organization and their hospitality. JP summarized the help of colleagues, students and patients. Sponsoring was obtained from Takeda, from the PP07 meeting, Menarini (only badges), several patients (e.g. the wine/olive oil set), and from the PPS. Major financial support was obtained from Takeda and by Michael Becker from remains of the PP07 meeting. JP was very disappointed that taxes had to be paid from the Takeda support. Therefore it was decided that the PUMPA awards would be given directly by PUMPA and the PPS awards (travel and poster) by PPS. In order to prevent similar losses in the future it was suggested to transfer support via the Foundation, since this is supposed to be free from taxes. FP will check whether legally everything is correct to prevent surprises.
- b. **PP presentations:** JP would like to put the PP13 presentations on the website. All who agree should give their permission. In case someone does not want preliminary data to be put on the website, it was suggested to take these out.
- c. **PPS travel awards:** Travel awards were provided by the PPS to
  - i. Aránzazu Mediero, NYU, New York, USA,
  - ii. Jessica Feig, NYU, New York, USA.
- d. **PUMPA awards:** During the closing session David Perrett, the president of PUMPA gave an overview on activities of PUMPA and possibilities to receive support from PUMPA such as research projects, travel grants, equipment. The income of PUMPA consists of remains of PP1991 and charity. Since then PUMPA has supported PP travel grants and will continue doing this in the future. PUMPA provided the following travel awards to:
  - i. Zeeshan Mutahir, Lund, Sweden;
  - ii. Katarzyna Lubecka-Pietruszewska, Medical University of Lodz, Lodz, Poland;
  - iii. Anna Wojtuszkiewicz, VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands;
  - iv. Blanka Stiburkova, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic;
  - v. Miguel Perez-Aso, NYU, New York, USA.Recipients of PUMPA travel awards will be reimbursed for their registration fee.
- e. **Poster awards:** Poster awards were selected by the chairs of the poster presentation sessions. It was agreed that their collaborators were exempt from a poster award. The chairs selected two posters from their session, whose names were provided to all chairs, who subsequently visited these posters in order to select the 4 best during the last poster session. The winners were:
  - i. T. Takada, The University of Tokyo Hospital, Tokyo, for P-4: ABCG2 DYSFUNCTION INCREASES SERUM URIC ACID BY DECREASED INTESTINAL URATE EXCRETION.
  - ii. J. Vande Voorde, Rega Institute for Medical Research, Leuven, Belgium, for P-20: THE PYRIMIDINE NUCLEOSIDE PHOSPHORYLASE OF MYCOPLASMA HYORHINIS AND HOW IT MAY AFFECT NUCLEOSIDE-BASED THERAPY.



- iii. R. Andrés, Universidad de Valencia, Valencia, Spain for P-45: ADENOSINE A2A AND A2B RECEPTORS REGULATE KERATINOCYTE FUNCTION.
- iv. R. Cabrera, Vall d'Hebron Institut de Recerca (VHIR) and CIBERER, Barcelona, Spain, for P-55: DEVELOPMENT OF A GENE THERAPY APPROACH FOR MNGIE USING KERATINOCYTES AS TARGET CELLS.

8. **Proceedings of PP13.** Many papers in NNNA from PP meetings were in the top 10 of most cited and most read papers, as verified on the website during the meeting. The procedure for publication will be similar to that in 2011. Papers should be submitted via the NNNA "Manuscript central" website. This will contain a link to PP13, as well as a selection for the guest editors (JP, RT and FP). Submission deadline will be September 1, providing enough time to review, revise, and re-review and hopefully acceptance. FP will provide final information when this is available.
9. **Collaboration between PPS and NNNA.** PPS members can get a subscription to NNNA for \$95. Staffan Eriksson and FP who are on the board of NNNA received a request for suggestions on special issues. FP suggested to Jack Secrist, the editor-in-chief of NNNA, that he will propose a **Special NNNA issue in honor of Anne Simmonds**. This was also discussed in 2011. This issue would be separate from the PP proceedings. David Perrett (DP), the president of PUMPA, offered support from PUMPA for this issue, in case this was required. Suggestions can be sent to FP and DP, so that a proposal can be sent to Jack Secrist,
10. **Website.** FP welcomes all suggestions to keep the website as up-to-date as possible. It was suggested to provide an educational section. FP indicated that this already exists under the heading "Metabolism" with some papers on gout and rheumatology, as well as some slides on antimetabolites.
11. **PP15 meeting.** Currently there is a preliminary "YES" from Michio Hirano who with the help of Bruce Cronstein will explore possibilities to organize a meeting in New York or surroundings. There is also a preliminary offer from Tom Smolenski to organize a meeting in Gdansk in 2017.
12. **Other matters.**
- a. **Prof. Zöllner's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday:** FP mentioned that he sent a letter to honorary member Prof. Nepomuk Zöllner on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. PPS also sent flowers. ML visited München on the occasion of a symposium in honor of Prof. Zöllner, who was still vital. Prof Zöllner sent a letter to PPS to express his gratitude, which was translated by FP from German into English. Prof. Zöllner expressed his satisfaction that PPS still remembers him and that PPS still exists, that there is still a poster award (which was started by him by giving personal money! [FP]). His most important statement was: "when you do not search you will not find anything"
  - b. **Cow bell:** the audience wondered where the cow-bell was. Prof. K. Ichida mentioned that Prof. Hosoya gave the bell to him and that he will give the bell (with the inscription of PP15) to JP during dinner. FP was asked to provide some background on the history of the cow-bell during dinner.
  - c. Thereafter the meeting was closed.

GJ Peters, secretary PPS



**Action points:**

	<b>Points</b>	<b>Responsible person(s)</b>	<b>Time line</b>	<b>Done</b>
1.	Search for new committee members	3 committees	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013	
2.	Payment membership PPS	FP, ML, SB	August 2013	
3.	Credit card payment	FP, SB	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013	
4.	Guidelines Proceedings NNNA	FP, RT	June 2013	<b>v</b>
5.	Proceedings NNNA	JP, RT, FP	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013	
6.	Special issue Anne Simmonds	FP, DP	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013, 1 <sup>st</sup> 2014	
7.	Update website	Suggestions from all	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013	
8.	Publication presentations on website	All presenters	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013	
9.	Investigate possibilities PP15 meeting	MH	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2013	