



Message from the Editor

I have agreed to take over the editorship of the ESTIV newsletter from August 1999. As the Society continues to expand the membership base the newsletter is an important vehicle for dissemination of information to all members. Although the newsletter is a vehicle by which the Executive Committee can inform the Society members it is also a forum for Society members to provide information on topical issues and meetings which have been attended. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the Newsletter. Such articles can include; meeting announcements and reports, brief reports on new in vitro technologies or assays, scientific vacancies, and partnership search for collaborative activities. If you wish to have any articles published, please send them to me either by e-mail, fax or postal mail in time for the next scheduled Newsletter in January 2000. I look forward to continuing the development of the Newsletter over the next 12 months and believe that this publication can provide a range of services to the ESTIV members.

Chris Barnett

ESTIV Presidency

To remind all members that the positions of President, Robert Combes, and Vice-President, María José Gómez-Lechón will be ratified at the General Assembly to be held at the 3rd World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences Bologna, Italy, 29 August to 2 September 1999.

Message from the new President of ESTIV

As you are aware the Executive Committee of the ESTIV had several new members elected at the 1999 AGM. The new members of the Executive Committee have now taken up position and have undertaken various duties on behalf of the ESTIV. One of the most significant priorities for the ESTIV is to increase the membership and this will be the focus of the Executive Committee over the next twelve months. As part of this membership drive, all members of the ESTIV need to ensure that ESTIV information and membership application forms are passed to relevant colleagues and research students. The Executive Committee look for your support in ensuring that the Society continues to expand and develop as the European forum for discussion and dissemination of information relating to all aspects of in vitro toxicology.

Bob Combes

ESTIV E-mail list

ESTIV has an e-mail list, which has the potential to be a very valuable resource but so far has not been taken advantage of. There are many types of question that you could pose via the list, whether you are a junior researcher, or a senior scientist. Possible topics could include:

- *advice on how to culture a particular cell type or perform a particular assay*
- *comments on comparisons of different assays*
- *meetings announcements*
- *requests for partners in research proposals*
- *PhD studentships*
- *employment opportunities*
- *suggestions for speakers at conferences and meetings*

In order to send a message to all ESTIV members on the list, simply address your e-mail to ESTIV-L@NIC.SURFNET.NL.

Please do not be concerned about security. This is a „closed“ list, which means the „list-owner“ (Han van de Sandt) is able to select who is allowed to join. The ESTIV secretary advises the list-owner“ of eligible members.

However, we do not have complete records of e-mail addresses. Those who have joined ESTIV recently will have entered this information on their application form. Longer standing members may have acquired e-mail since joining and many of the Founding Members did not complete the forms. So there are a number of you that we cannot reach by e-mail. We would now like to correct this and allow as many of you as possible to be on the e-mail list. If some members start to use it, the benefits will be perceived and use will increase.

Shortly before this newsletter was circulated, a message was sent to the ESTIV list. If you did not receive this message, please e-mail d.benford@surrey.ac.uk so that I can update my records and arrange for you to be added to the list.

Diane Benford, ESTIV Secretary

The ESTIV Report to DGXI

The report, „In vitro toxicology in Europe, 1986-97“ has now been published (*Toxicology in vitro*, **12(6)** 1998). Full members of ESTIV will receive a personal copy of the published report in the near future. A limited number of copies are also available for purchase from the ESTIV secretary (address below).

Satellite Meeting on ‘Oxidative Stress and Antioxidants’ 3rd September, 1999

The French, Italian and Spanish „in vitro toxicologists“ (SPTC, CELLTOX and REMA) have organized a satellite meeting of the 3rd World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences. The meeting will be held in Ravenna on 3-4 September 1999 and its topic will be "OXIDATIVE STRESS AND ANTIOXIDANTS". The first session is devoted to mechanisms of liver damage by oxidative stress and the main speakers will be: E. Albano (Italy) and S. Langouet (France); the second session is dealing with molecular and subcellular targets of oxidative stress addressed by R.Barouki (France) and P. Bernardi (Italy); the third session will be introduced by G. Saez (Spain) and B. Salles (France) on anti-oxidants and testing by in vitro models. The aim of this joint meeting is to reinforce the contacts between national societies/groups, and to cover very specific topics of common interests in order to allow in depth exchange of expertise and information through a close interaction between people involved in the field.

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Dr Zucco Flavia

Meeting Calendar

22-26 August 1999, Budapest, Hungary. **7th European ISSX Meeting.** Contact: ISSX Office, PO Box 3, Cabin John, MD 20818, USA (fax: +1-301-983-5357).

29 August – 2 September 1999, Bologna, Italy: **Third World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences.** Charlotte Stehr, c/o ECVAM, JRC Institute for Health & Consumer Protection, 21020 Ispra (VA), Italy. (fax: +39 0332 786297, e-mail: Fehler! Textmarke nicht definiert..

29 August – 2 September 1999, Sendai, Japan. **11th International Conference on Cytochrome P450: Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology.** Contact: Fujii-Kuryama, Tohoku University, Dept of Chemistry, Aramaki, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-77, Japan. (fax: +81-22-217-6594).

12-14 September 1999, Oxford, UK. **British Toxicology Society Autumn Meeting: Molecular Mechanisms, Thresholds and Risks.** Contact: Dr TJB Gray, BTS Meetings Secretary, Sanofi Research, Willowburn Avenue, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 2JH, UK. (fax: +44-1665-607370)

10-13 October 1999, Maastricht, The Netherlands. **7th International Symposium on Particle Toxicology.** Contact: Conference Agency Limburg, PO Box 1402, 6201 BK Maastricht, The Netherlands (fax: +31-43-3619020; e-mail cal.conferenceagency@pi.net

24-28 October 1999, Nashville, TN, USA. **9th North American ISSX Meeting.** Contact: ISSX Office, PO Box 3, Cabin John, MD 20818, USA (fax: +1-301-983-5357)

26-27 October, 1999, IRELAND. **The Irish Society for Toxicology Annual Meeting** Contact: Prof. M. Ryan, Dept. Pharmacology, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin.

13-16 March 2000, Philadelphia, PA, USA. **39th Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology.** Contact: SOT, 1767 Business Centre Drive, Suite 302, Reston, Virginia, 22090-5332, USA (fax: +1-703-438-3113).

26-28 March 2000, York, UK. **British Toxicology Society Spring Meeting.** Contact: Dr TJB Gray, BTS Meetings Secretary, Sanofi Research, Willowburn Avenue, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 2JH, UK. (fax: +44-1665-607370).

3-6 July 2000, Swansea, UK: **UKEMS Millenium Meeting.** Contact: Jim Parry, e-mail: Fehler! Textmarke nicht definiert..

10-14 July, 2000, Stresa, ITALY: **13th International Symposium on Microsomes and Drug Oxidations (MDO2000).** Contact: Prof Francesco De Matteis, (FAX +39 011 670 7788) E-Mail: fdem@medfarm.unito.it

16-20 July 2000. Paris, France: **6th International Symposium on Biological Reactive Intermediates BRI VI.** Contact: phone: +33 1 41 06 67 77, fax: +33 1 43 48 89 17, e mail: dansette@citi2.fr.

17-20 September 2000: **EUROTOX 2000, the 38th Congress of the European Societies of Toxicology.** Contact: Alan Boobis, Imperial College, London, W12 0NN (fax: +44-181-383-3221).

25-29 March 2001, San Francisco, USA. **40th Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology.** Contact: SOT, 1767 Business Centre Drive, Suite 302, Reston, Virginia, 22090-5332, USA (fax: +1-703-438-3113)

8-13 July 2001, Brisbane, Australia: **9th International Congress of Toxicology, ICT IX,** Contact: www.uq.edu.au/ICT9, phone: +61 (0) 7 3369 0477, fax: +61 (0) 7 3369 1512, E-mail: Fehler! Textmarke nicht definiert..

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