



Serotonin Club Newsletter

Serotonin
atellite EPHAR



Porto 2004

**Porto, Portugal
(17-19 July 2004)**
*Serotonin in the CNS and
Periphery: Basic Concepts
and Clinical Implications*

The meeting preparation continues to go well. Over 100 posters were submitted for presentation and there are 42 symposium presentations. Registration numbers are now around 200 persons and we can expect more to come in as we approach the meeting date. *If you have not yet registered do so now and help our planning. There is still plenty of time to book your place and attend.* Full details of programme and booking for our meeting and EPHAR are at:

<http://www.pharmakologie.uni-bonn.de/Ephar2004-5HT/>

Since the meeting is an official satellite meeting of the 4th Congress of EPHAR (Federation of the European Pharmacological Societies) you can also register and book accommodation via their web site:

www.ephar2004.org



New Council

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Obituary: Ivan de la Lande

Professor Ivan de la Lande died from lung cancer on 24 March 2004, in Adelaide, at the age of 79. Ivan had a long-standing interest in serotonin. He undertook his scientific training at the University of Melbourne, (BSc, 1945, MSc, 1947, PhD, 1958), having spent time as a biochemist in Papua-New Guinea, and the Nicholas Institute in Melbourne, after his MSc. He moved to the University of Adelaide as Reader in Pharmacology in 1958, becoming Professor in 1970, and Emeritus Professor in the early 1990s. It is difficult to pin down the time of his official retirement, because little changed in Ivan's life and he was generally immune to declarations from University bureaucrats - he simply maintained his research activities, and continued to foster research students and teach undergraduates.

Ivan had a prominent role in the establishment of the Serotonin Club, being Paul Vanhoutte's main contact in 1985 for generating interest in Australasia. In 1984, Ivan had been invited to submit a proposal for a Symposium on Serotonin at the 10th International Congress of Pharmacology in Sydney in 1987. Ivan immediately co-opted Jim Angus and Ewan Mylecharane as an Organizing Committee, which culminated in a very successful Symposium in Sydney, the official founding of the Serotonin Club at a Dinner Meeting in Sydney at the end of IUPHAR, and the first IUPHAR Satellite Meeting on Serotonin, at Heron Island. Ivan co-edited the proceedings of this meeting: "Serotonin: Actions, Receptors, Pathophysiology" (Macmillan, 1989). He also served as an inaugural Councillor of the Serotonin Club (1987-1990). Ivan was a genuine enthusiast for science, and much else. He was a wonderful friend and mentor to many and will be missed by his colleagues all around the world.

Ewan Mylecharane

Meetings of interest

Six Decades of GABA

This conference will take place on October 21-22, 2004 at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort, Coronado, San Diego. Further information can be found at:

www.gaba-conference.elsevier.com

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The Cytoskeleton and Synaptic Function

This conference (The 14th Neuropharmacology Conference) will be held on October 20-22, 2004 at Hilton San Diego Resort, San Diego, CA, USA. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.neuropharmacology-conference.elsevier.com/>

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New Members

Welcome to the following new members of the Club who have joined since our last Newsletter:

India: Jai Kishan, **Ireland:** Ruth McNamara.

Subscriptions

Members whose subscription became due during 2004 have been notified. Please send your payment now as this will greatly assist with the transfer of Secretary/Treasurer's office at the end of this year. Members whose subscriptions are two or more years overdue will be terminated!!

Address change?

If you have changed your address send it to us now while you are thinking about it – send to:

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All communications with members are now carried out via the internet so if we do not have your current e-mail address you risk losing all contact with the Club

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