

Editorial – The European Histamine Research Society

This Society is composed of an international group of Scientists who are interested in Histamine research. It has developed from the Histamine Club which originally met during each tri-annual International Congress of Physiology. The Histamine Club was at first a single unit but later it split up into four branches representing North America, South America, Asia and Europe.

From 1972 the European branch of the Histamine Club has met annually in different parts of Europe (in chronological order – Paris, Marburg, Copenhagen, Florence, Paris, London, Lodz and Stockholm) and Abstracts of its Meetings have been published in the Journal, Agents and Actions. At the Stockholm meeting in 1979, the title of the group changed from the European Branch of the Histamine Club to the European histamine Research Society, and Rules were adopted concerning membership, subscriptions and organizers of Meetings. The change in title was made to indicate the importance of the scientific work of members, to obtain greater recognition as a Society (not a Club), and to assist in securing funds to support meetings. The next Meeting of the Society will be in Budapest from 7 May to 9 May 1980.

The Rules of the Society are as follows:

1. The Affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee composed of the Secretary-General and Secretaries of each country represented in the Society.
2. The Secretary-General and the National Secretaries shall be elected for a period of three years by the members at the Annual Meeting.
3. Membership of the Society shall be open only to those either who present communications or demonstrations at Meetings of the Society or who are co-authors.
4. The subscription shall be fixed each year. This shall be collected by the National Secretaries and mostly used to assist Organisers in the planning and conducting of Meetings.
5. The Organisers of each Annual Meeting shall be President of the Society for the year in which the Meetings is to be held.
6. Each member shall be empowered to invite two no-members to each Meeting.
7. Extended abstracts of papers of the Meetings shall be published in the Journal, Agents and Actions.

At present, the Secretary-General is Dr G.B.West (United Kingdom) and the national Secretaries are Dr B.Diamant (Denmark), Dr F.Erjavec (Yugoslavia), Dr S.Husztz (Hungary), Dr H. Karppanen (Finland), Dr W. Lorenz (West Germany), Dr P.F. Mannaioni (Italy), Dr Cz. Maslinski (Poland), Dr J.C.Swartz (France) and Dr B. Uvnas (Sweden). The Society would like to have members from the Netherlands, Spain, Greece, Belgium, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia, or any other European country. Any worker interested in becoming a member of the Society should contact the Secretary-General or one of the National Secretaries.

Plans have been made for Meetings in Tübingen (1981), Lubjiana (1982), London (1983), Athens (1984) and Aachen (1985). The Society aims to promote the humble spirit of scientific enquiry, friendly co-operation, good fellowship and professional relationships in the field of Histamine.

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