FROM THE EDITOR

I want to again thank all of you who have been contributing to the ASP Newsletter. My special thanks to “Tip” Tyler for his “Appreciation” of Jack L. Beal in the last issue.

Please continue to send your input for the Newsletter. I always appreciate letters to the editor, selected editorials, new appointments and promotions, grant information, position openings, and any other pertinent information. This material should be sent to:

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Thank you for your contributions. Material for the next issue should reach my office no later than August 31, 1984.

STEFANIE A. SWEETANA
WINS KILMER PRIZE

Stephanie A. Sweetana of Bloomington, Indiana, has been chosen as the recipient of the 1984 Kilmer Prize for her research in pharmacognosy and natural products. Stephanie is a member of the Student APhA and a 1984 graduate of Purdue University School of Pharmacy.

Stephanie’s award-winning paper was entitled, “New Trace Alkaloids from Backbeergia militaris and Pachycereus weberi,” and was in cooperation with graduate students from the analytical laboratory of Dr. R. G. Cooks in the Department of Chemistry at Purdue. Stephanie’s work included the use of preparative radial thin-layer chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) to identify nine trace alkaloids in these two species of cacti. Four of the alkaloids which were identified were novel natural products. Two of these alkaloids are fully aromatic isoquinolines which have never been identified in the cactus family. This work was accomplished under the supervision of Dr. Jerry L. McLaughlin, Professor of Pharmacognosy at Purdue, and Visiting Professor N.R. Ferrigni.

As a recipient of the Kilmer Prize, Stephanie received the gold Kilmer key bearing the likeness of the late F.B. Kilmer. ASP also provided a $300.00 honorarium and APhA provided another $300.00 for the recipient to attend the APhA Annual meeting to present the paper. The award this year was presented at the 1984 APhA Annual Meeting in Montreal, during the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences awards ceremony on Monday, May 7. Stephanie’s paper was presented in the APhA student session on the same day.

This is the second year that an undergraduate from Dr. McLaughlin’s laboratory at Purdue was chosen to receive the award. The 1983 recipient was Pamela L. (Boine) Marshall of Mishawaka, Indiana. Both of these students were supported as summer research interns by a grant directed by Dr. R.P. Maickel provided by the National Institute of Health.

The ASP wished to send sincere congratulations to Stephanie for her accomplishments.

1984 ASP ANNUAL MEETING

The 25th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pharmacognosy promises to be stimulating and informative. It will be held August 19-23, 1984 at the University of Texas at Austin.

This year’s symposium on Biotechnology in Natural Products Research includes ten well-known speakers in four major areas:

Monday, August 20: “Drug Screening”

Dr. Robert Hamill
Eli Lilly Corp.
Indianapolis, IN

Dr. Sidney Flecht
Smith Kline Beckman Co.

Tuesday, August 21: “Natural Products as Biological Probes”

Dr. William Remers
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

Dr. Robert Williams
Univ. of Texas at San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

Dr. Greed W. Abell
Univ. of Texas Medical Branch
Galveston, TX

Wednesday, August 22: “Plant Tissue Culture”

Dr. E. John Staba
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN

Dr. J. Stefan Rochem
The Hebrew University
Hadassah Medical School
Jerusalem, Israel

Dr. Robert Adams
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX

Thursday, August 24th: “Marine Natural Products”

Dr. Alfred Weinkoemer
University of Houston
Houston, TX

Dr. Yuzuru Shimizu
University of Rhode Island
Kingston, RI

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The mini-symposium which is scheduled for Friday, August 24, 1984 is planned for approximately 30 ASP members. It will be held at the Texas Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas, TX. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. This optional program will cost an additional $55.00 for interested parties.

The following is a schedule of events for the main portion of the annual meeting:

**Sunday - August 19, 1984**
- Arrive at Mueller Airport, Austin, Texas
- Transportation supplied by Villa Capri Motel
- Room Assignments
- Obtain Program Packet
- Late Registration

9:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting (Faculty Lounge - PHR 5.108, College of Pharmacy)

7:30 p.m. Reception-Social Mixer (Villa Capri Entertainment Center)

**Monday - August 20, 1984**
- No host breakfast
- Walk to Joe C. Thompson Conference Center (Auditorium) (one block west of Villa Capri Motel)

9:00 a.m. Welcome
9:30 Symposium
10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 Symposium

12:00 p.m. No host lunch
1:30 Contributed Papers (Auditorium)
3:00 Coffee Break
3:30 ASP Business Meeting (Auditorium)
5:00 DDI Movie (Auditorium)
6:30 Bus Transportation to Lake-side Dinner

**Tuesday - August 21, 1984**
- No host breakfast
- Thompson Conference Center (Auditorium)

9:00 a.m. Symposium
10:00 Coffee Break
10:30 Symposium

12:00 p.m. No host lunch
1:30 Contributed papers (Auditorium)
3:00 Coffee Break
3:30 Contributed papers
6:00 Editorial Advisory Board Meeting (Faculty Lounge - PHR 5.108, College of Pharmacy)

Free Evening

**Wednesday - August 22, 1984**
- No host breakfast
- Thompson Conference Center (Auditorium)

9:00 a.m. Symposium
10:00 Coffee Break
10:30 Symposium

12:00 p.m. No host lunch
1:30 Poster Session (Thompson Conference Center - 2.102)
3:00 Coffee Break
3:30 Poster Session (Thompson Conference Center - 2.102)
7:00 Banquet (Villa Capri Motel)

**Thursday - August 23, 1984**
- No host breakfast
- Thompson Conference Center (Auditorium)

8:30 a.m. Contributed Papers
10:00 Coffee Break
10:30 Contributed Papers
11:30 Farewell

12:00 p.m. Departure for participants not registered for Mini-symposium
1:00 Bus departure for Mini-Symposium in Port Aransas

Further information on the annual meeting may be obtained from:

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The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas 78712 USA
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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Future ASP Meetings**
- 1985 - Chapel Hill, North Carolina, July 7-12. This meeting is known as the International Research Congress on Natural Products. In addition to ASP, several other organizations will be participating: The Phytochemical Society of Europe (PSE), the Gesellschaft fur Arzneipflanzenforschung (GA), and the Association Francaise Pour l'Enseignement et la Recherche en Pharmacognosie (APERF). Topics of discussion will include: isolation and structure elucidation of new bioactive natural products, biosynthesis of natural products, and synthesis and structure-activity relationships of natural products.

1986 - University of Michigan
1987 - University of Rhode Island

**Phytochemical Society of Europe Future Meetings**

The Biochemistry of Plant Phenolics, University of Ghent, Belgium, August 28-31, 1984. Details may be obtained from Professor C.F. Van Sumere, Laboratory of Plant Biochemistry, University of Ghent, Ledeganckstraat 35,900, Ghent, Belgium.

**Other Meetings of Interest**

Seventh International Symposium on Carotocids, August 27-31, 1984, at the Botanical Institute of the Universität München. For further details contact Professor W. Rau, Botanisches Institut der Universität, Menzünger Strasse 67, D8000 München 19, West Germany.

Fifth Asian Symposium on Medicinal Plants and Spices, Seoul National University, August 20-24, 1984. Details may be obtained from Dr. Byung Hoon Han, Director, Natural Products Research Institute, Seoul National University, 28, Yeunkeun-Dong, Chongro Ku, Seoul 110, Korea, Telephone 762-8320.
Second International Congress for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine, September 2-7, 1984, Hyatt Bumi Hotel, Surabaya, Indonesia. For further information contact Organizing Committee ICTAM II, School of Pharmacy, Airlangga University, Jl. Darmahusada no. 47, Surabaya, Indonesia. Phone (031)-43710 (Office hours)

First Arab Conference on Medicinal Plants, November 17-21, 1984, National Research Centre Dokki, Cairo, Egypt. Details may be obtained by contacting Dr. Mahasen A. Abdel Alim, National Research Centre, El-Tahrir Str. Dokki, Cairo A. R. Egypt.

Third International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology, July 4-10, 1985, University of Sussex, United Kingdom. The following Congress Symposia are being organized:

- Symbiosis in Evolution
- Conservation of Tropical Ecosystems
- Biogeographic Evolution of the Malay Archipelago
- Adaptational Aspects of Physiological Processes
- Co-evolution in Ecosystems and the Red Queen Hypothesis
- Angiosperm Origins and the Biological Consequences
- The Measurement of Rates of Evolution
- Molecular Biology and Evolutionary Theory
- Co-evolution and Systematics
- Molecules vs. Morphology in Phylogeny: Conflict or Compromise?
- Random and Directed Events in Evolution
- Biochemical Innovation in Microbial Communities

For further information contact:
Professor Barry Cox, ICSEB Congress Office, 130 Queen’s Road, Brighton, Sussex BN1 3WE, UK

SOCIETY NEWS

Dr. S.S. Handa has been promoted to Professor and Chairman in Pharmacognosy in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Panjab University in Chandigarh, India. Previously Dr. Handa was a reader in pharmacognosy. Congratulations!

SITUATIONS WANTED

Dr. C. M. Ojinnaka of the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, is seeking a position in the United States for a period of twelve months. Dr. Ojinnaka is an Organic Chemist with a Ph.D. in Natural Products Chemistry. He would like to work with any group on the Isolation and Structure elucidation of antitumor/cytotoxic agents from plants. Dr. Ojinnaka desires placement in an organization or University currently carrying out research on the above topic.

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BOOKS OF INTEREST

"Plants Used Against Cancer," Jonathan L. Hartwell, Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01843, 722 pages, $75.00.


NEW MEMBERS

The Society is really blooming! We are very happy to welcome 50 new members!

New active members:

Ahmed A. Ahmed
El-Minia University
El-Minia, Egypt

Jesus E. I. Aquilar
Valle del Cauca
Colombia

Dennis Baron
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Arnold Brossi
Bethesda, Maryland

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Seoul, Korea

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the American Society of Pharmacognosy is recognized in several categories:

Full Membership

Full membership is open to any scientist interested in the study of natural products. Dues are $35.00 per year or $55.00 per year if air mail is desired.

Associate Membership

Associate membership is open to students of pharmacognosy and allied fields. These members are not accorded voting privileges, and dues are $25.00 per year.

Honorary Membership

Honorary members are selected by the Executive Committee of the American Society of Pharmacognosy on the basis of meritorious services to pharmacognosy. These members are eligible to vote, but are not eligible to hold either appointed or elected offices. Although the Constitution allows for 12 Honorary members, at the present time, the society has only five:

Dr. Jonathan L. Hartwell, Washington, D.C.
Dr. R. Hegnauer, Leiden, Netherlands
Dr. Albert Holmarr, Switzerland
Dr. Arthur E. Schwartz, Florida
Dr. Heber W. Youngken, Jr., University of Rhode Island

Patron, Sustaining, and Benefactor Memberships

These memberships are open to any person or organization wishing to support the aims and objectives of the Society.

Dues are as follows:

Patron Member - $200.00 per year
Sustaining Member - $500.00 per year
Benefactor Member - $1000.00 per year

Additional information about memberships may be obtained by writing to the Treasurer of the Society:

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