50th Anniversary Meeting of the JSP Held in Kyoto

The period October 28-30, 1997, marked the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Japanese Society of Pharmacognosy (JSP), held at the Kyoto City Industrial Exhibition Hall and the adjacent Kyoto Kaikan Hall. A major symposium was held under the auspices of the JSP, entitled “International Symposium on Natural Medicines”. Altogether there were 291 papers (229 Japanese and 62 overseas from a total of 15 countries). The total attendance at the meeting was 788 (709 Japanese and 79 overseas registrants).

All oral scientific presentations were made in English. Five plenary lectures were presented by Professors Tetsuro Fujita (Setsunan University, Japan), Koji Nakanishi (Columbia University, New

Barrel opening ceremony. Performing this rite are some of the senior members of the JSP (from left to right), Professors Tetsuro Fujita, Toshio Kawasaki, Shoji Shibata, Yohei Hashimoto, and Hiroyuki Ageta.

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ASP ANNUAL MEETING JULY 19-24

The annual meeting of the ASP will be held July 19-24, at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort, a brand new (opened 8/97) convention-oriented hotel/resort on the property of Walt Disney World. The meeting will feature sixteen plenary lectures in four symposia, which will take place in two concurrent sessions, and four poster sessions. In

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York), Mei-Shu Lai (Department of Health, Taiwan), Xinsheng Yao (Shenyang University, People's Republic of China), and E. Leistner (University of Bonn, Germany). In addition, there were eleven section lectures (R. Mechoulam, Hebrew University, Israel; Raymond Ketchum, Washington State University; Takashi Hashimoto, Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan; Vincenzo De Luca, University of Montreal; A. Douglas Kinghorn, University of Illinois at Chicago; Masayuki Yoshikawa, Kyoto Pharmaceutical University, Japan; Michael Huffman, Primate Research Institute, Inuyama, Japan; Kiyoshi Tanaka, Kyoto University, Japan; Hiroshi Saithoh, University of Tokyo, Japan; Peter Waterman, University of Strathclyde, U.K.; and Yasushi Ohizumi, Tohoku University, Japan). Award lectures were presented by Hiroshi Morita (Tokyo University of Pharmacy & Life Science), Yoshio Hano (Toho University), Takashi Tanaka (Nagasaki University) and Hiroaki Kiyohara (Kitsato Institute). Posters were arranged throughout the meeting in the major categories Pharmaceutical Botany, Pharmacognosy, Phytochemistry and Natural Products. A satellite symposium was held in Japanese, to which the public was invited, featuring three speakers on Kampo Medicine (namely, Y. Sashida, Y. Komatsu, and T. Ebihara). A particularly impressive aspect of the meeting was the publication of a Convention News sheet (again in English), which included highlights of the major talks and messages from Professors Hiroyuki Ageta, Tetsuro Fujita, and Gisho Honda, who served, respectively, as President, Chairman, and General Secretary of the Meeting Organizing Committee.

Apart from the outstanding scientific program, a major event in the meeting was the meeting banquet. The meeting banquet commenced with a barrel-opening ceremony. All attendees were then served saki in a ceremonial box, and those present were made to feel extremely welcome. This was truly a night to remember!

On the basis of the wealth of interesting information presented at this meeting, there is no doubt that natural products research is in a very healthy state in Japan. A proceedings volume from the meeting will be edited by Professors Yutaka Ebizuka and Norio Aimi and published by Elsevier Science (Amsterdam) in the Excerpta Medica International Congress Series (ICS).

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Alkaloids: Chemical and Biological Perspectives, Vol. 10. Edited by S. William Pelletier, Institute for Natural Products and Department of Chemistry, The University of Georgia, Athens. Content: Alkaloids from Australian Flora; Pyridine and Piperidine Alkaloids: An Update; 3-Alkylpiperidine Alkaloids Isolated from Marine Sponges in the Order Haplosclerida; β-Carboline and Isoquinoline Alkaloids from Marine Organisms. 406 Pages. ISBN 0-8-042791-X, Hardbound £120.00 (U.S.$190.00), Pergamon Press.

The Haworth Press, Inc.
10 Alice Street
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Order: (800) 342-9678
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Plant Alkaloids A Guide to their Discovery and Distribution, Robert F. Raffauf, FLS, FAAAS. The book gives an indication of the presence or absence of alkaloids in literally 19,000 species in 4,000 genera representing 300 plant families. A valuable resource to anyone interested in the development of pharmaceuticals, plant biochemistry, pest control, chemical synthesis, and/or general biological diversity. July 1996. $69.95 hard. Text price (5+ copies) $39.95, ISBN: 1-56022-860-1 298 pp. with Index, LC# 96-5319

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Natal Products, Nancy Mulford, Ed. Throughout the publication, the pros and cons of current and evolving approaches to natural product drug discovery and development are assessed, including techniques for modifying the typical synthetic chemical drug discovery process. Over 400 pages. Commercial $895, Academic $695

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The Botanical Safety Handbook: A Definitive New Book on the Use and Labeling of Herbal Products. American Herbal Products Association (AHPA). Over 700 herb classifications are provided to guide consumers, retailers, manufacturers and regulatory agencies in the safe use of herbal products. $39.95 (+ $3.50 shipping/handling) for information phone or fax: (408) 460-2535.

A Dictionary of Natural Products: Terms in the Field of Pharmacognosy Relating to Natural Medicine and Pharmaceutical Materials and the Plants, Animals, and Minerals from Which They Are Derived. George MacDonald Hocking, Ph.D. Contains over 18,000 entries primarily devoted to an arrangement and explanation of terms relating to natural, non-artificial crude drugs from the vegetable, animal, and mineral kingdoms. $139.50 hard (+ $6.00 shipping/handling) ISBN: 0-937548-31-6. Approx. 1086 pp. Phone: (609) 654-6500 x144, fax: (609) 654-4309.


Journals


Atoms Journal. Quarterly publication of the Australian Traditional-Medicine Society Ltd. ISSN: 1324-647x. Membership Information: Marie Fawcett, Unit 12, 27 Bank Street (P.O. Box 1027) Meadowbank, NSW 2114, Tel: (02) 809 6800, Fax: (02) 809 7570. Accredited membership $130 Aus., Registered membership $60 Aus., Student membership $30 Aus. plus a once only joining fee of $40 Aus.

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Additional Information for the 39th Annual Meeting to be held in Orlando, Florida, in July 1998.

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In addition to the traditional Thursday evening Banquet, the meeting will feature an as yet unannounced themed event. Because of the breadth of tourist activities available in Orlando, no formal spouses program will be offered; instead, an events coordinator will be available throughout the meeting to advise families and spouses of sightseeing options.

**Symposia:**
1. Biodiversity and Chemical Ecology
2. Innovative Strategies in Drug Discovery
3. Biosynthesis and Bioengineering
4. International Cooperative Biodiversity Group (ICBG) Update

**Organization:**

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*Review of Aromatic and Medicinal Plants* An abstract journal which covers the literature on cultivated and wild species of culinary herbs and spices and essential oils, medicinal and pesticidal plants. ISSN:1356-1421; 1997, Vol. 3; $235.00 Available in hard copy or on floppy disk. Bimonthly publication. CAB International, 198 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016-4314, U.S.A., Tel: (212) 726-6490, Fax: (212) 686-7993.

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April 30-May 1 - Western Regional Meeting, South San Francisco Conference Center, CA
May 18 - Midwest Regional Meeting, Rosemont Conference Center, Chicago, IL
June 1-2 - Eastern Regional Meeting, Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, NJ
June 22 - Southeast Regional Meeting, Omni Chapel Hill Hotel, Chapel Hill, NC
November 15-19 - Annual Meeting, Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, CA

Other Meetings of Interest—1998
May 10-13, Future Trends in Phytochemistry-a Young Scientists Symposium, Rolduc, Kerkrade, The Netherlands. For information contact: Prof. Dr. A.W. Alfermann, Institut fur Entwicklung und Molekularbiologie der Pflanzen, Heinrich Heine Universitat, Dusseldorf, Universitarstrasse 1, Geb.26.13, D-40225, Dusseldorf, Germany. Phone: +49 211 8114603 FAX: +49 211 8113085 email: Alfermann@rz.uni-duesseldorf.de

May 20-22, XIIth International Symposium on Plant Originated Crude Drugs, Ankara, Turkey. For information contact: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tayfun Erzöz, Hacettepe University, Department of Pharmacognosy, TR-06100 Ankara, Turkey. Phone +90 312 3103545, Fax: +90 312 311 4777.

May 26-29, VIIIth International Symposium on Luminescence Spectrometry in Biomedical and Environmental Analysis-Detection Techniques and Applications in Chromatography and Capillary Electrophoresis, Canary Islands, Spain. For information contact: Dr. José Juan Santana Rodriguez, Symposium Chairman, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Department of Chemistry - Faculty of Marine Sciences, 35017 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain. Phone: +34(928) 45.29.15 / 45.29.00 FAX: +34(928) 28 45.29.22 email: josejuan.santana@quimica.ulpgc.es

May 30 - June 1, Medicines from the Earth, 1998, Black Mountain, North Carolina. For details: Medicines from the Earth, PO Box 3427, Asheville, NC 28802. Phone: (828) 252-0688 or (541) 482-8294.

June 18-20, ACE '98, Advances in Chromatography and Electrophoresis, Szeged, Hungary. Contact: Dr. Huba Kalász, Chairman of the Symposium: Department of Pharmacology, Semmelweis University of Medicine, H-1445 Budapest, Nagyvárad tér 4, P.O. Box 370, Hungary. Phone: 36-1-210-2930/6258, Fax: 36-1-210-4412, email: Bpchr97@net.sote.hu

June 25-27, Lublin, Poland, 7th Conference on the Application of Chromatographic Methods in Phytochemical & Biomedical Analysis. Contact: Prof. Dr. Kazimierz Glowiak, Department of Pharmacognosy, University Medical Academy, 12 Otwapików St. P-20-007 Lublin, Poland. Phone: +48 81 5323314, Fax: +48 81 5328903.

September 6-9, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 29th International Symposium on Essential Oils (29th ISEO). For further information contact Prof. Dr. Armin Mosandl, Institut für Lebensmittelchemie, Marie-Curie-Str. 9, D-60439 Frankfurt am Main. Phone: +49 69 798 29202 or 29203, Fax: +49 69 798 29207, E-mail: mosandl@em.uni-frankfurt.de

September 13-16, Oslo, Norway, Phytochemical Society of Europe Meeting on Biologically Active Polysaccharides. For details contact: Prof. B.S. Paulsen, Farmasoytisk, avd c, Postboks 1068 - Blindern, 0316 Oslo, Norway. Phone: +4722856572, Fax: +4722854402, E-mail: b.s.paulsen@fasrui.no

October 11-16, 21st IUPAC International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Products (ISCPN-21), Beijing, China. Contact: Prof. Xibai QIU, Secretariat of ISCPN-21, c/o Chinese Chemical Society, P.O. Box 2709, Beijing 100080, China. Tel.: 86-10-6256815, 62564020, Fax: 86-10-62568157, E-mail: qiu@info3.icas.ac.cn

October 18-21, Honolulu, Hawaii, International Spice Symposium. For further information contact Allured Publishing, 362 South Schmale Rd., Carol Stream, IL 60188-2787 USA. Fax: 630-653-2192, E-mail: CustomeService@allured.com

December 6-11, First European Ginseng Congress, Marburg, Germany. Contact: Prof. Dr. Hans Christian Weber, Morphologie und Systematik der Pflanzen, Fachbereich Biologie, Philipps-Universitat Marburg, 35032 Marburg, Germany. Tel.: ++49- (0) 6421 282091, Fax: ++49 - (0) 6421 282057, E-mail: weberh@mailer.uni-marburg.de, URL: http://www.uni-marburg.de/stadt/

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