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A Message from the President

I know everyone returned from the 37th Annual Meeting of the ASP held at the University of California at Santa Cruz greatly excited about the fine scientific program that highlighted the meeting. We are all looking forward to next year's meeting in Iowa.

As I took the gavel at the business meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 1996, as your President, I set forth several goals for the upcoming year.

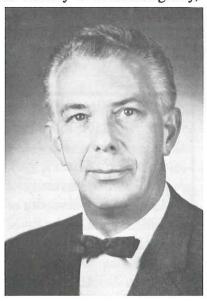
- communication (a) Facilitating among the membership. I will continue to use the newsletter as a primary method to keep the membership informed of developments. I will be working with Joy Reighard and Barbara Grissani to bring on line our ASP Home page. As soon as it is finished, I will publish its address and will invite your comments. I will also use Email as a method of communication. My address is published below and I welcome your input.
- (b) I am appointing a special Ad Hoc Committee to study our needs for more permanent

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Arthur Schwarting

Dr. Arthur Ernest Schwarting, one of the founding members of the American Society of Pharmacognosy,

passed away on October 22, 1996 in Longwood, Florida. His death will produce profound sadness for his many former students, scientific leagues and friends in Pharmacognosy pharmaceutical education. The first Ph.D. conferred the by College of Pharmacy State at Ohio University to continued on page 3



ASP'S 38th ANNUAL MEETING

The 38th Annual Meeting of the ASP will be held in the Iowa Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Iowa from July 26-30, 1997. The University of Iowa is in Iowa City which is located within 300 miles of Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Louis. The city is accessible by several airlines serving the Cedar Rapids, Iowa airport. ASP members should expect to receive detailed information, registration forms, etc. in March, 1997.

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staffing of our society. Our society continues to grow with a membership roster around 1,100 as of July 1996. The co-publishing of the *J. Nat. Prod.* with the American Chemical Society has changed the nature of the Treasurer's position. All of these issues will be studied this year.

- (c) I will also be appointing another Ad Hoc Committee to study the Long-Range Impact on Policy (L.I.P.) that the ASP might achieve. I have asked this committee to study the feasibility of having another interim meeting on herbal botanical drugs.
- (d) We need volunteers to host future meeting sites. Please see the list of previous meeting sites (prepared by Dave Carew). The Executive Committee generally tries to have sites on a rotating basis so that every region will host a meeting every 4-5 years. If you are interested in hosting an ASP meeting, please contact me so that I may explain the procedure for putting forth a proposal.

I have also listed here the 1996-1997 Committees and their duties as described in the By-laws of the ASP (pages 4 and 5). The Standing Committee assignments are dictated by the constitution, whereas the Ad Hoc Committees are appointed each year by the incoming President. The duties as listed here will serve as the charges for the Standing Committees. Most Ad Hoc Committees already know their duties. Other Ad Hoc Committees will be receiving their specific charges soon. Remember, all Committee Chairs are required to submit written reports at the Executive Committee and to be prepared to present them at the business meeting as well.

Finally, I am excited and challenged by the upcoming year and promise to provide leadership to the ASP as it grows and changes. This is a great Society and I am proud to serve as your President.

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Sites of Annual Meetings of the American Society of Pharmacognosy Since Its Founding in 1959

| Year | Site | Year | Site |
|------|--|------|--|
| 1959 | University of Illinois (Chicago) | 1981 | Boston, Mass. |
| 1960 | University of Colorado (Boulder) | 1982 | University of Pittsburgh |
| 1961 | University of Houston | 1983 | University of Mississippi (Oxford) |
| 1962 | University of West Virginia | 1984 | University of Texas (Austin) |
| 1963 | University of North Carolina | 1985 | University of North Carolina |
| 1964 | University of Pittsburgh | 1986 | University of Michigan |
| 1965 | University of Rhode Island | 1987 | University of Rhode Island |
| 1966 | University of Minnesota | 1988 | Park City, Utah |
| 1967 | University of Michigan | 1989 | Puerto Rico |
| 1968 | University of Iowa | 1990 | Bonn, Germany |
| 1969 | Oregon State University | 1991 | Chicago, IL (downtown) |
| 1970 | Vienna, Austria | 1992 | Williamsburg, Virginia |
| 1971 | Washington, D.C. | 1993 | San Diego, California |
| 1972 | Ohio State University | 1994 | Halifax, Nova Scotia |
| 1973 | Jekyll Island (Georgia) | 1995 | University of Mississippi (Oxford) |
| 1974 | Chicago, IL (downtown) | 1996 | University of California at Santa Cruz |
| 1975 | University of Connecticut | 1997 | University of Iowa |
| 1976 | Telemark Resort (Cable, Wisconsin) | 1998 | Orlando, Florida |
| 1977 | Seattle, Washington | 1999 | Leiden, The Netherlands |
| 1978 | Oklahoma State University (Stillwater) | 2000 | ? |
| 1979 | Purdue University | 2001 | ? |
| 1980 | Strasburg, France | 2002 | ? |
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Arthur Schwarting in 1943. His major was pharmacognosy and his major advisor was David hiner. More details of Arthur Schwarting's significant life accomplishments have been published by former Schwarting student, Tip Tyler in JNP 41:292 (1978) and JNP 55:833 (1992).

Born in Waubay, South Dakota on June 8, 1917, Schwarting received the B. S. in Pharmacy from South Dakota State College in 1940, and the Ph.D. degree from the Ohio State University with a major in Pharmacognosy. In 1943, Art accepted a faculty position at the University of Nebraska where he remained until 1949 when he joined the faculty at the University of Connecticut, School of Pharmacy.

It was first at Nebraska and later to a much greater degree at the University of Connecticut that Schwarting served as major professor to graduate students who enthusiastically experienced his revolutionary teaching of the science of Pharmacognosy. Prior to Schwarting, Pharmacognosy teaching in the United States was organized largely from a botanical point of view including emphasis on taxonomic, morphologic and histologic aspects of natural drugs. Schwarting classified plant drugs on the basis of their active chemical constituents and included chemical, biochemical and biosynthetic considerations in defining modern The adoption of the Schwarting Pharmacognosy. approach world-wide has been one of the most prominent factors underpinning the growth and development of the ASP, and of Pharmacognosy as a science.

It was Arthur Schwarting who played the major role in the formation of the American Society of Pharmacognosy in 1959. In 1960, he became editor of Lloydia, a quarterly journal of pharmacognosy and allied biological sciences, which became officially affiliated with the ASP in 1961. The journal name was changed in 1970 to, The Journal of Natural Products as we know it today. Art Schwarting served as editor for JNP for seventeen years from 1960-1976. In 1970, professor Schwarting was appointed Dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut, a post he held until 1980 when he retired. In 1971-1972, Dean Schwarting served as president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the American Pharmaceutical Association Foundation Research Achievement Award in 1964; the University of Connecticut Alumni Association Award for Faculty Excellence in 1965; and the Centennial Achievement Award from The Ohio State University in 1970. For his long and outstanding service to the ASP, Schwarting was named an Honorary Member of the Society in 1981.

Dr. Arthur E. Schwarting was an outstanding teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. His intellect, patience and sense of humor were powerful assets to a dedicated teacher-scientist-scholar who motivated and superbly served as major professor for graduate students over a period of three decades.

Arthur Schwarting is survived by his wife Roberta (Bobbie) and two sons Michael and Gary and several grandchildren. His son Stephen, a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis was killed in a plane crash in 1973.

Provided by: Dave Carew and Jack Rosazza, University of Iowa, two of Art's former students.



In Memoriam

Jan Grzybek, Krakow, Poland Julia F. Morton, Coral Gables,Fla.

Duties of Committees (Section 1, - By Laws)

- a. The Executive Committee shall carry out the duties assigned to it in the Constitution and shall have the power to consider or act upon other matters in the intervals between annual or other meetings of the Society.
- b. The Membership Committee shall promote the increase in Society membership.
- c. The Honorary Membership Review Committee shall carry out its duties as prescribed under the guidelines approved by the Executive Committee. These duties shall include the receipt of nominations for honorary membership in the Society from the membership and the presentation of the committee recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- d. The Scientific Program Committee shall consider selection of the topics for the program at the Annual Meeting of the Society, arrange for suitable speakers, issue the call for research papers, make necessary arrangements for conducting the scientific program at the Annual Meeting, and be responsible for securing funds for the support of the program under the guidelines approved by the Executive Committee.
- e. The Local Program Committee shall arrange for a meeting place and accommodations at the local level and make other arrangements necessary for conducting the annual meeting of the Society under the guidelines approved by the Executive Committee. The Local Program Committee shall also be responsible for publicizing the Annual Meeting and promoting participation in it. At its discretion, the Local Program Committee may request assistance from the Publicity Committee for publicizing and promoting the Annual Meeting.
- f. The Committee on Awards and Funds shall obtain and productively maintain funds presented to the Society and determine policy for the disbursement of such bequests and funds.
- g. The Nominating Committee shall generate a slate of candidates for each elective office. Candidates shall be selected from the active membership of

- the Society. The Nominating Committee must present the names of at least two candidates for each elective office to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- h. The Publications Committee shall maintain and facilitate the orderly publication of the Journal of the Society.
- i. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the currency and integrity of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. As required by the Constitution, this committee shall draft amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws to address the ever-changing needs of the Society, and submit these changes to the Executive Committee at least two months in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- j. The Publicity Committee shall publicize the existence and activities of the Society and the significant achievements of its members. Such publicity shall include, but not be limited to, announcements and advertisements in scientific journals, as well as releases to the lay press. Specifically, the Committee shall publicize the various research and travel awards for students and members of the Society, and the ASP research award; further publicity for the annual meeting (in concert with the Local Program Committee), and for the various types of membership in the Society shall be incumbent upon the Committee.
- k. The Research Achievement Award Committee shall be charged with the responsibility for the selection of the recipient of the ASP Research Achievement Award from the membership of the Society. No more than one (1) award winner may be selected in each year. Selection shall be based primarily on the research achievements of each candidate in the area of natural products, but the Committee may also consider the relatedness of the research to the Society's objectives and other criteria, at its discretion. Former recipients of the award shall not be eligible for consideration.
- 1. The Tellers Committee counts and verifies all returned ballots for the election of officers.

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REPORTS ON ...

37th ANNUAL MEETING

The 37th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pharmacognosy was held July 27-31, 1996 in Santa Cruz, California. The setting was the beautiful campus of the University of California at Santa Cruz, built within a redwood forest and creeping with banana slugs, the campus's mascot. This was the first time an ASP meeting was scheduled to begin on a Sunday, a change which was made to save on air fare for attendees and one which was apparently well received. There were over 500 registrants for the meeting. The scientific program consisted of an overall theme of *Biotechnology and Natural Products* with six symposia being scheduled.

In addition, a symposium in tribute to Matt Suffness was presented on Monday, July 29th which was organized by John M. Cassady, Ph.D. from the Ohio State University and Gordon M. Cragg, Ph.D., from the National Cancer Institute. The symposium focused on Taxol and discovery of antitumor agents. Attendees presented a total of 240 posters and 50 oral presentations on the various aspects of their research. The poster sessions were accompanied by a "strolling buffet dinner" to allow attendees to view the posters without being rushed.

Other social events included the opening reception and barbecue and the annual banquet which took place on the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The meeting was certainly successful both scientifically and socially.

Thanks to the organizing committee for all of their efforts: Roy K. Okuda (San José State University) General and Local Program Chair; Phil Crews (University of California, Santa Cruz) Scientific Program Chair; Michael S. Tempesta (Larex, Inc.) Budget and Finances; Tadeusz Molinski (University of California, Davis).

SYMPOSIUM REPORT... "SEARCH FOR MEDICINES IN PLANTS"

A symposium under the title of "Búsqueda de Medicamentos en Plantas" ("Search for Medicines in Plants") was held on June 3-4, 1996, at the campus of the ESPOCH (Esquela Superior Politécnica de Chimborazo), Riobamba, Ecuador. Invited speakers were Drs. Cindy Angerhofer, Chris W. Beecher, Geoffrey A. Cordell, Djaya D. Soejarto (all from the Program for Collaborative Research in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, PCRPS, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois at Chicago), Prof. Victor H. Villacres (Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, Universidád Central, Quito), Profs. Cumanda Jativa, Rosa E. Pinos and Francisco Portero (all from the Faculty of Sciences, ESPOCH). June 3 was registration, inauguration and reception of the symposium, while June 4 was dedicated to presentations. The following papers (in that order) were presented: "The Use of the Computer Data Bases NAPRALERT and MEDFLOR in the Search for New Medicinal Agents from Plants" (Beecher), "Goals of Exploration in the Development of Medicines from Tropical Rain Forest Plants" (Soejarto), "Biodiversity in the Search for New Drugs in the 21st Century" (Cordell), "Discovery and Characterization of Compounds with Antimalarial Potential from Natural Products" (Angerhofer), "Bioactivity of Amazonian plants" (Villacres), and "Pastaza Experimental Station of ESPOCH: A Resource in the Search for New Medicines in Plants of the Tropical Rain Forests" (Pinos, Jativa, Portero). Two hundred forty registered participants, the greater part of which consisted of members of the Ecuadorian academic community and professionals, attended the symposium.

This symposium was one of several events that had been held as part of a UIC-ESPOCH Scientific Cooperation, whose goal is collaborative research in the search for biologically active molecules from botanical inventory of 500-hectares tropical rain forests in the Amazonian highlands of Ecuador, which form part of ESPOCH's Pastaza Experimental Station near Puyo, about 3 hours by road from Riobamba. The symposium was organized by the ESPOCH and UIC Coordinators of the Scientific Cooperation, Prof. Pinos and Prof. Soejarto, respectively, with funding support from ESPOCH, UIC, FUNDACYT and Shaman Pharmaceuticals. Other events that had been held as part of this Cooperation were a Medicinal Plants Course

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... SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

THE MONROE WALL SYMPOSIUM

On June 2-5, 1996, a symposium entitled "The Monroe Wall Symposium: Harnessing Biodiversity for Therapeutic Drugs and Foods" was held in New Brunswick, New Jersey under the auspices of Rutgers University. Dr. Wall is an alumnus of this University and in 1994 received two awards, The Rutgers Distinguished Alumni Award and the Cook College George H. Cook Award. Dr. Wall gave the keynote address, "Camptothecin and Taxol: Discovery to Clinic." He is an honorary member of the ASP and received the ASP Research Achievement Award in 1990. Many members were invited speakers, including Drs. Eloy Rodriguez, M.C. Wani, K.L. Rinehart, Jr., Robert Borris, Minehard Zenic, Gordon Cragg, Rnuka Misra, S. M. Hecht, K.H. Lee, J.D. McChesney, Lester Mischer, A.DerMarderosian, and A.D. Kinghorn. Dr. Gordon Cragg gave a talk on "Natural Product Drug Discovery and Development: The NCI Experience." At the conclusion of his address, he presented an Award of Recognition from NCI to Drs. M.E. Wall and M.C. Wani which read "In Appreciation of your contributions to cancer chemotherapy through the discovery and development of taxol and camptothecin."

NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION OF THE ASP

William Fenical of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, presented the Second Clinimetrics Lecture in Natural Products Drug Discovery on November 1, 1996 at San Jose State University. His lecture "Novel Biomedicines from the World's Oceans" attracted an audience of over 125, including representatives of 18 companies and research organizations, as well as a class of 15 high school students. The talk was followed by a reception and 44 joined in a congenial dinner at local microbrewery-restaurant. The lecture was co-hosted by the Northern California Section of the ASP (NCS-ASP) and the SJSU Department of Chemistry, and was funded by Clinimatics Research

Associates, Inc. of San Jose.

The NCS-ASP will be hosting several events throughout the year. All members and associate members of the ASP in the Northern California region will receive notices about upcoming local meetings. If you would like additional information about the NCS-ASP, contact:

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at ESPOCH by a UIC faculty (Dr. D. D. Soejarto) and two joint plant collecting expeditions. The UIC-ESPOCH Cooperation covers a period of August 1, 1995 - July 31, 1997, renewable through mutual agreement.

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ABC FORMS NEW ADVISORY BOARD; TYLER NAMED AS TRUSTEE

Botanical The American Council has announced the formation of it's new Advisory Board. This new board consists of thirtyeight distinguished academics, medical doctors, researchers, herbalists, naturopathic physicians, journalists and leaders in the fields of herbs and medicinal plants. The composition of this board reflects the explosive growth in interest in the world of herbal medicine and the dedication and talented professionals in this movement.

In addition to its size, the strength of this board is in the diversity and depth of experience of its members. The board includes fifteen professors, top researchers of leading companies, herbalists, FDA scientists and leading authors in the field of herbs and medicinal plants. The Advisory Board will play a crucial role in the non-profit research and educational work of the American Botanical Council.

"We are very excited about the prospects of this dynamic, talented and diverse new board. We welcome them and look forward to their participation in and expansion of the work of the American Botanical Council," said the ABC Board of Trustees.

The ABC Board of Trustees also recently announced the election of Varro E. Tyler, Ph.D. as a trustee. Dr. Tyler, the Lilly

Distinguished professor of Pharmacognosy at Purdue University, is widely respected for his extensive knowledge of herbs and phytomedicines and author of several leading books, and is coauthor of two textbooks on medicinal plants.

ABC was incorporated in 1988 with a mission to provide accurate scientific information on the responsible uses of herbs and medicinal plants. This process will be aided by the participation, experience and knowledge of the expanded Board of Trustees and the formation of the new Advisory Board.

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NEW BOOKS AND JOURNALS

From Alaken, Inc. 305 W. Magnolia St., Suite 196, Fort Collins, CO 80521, U.S.A. Fax: 970-226-8655 Tel., 970-223-5348

Biochemical Aspects of
Marine Pharmacology
edited by Philip Lazarovici,
Micha E. Spira, Eliahu
Zlotkin
232 pages, Hard Cover,
ISBN 1-880293-07-02,
1996, \$84.00

The Toxic Action of Marine and Terrestrial Alkaloids edited by Murray S. Blum 327 pages, Hard Cover, ISBN 1-880293-04-8, 1995 \$89.95

and

Chemistry and Toxicology of Diverse Classes of Alkaloids, edited by Murray S. Blum 386 pages, Hard Cover, ISBN 1-880293-06-4, 1995 \$99.50r

These books emphsize the toxic action of alkaloids from diverse sources such as marine, plant and animal tissue. As a set, these last two books are \$159.45.

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Molecular Approaches to Food Safety: Issues Involving Toxic Microorganisms edited by Mel Eklund, John L. Richard, and Katsutoshi Mise

532 pages, Hard Cover, ISBN 1-880293-05-6, 1995 \$110.00

This reference book describes the moleular structure and function of microbial toxins and discusses issues involving toxic microorganisms.

From Programa Iberoamericano de Ciencia y Tecnologia (CYTED)

Subprograma X. Quimica Farmaceutica Apartado 10767 Estafeta universitaria Panama, Rep. de Panama Fax: (507) 264-0789 Tel: (507) 269-7654

270 Plantas Medicinales Iboeroamericanas, edited by

Mahabir P. Gupta. 1995, 617 pages, ISBN 958-9206-50-6, \$45.00 U.S. plus \$15 shipping.

This book is in Spanish and has 270 monographs on Iberoamerican plants used in traditional medicine in 21 countries. Each monograph has an illustration or color photograph, scientific name, family, common names, botanical description, history, ethnomedical uses, chemistry, pharmacology and biological activitiy and references.

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ASP's 38th Annual Meeting

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The meeting will present an exciting scientific program with ample opportunity for interaction of meeting participants. Two symposia are planned. The titles and speakers follow.

Diversity in Natural Products Chemistry:

Sources and Applications

Gerald Bills (Merck)
John Cardellina (NCI LDDRD)
Cliff Gerwick (Dow Elanco)

Chris Ireland (U. of Utah)

Chris Pazoles (Phytera)

Lourival D. Possani (UNAM)

Hans Reichenbach (GBF-Braunschweig)

Biocatalysis and Biosynthesis of Natural Products:

Neil C. Bruce (Cambridge U., UK)

Tomas Hudlicky (U. of Florida)

Craig Townsend (Johns Hopkins)

Recommendations for speakers for a Young Investigators Symposium are welcome. Please send your suggestions to either Jack Rosazza or Jim Gloer.

For further information on the 1997 ASP Meeting, contact John Rosazza, Biocatalysis & Bioprocessing Center, 2501 Crosspark Road, C-100 Oakdale Research Park, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-5000 (Email: John-Rosazza@uiowa.edu) or James Gloer, 381 Chemistry Building, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242 (Email: James-Gloer@uiowa.edu).

CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS...

Research Achievement Award

The American Society of Pharmacognosy selects a recipient for the ASP Research Award annually. Candidates must be members of the Society who have made outstanding contributions to research on natural products. The award consists of an honorarium of \$2,500 and travel expenses to present the award lecture at an annual meeting of the Society.

Previous winners of the ASP Research Award are:

1985 - Koji Nakanishi

1988 - Heinz G. Floss

1989 - Kenneth L. Rinehart

1990 - Monroe E. Wall

1991 - S. William Pelletier

1992 - Henry Rapoport

1993 - A. Ian Scott

1994 - Paul J. Scheuer

1995 - George Robert Pettit

1996 - Meinhart H. Zenk

1997 - John W. Daly

Nominations for the 1998 award are due by April 1, 1997 to the Chairman of the Research Achievement Award Committee and should consist of a nominating letter, a curriculum vitae of the candidate, and letters from three individuals who are familiar with the candidate's scientific accomplish-Nomination documents ments. should be submitted in triplicate James E. Robbers, Ph.D., School of Pharmacy and Pharmacal Sciences, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907. Phone: (317)494-1456. FAX: (317)494-1414.

Awards and Grants for Students

To stimulate interest in all phases of natural products research, the American Society of

Pharmacognosy is offering the following awards and grants:

1. ASP Student Research Award.

The ASP Student Research Award is designed to recognize outstanding research in the general area of natural products. The competition is open to all graduate and undergraduate students working for a member of the ASP. Students should submit a research paper describing his/her own work in the area of natural products. The applications will be reviewed by the ASP Awards and Funds Committee in a blinded competition. The research paper should conform in general to the format of the Journal of Natural Products, except that there should be no identification of the student, faculty, or school from which the paper originated. The name and address of the contestant and his/her paper title should be provided in a separate letter accompanying the Please include a selfpaper. addressed stamped postcard (no smaller than 3.25 by 5.5 inches) with the title of the proposal and name of the applicant. This postcard will serve as notification of receipt of the application. award will consist of a \$500 cash gift and all expenses paid to present the paper at the annual meeting of the ASP (restricted to meetings held in the continental U.S.).

The deadline for submission of the research paper is March 1, 1997.

2. Undergraduate Research Awards.

The ASP Undergraduate Research Awards consist of a stipend of \$2,000 to the student and \$500 to the advisor to help defray the costs of the research. There are

no limitations on the type of research to be conducted other than that it should be in the area of natural products. Persons interested in submitting an application for consideration should send the following before March 1, 1997:

- a. An outline of the research to be conducted, written by the student submitting the application. This should include a statement of the problem and the goal(s) of the research, and a brief discussion of the methodology. This outline, with pertinent references, should not be longer than four double-spaced, typed pages.
- b. A transcript of all college work attempted.
- c. A curriculum vitae.
- d. A letter of agreement by the faculty advisor (a member of the American Society of Pharmacognosy) for the project, indicating a willingness to supervise the project, and provide the facilities and equipment for the conduct of the project. The letter should also include a statement about the student's academic performance and suitability to perform the work proposed.
- e. A self-addressed stamped postcard (no smaller than 3.25 by 5.5 inches) with the title of the proposal and name of the applicant. This postcard will serve as notification of receipt of the application.

Although not an absolute condition of the awards, students selected are highly encouraged to submit results of their research for presentation at an annual meeting of the ASP.

3. Lloyd Library and Museum Travel Grants.

This grant program was estab-

lished in cooperation with the Lloyd Library and Museum. In keeping with the Lloyd Library's interest in promoting student activities, two \$500 travel awards to attend the national ASP meeting will be These awards will be awarded. made based on excellence in both scholastic and research activities in the field of natural products. Application can be made by submission of a short (1-3 pages) synopsis of the work to be presented, a curriculum vitae, a current transcript and a letter of recommendation from the advisor. Applications are due March 1, 1997.

4. Travel Grants for Graduate Students.

Graduate students under the supervision of a Society member are also eligible for a travel grant of \$300 to \$500 to enable them to attend a Society meeting and present a paper. Application can be made by submission of a short (1-3 pages) synopsis of the work to be presented, a curriculum vitae and a letter of justification/recommendation from the advisor. All awards are contingent on the acceptance of the paper for presentation by the Scientific Program Committee. Applications are due March 1, 1997.

5. Kilmer Prize

Beginning with the 1994-1995 awards cycle, selection and presentation responsibility of this prize was transferred from the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science Awards Committee to the American Society of Pharmacognosy Awards Committee.

Criteria: Both undergraduate and graduate students in schools or colleges of pharmacy are eligible for

this award. The student does not have to be a member of the Pharmaceutical American Association or the APhA Academy of Students of Pharmacy or the Society American Pharmacognosy to qualify. Student applicants should submit a full research paper (introduction, experimental, results, discussion and references, with figures and tables as appropriate) and a letter certifying status from the university registrar or graduate dean. The deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 1997.

Nature of Award: The Kilmer Prize consists of a gold key, suitably inscribed, bearing the likeness of Dr. Kilmer. The APhA makes available a complimentary registration and up to \$300 to enable the winner to attend the meeting at which the award will be given. The American Society of Pharmacognosy also provides an honorarium of \$300 for the named recipient.

Awards and Grants for Active Members

1. Research Starter Grants.

ASP small research grants from \$2000 to \$5000 are available for active members in the first eight years after earning their Ph.D. and in the first five years of their first independent career position. These are one-time awards and are not subject to indirect costs. Application can be made by submission of a research proposal of no more than four double-spaced, typed pages. A budget should accompany the proposal and the investigator should also provide a statement of his current funding. A curriculum vitae of the investigator must be included with the proposal and budget. The deadline for submission of application for these grants is March 1, 1997. Please include a self-addressed stamped postcard (no smaller than 3.25 by 5.5 inches) with the title of the proposal and the name of the applicant. This postcard will serve as notification of receipt of the application.

2. Travel Grants for Active Members.

Travel grants are available to enable active members who are in the first five years after earning their Ph.D. to travel to an American Society of Pharmacognosy meeting and present the results of their research. These awards of \$300 to \$500 are made on a competitive basis. Application can be made by submission of a short (2-3 pages) synopsis of the work to be presented, a curriculum vitae and a letter of justification for the request. All awards are contingent on the acceptance of the paper for presentation by the Scientific Program Committee. The deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 1997. Please include a self-addressed stamped postcard (no smaller than 3.25 by 5.5 inches) with the title of the proposal and name of the applicant. This postcard will serve as notification of receipt of the application.

Applications for the student and member grants and awards can be sent to:

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MEETINGS

Future ASP Meetings

1997 - July 26-30 - University of Iowa

1998 - July 19-23 - Orlando, Florida

1999 - July 26-31 - International meeting with the Phytochemical Society of Europe, the Gesellschaft fur Arzneipflanzenforschung, and the Association Francaise pour l'Enseignement et la Recherche en Pharmacognosie - Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Future AACP Meetings

1997 - November 2-6 - Boston, MA.

Other Meetings of Interest-1997

January 25, The 33rd Symposium of the Phytochemical Society of Japan, Sugiyama Jogakuen University, Nagoya, Japan. No contact name given.

February 23-26. Chemistry, Biological Pharmacological Properties of Medicinal Plants from the Americas, Panama City, Panama. Contact: Prof. Kurt Hostettmann, Chrm., IOCD Working Group on Plant Pharmacogonosy Chemistry, Institute of Phytochemistry, University of Lausanne, B.E.P., CH-1015 Lausanne-Dorigny, Switzerland. Tel.: 4121-692 45 61; Fax.: 4121-692 45 05; e-mail: Kurt. Hostettmann@ipp.unil.ch

April 20-23, Communication of Plants with the Environment, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Joint meeting of the Phytochemical Society of North America and the Phytochemical Society of Europe. Contact: Prof. dr. Rob Verpoorte, Division of Pharmacognosy, Leiden/Amsterdam Center for Drug Research, P.O. Box 9502, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands. Tel: (31)(71)5274510/5274528, Fax: (31)(71)5274277, E-mail FCOGSYMP@LACDR.LeidenUniv.NL - PLEASE NOTE THE DATES OF THIS MEETING. A MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT WENT OUT WITH INCORRECT DATES!

June 11-14, The Chiral Conference of the Americas, Cancun, Mexico. For information contact: Ms. Mary Jo Richards, or Dr. Daniel W. Armstrong, Department of Chemistry, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, Missouri, USA. Phone: (573) 341-4429; FAX: (573) 341-6033. email: mrichard@umr.edu Internet access: http://www.umr.edu/~chiral.

June 24-27, 5th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ankara, Turkey. Contact: Maksut Coskun, Ankara University, Faculty of Pharmacy. 06100 Tandooan, Ankara-Turkey. Tel: 90.312.222 04 71, Fax: 90.312.213 10 81, E-mail:

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September 7-12, 45th Annual GA-Congress in Regensburg, "Natural Compounds as-Antivirals-Immunomodulators-Anticoagulants." Contact: Prof. Dr. G. Franz, Institute of Pharmacy, University of Regensburg, Universitätsstraße 31, D-93040 Regensburg, Germany. Tel: #49/ (0)941-943-4760, Fax: #49/ (0)941-943-4762

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October 28-30, International Symposium on Natural Medicines, Kyoto, Japan. Organized by the Japanese Society of Pharmacognosy. Contact: Prof. Gisho Honda, General Secretary, International symposium on Natural Medicines, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University, 46-29, Yoshida-Shimoadachi, Sakyo, Koyto, 606-01 Japan. Fax: 81-75-753-4591

November 10-15, II World Congress on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants for Humal Welfare Wocmap II, Mendoza, Republica Argentina. Contact: Dr. Arnaldod Bandoni, SAIPA, Av. de Mayo 1324 - 1°piso, oficina 36 (1085) Buenos Aires, Argentina Te/Fax (54-1) 383-2360 (54-1) 961-7637 E-mail: postmaster@saipa.org.ar

1997-98 Programme of meetings of The Phytochemical Society of Europe. Contact: Dr. R. H. Robins, Honorary Meetings Secretary, Laboratoire de RMN-RC, Faculté des Sciences, 2 rue de la Houssiniére, F-44072 nantes Cedex 03, France. Fax: +44-116-257-7287

January, 1997--Regulation of the Primary Metabolic Pathways in Plants, Oxford, U.K. (Dr. N. J. Kruger)

April 20-24, 1997--See above.

September, 1997--Bioassay and Screening Methods in Phytochemistry, Uppsala, Sweden (Prof. L. Bohlin)

April 1998--Isoquinoline and Indole Alkaloids, Istanbul, Turkey (Prof. G. Sariyar)

September, 1998--Biologically Active Peptides, Oslo, Norway (Prof B. S. Paulsen)

Other Meetings of Interest-1998

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 Rodríguez, 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(9)28 45.29.15 / 45.29.00 FAX: +34(9) 28 45.29.22 email: josejuan.santana@quimica.ulpgc.es.

PharmaMar ENTERS INTO ANTICANCER RESERACH COLLABORATION WITH Bristol-Myers Squibb

Compounds from Marine Organisms to be Evaluated

(Madrid, Spain, October 8th, 1996) - The Spanish biopharmaceutical company PharmaMar (meaning "Sea Pharmaceuticals") a leader in the research and development of new drugs derived from marine organisms, announced today that it had signed a research and optional agreement with the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE-BMY) for the evaluation and development of up to 12 new anti-cancer compounds from PharmaMar's marine products portfolio.

Under this agreement, Bristol-Myers Squibb will evaluate the 12 compounds and has the exclusive worldwide option to license and to continue develop-

Announcement

Dr. Dawn Schwenke is leading the organization of a Plant Phenolics Research interest Group (RIG) to foster interaction between individuals interested in the isolation, characterization, analysis, and biological activity of phenolic compounds from plants. The scope of the discussion group is research related to the potential human health benefits and risks of plant phenolics and polyphenolics. Interested persons may contract Dr. Schwenke directly. She may be reached by phone at (910) 716-6048, Fax at (910) 716-6279, or e-mail at schwenke@bgsm.edu

ment of each of these novel anti-tumor compounds. PharmaMar believes that several of these compounds have new, unique mechanisms of action.

According to Dr. José Ma. Fernandez Sousa, Chairman of PharmaMar: "This relationship with the world leader in oncology, Bristol-Myers Squibb, allows PharmaMar the opportunity to accelerate development of its large and unique marine anti-tumor portfolio, and gives us access to one of the best companies in the world for drugs development, particularly in oncology."

PharmaMar, through its own efforts, intends to develop selected compounds from its portfolio, and earlier this year began Phase I trials on its lead anticancer compound Ecteinascidin (ET) -743, in US, UK, France and The Netherlands. The Company is also completing preclinical development of at least two other anti-tumor compounds, in preparation for initiating clinical trials in 1997. These compounds are not involved within the scope of the new agreement with Bristol-Myers Squibb.

PharmaMar's focus on marine sources has yielded a highly productive research and development effort in the area of new drugs for cancer, with novel structures and mechanisms of action.

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The American Society of Pharmacognosy offers a placement service to aid our members in seeking positions or employees. This service is available only to ASP members and is free to both the applicant and the prospective employer. Once an application is submitted, it will remain on file for one (1) year, at which time it will be destroyed. The applicant should realize that this is not a resume service and that the application will be submitted to the prospective employer exactly as submitted (i.e. the submitted form will be photocopied, then sent to the prospective employer).

All information submitted will be held in the strictest confidentiality. Forms and further information may be obtained from:

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Associate membership is open to students of pharmacognosy and allied fields. These members are not accorded voting privileges, and dues are \$15.00 per year. In order to receive the *Journal of Natural Products* the subscription rates are as follows: United States: \$35.00; Canada and Mexico: \$45.00; Europe: \$55.00; All other countries: \$59.00.

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Emeritus membership is open to retired members of the Society who maintained membership in the Society for at least five years. Dues are \$5.00 per year. These members receive the ASP Newsletter. Emeritus members may subscribe to the Journal of Natural Products at the Full Member rates.

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