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This newsletter, issued every 6 months, maintain contacts with member societies and circulates important information. Please contact us for comments, contributions and suggestions!

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<http://www.eurofedpar.eu>

Relations with the ESCMID

The next ECCMID (European Congress for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) will be held in Barcelona Information: www.escmid.org. Activities of the Clinical Parasitology group can be seen at http://www.escmid.org/research_projects/study_groups/clinical_parasitology/

The word of the treasurer

Edoardo Pozio, EFP Treasurer, would like to remind the member societies that the **EFP fees are 0.50€ per member per year.**

At the end of October 2013, 23 societies still to pay the 2013 fees; 7 societies, the 2012 fees; 4 societies, the 2011 fees; 3 societies, the 2010 fees; 3 societies the 2009 fees ; 2 societies, the 2008 fees ; and one society, the 2007 and 2006 fees.

There is no contact with five member societies, namely :

- Belorussian Society of Parasitologists,
- Society of Estonian Parasitologists,
- Portuguese Society of Parasitologists,
- Society of Helminthologists of Russia,
- Turkish Society for Parasitology.

These five societies should contact the EFP president and secretary to renew the link.

According to our bylaws, the British Society of Parasitologists has been suspended.

All funds in the hands of the EFP are obtained by the contribution of all member societies. Funds are exclusively spent on grants for the participation of students to EMOPS (30 grants in 2008, 20 grants in 2012), on the Young Scientist Award prizes and for the management of the revamped web pages.

Future international meetings

ICOPA 13, August 2014, Mexico City

<http://www.icopa2014.com/>



A message from Ana Flisser

"Dear members of the European Federation of Parasitologists. The Mexican Society of Parasitology and the Latin American Federation of Parasitology cordially invite our colleagues from the European Federation of Parasitologists to come to our great Mexico City in order to participate in the XIII International Congress of Parasitology that will take place on August 10-15, 2014 at the Hotel Camino Real. Mexico is the oldest capital of the American continent; the city has beautiful architecture, pre-hispanic sites and museums, which, together with Mexican gastronomy, are the conquest of tourists. The scientific program includes symposia with invited speakers who were proposed by outstanding scientists around the world, by Presidents of National Societies of Parasitology, the International Scientific Advisory Board and the local scientific committee; all of them with the highest records in productivity. The scientific program also includes plenary conferences with worldwide-recognized scientists, electronic posters to be presented in designed display with specific schedules along the entire green meeting. Our slogan "ancient parasites, old hosts, new knowledge" points to long lasting parasites, longevity of hosts and the new data that will be shared during ICOPA. We look forward to seeing you in Mexico City at ICOPA XIII in August 2014; your participation will contribute to the success of this important meeting".

EMOP XII - Turku, Finland 20-24 July 2016 – "Parasites are Forever"

The next European Multicolloquium of Parasitology will be the northernmost so far. <http://emopxii.blogspot.fr/>

Some news sent by Antti Oksanen:

"Now, the winter is emerging here in Oulu, but not very determined. We had some snow cover, but it melted away. Anyway, it is dark and time to sink into the hibernating. Yes, there have been problems with the poll asking European parasitologists to propose topics for symposia and sessions, and our very handy webmaster Brian Lassen

(President of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology) has worked hard in the social media to solve it. Unfortunately, he says it cannot be fixed in the Blogspot, so he is preparing to put the poll on an external link. From the poll, it appears that e.g. malaria and schistosomosis have not been mentioned a lot... May be our voters have been mostly European. The comments by visitors have been very helpful so far; we have received many good suggestions already: Diphyllobothrium phylogeny and host range; cestode taxonomy, especially of fresh water fishes; parasites and pregnancy; Sarcocystis; evolutionary Parasitology; sensitivity and specificity of diagnostic tests; the concept of "strongyles" and "strongylids" and then, "philosophical aspects of parasitism", whatever it means. As there is a full 126 seat cinema at the LOGOMO, the EMOP venue, we have brewed an idea of arranging the "1st International Parasite Film Festival". The festival could show classical educational parasite films, such as Walt Disney's The Winged Scourge, where Snow White's seven dwarfs fight against malaria e.g. with widespread use of DDT. Please, have a look: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y68F8YwLWdq>. We are waiting for other suggestions from EFP"



The Declaration of Christmas Peace is a yearly tradition in Turku, Finland, since the Middle Ages, at noon on Christmas Eve. In the solemn Declaration, the humble citizens are warned against offending the 20 day long Christmas Peace; they are threatened with stiffer penalties for any disruptive behavior. During the EMOP XII in July 2016, Christmas Peace is not prevailing. Photo: Turku Touring



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