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

EFP board

Jean Dupouy-Camet (president), Thomas Romig & Vasile Cozma (vice presidents), Edoardo Pozio (treasurer), Celia Holland (general secretary), Antti Oksanen, Titia Kortbeek, Pierre Dorny & Russell Stothard (members at large).

<http://www.eurofedpar.eu>

EFP meetings at ICOPA, Mexico



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

The EFP will have two meetings during the next ICOPA. The board will meet Monday 11th August from 7 to 8.30 pm and a general assembly of all members societies will be held Tuesday 12th August from 7 to 8.30 pm. Only societies having paid their fees will have right to vote. The agenda will include a discussion about the 2 bids which have been received to organise ICOPA 2018 (Thailand, Korea).

WFP Distinguished Achievement Award

The European federation of Parasitologists is very proud to present the candidature of Edoardo Pozio (our treasurer) for the WFP Distinguished Achievement Award.

Transfer of the US National Parasite Collection

In 2013, the decision was made to transfer the US National Parasite Collection (NPC) from the USDA-Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Beltsville, MD to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). If you have any questions, please contact Anna Phillips (PhillipsAJ@si.edu), Research Zoologist, Curator, Dpt of Invertebrate Zoology, Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Visit of EFP president to Korea

Having a conference in Seoul, Jean Dupouy-Camet had the opportunity to meet the ICOPA XIV bid committee and visit the Daegu facilities where ICOPA XIV could be held.



Jean Dupouy-Camet was impressed by the "green" convention center, by the impressive skills of the local parasitologists (Prs Yong, Eom & Chai) and of the Daegu organisational team. Daegu city is much smaller than Seoul. This clean & secure city, surrounded by forested mountains is connected by high speed train to Seoul airport. The surroundings are nice with very interesting touristic traditional places registered at the UNESCO world heritage.



Emergence of schistosomiasis in Corsica (France); exchanges with ECDC Chief Scientist

20 May 2014

Dear Prof Giesecke

The emergence of a focus of haematobium schistosomiasis in Corsica last month is a concern for the community of European parasitologists. The transmission seems limited, as highlighted in the ECDC Communicable disease threats report of the 17th of May 2014, but this new phenomenon is quite likely to emerge in other parts of southern Europe particularly in region where a lot of people from endemic areas are immigrating. A few months ago, I informed you of the creation of a special committee of the EFP (EFP Parasitic Disease Quick Response Committee) which could be mobilized in case of any emerging parasitic problem in Europe. Pr Santi Mas-Coma (past president of the EFP) heads this committee and has already been in touch with the principal French actors in charge of the management of this new focus. The recent

ECDC Communicable disease threats report mentions that the ECDC is preparing a rapid risk assessment.

Therefore, I am glad to inform you that the "Schisto" experts of the EFP are ready to participate in any initiative of the ECDC authorities aimed at evaluating the potential emergence of schistosomiasis in the southern parts of Europe as *Bulinus truncatus* the intermediary host of the parasite is present not only in Corsica but also in Portugal, Sardinia...

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With my best regards

Pr Jean Dupouy-Camet

Answer of Pr Giesecke

Thank you for your email, and thank you for your offer to involve your new special committee in the work on the schistosoma in Corsica. A rapid risk assessment from the ECDC was sent to the European Commission (DG SANCO) last Saturday and we are having a telephone conference with them this afternoon, where I hope we will learn from them if they are expecting more scientific advice/guidance from the ECDC. If so, we will need to discuss in house how we should progress in this matter, and who could/should be involved. Again, thank you for your kind offer!

Johan Giesecke

Visit to Naples (Italy)



Jean Dupouy-Camet visited Pr Giuseppe Cringoli & Laura Rinaldi in Naples to discuss the development of their very useful device for human or animal stool examination: the famous **Miniflotac**. Many details can be found in this paper <http://www.plosntds.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pntd.0002344>

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

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



Jean Dupouy-Camet & Celia Holland