

## **Minutes of the Subcommittee Drug Discovery and Development Telecon**

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List of participants:

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Rita Cornelis

Janos Fischer

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### 1) Report of Rita Cornelis from the Division VII Meeting in Paris, July 6 and 7, 2019

For detailed information, please see the minutes of the Division VII Meeting on the IUPAC homepage, minutes are finalized, upload to IUPAC homepage pending.

Rita Cornelis stressed that the financial situation of IUPAC will not allow a face to face meeting of Division VII in the next years. We will introduce teleconferencing, Rita will clarify with Fabienne Meyers which slots can be provided by IUPAC with which teleconferencing tool. Slots may also be available for Subcommittee teleconferencing.

Rita Cornelis will approach Richard Harthorne whether any progress within the strategic project run by IUPAC Executive Committee can already be communicated.

### 2) Update on Survey on SC D3 membership

Neel Balasubramanian and Gerd Schnorrenberg reported on the results of the survey and reported that 17 current and 1 new member wanted to continue. These are 8 colleagues from the US, 7 from EU, one from Australia, one from Japan and 1 new member from Egypt. It is quite obvious that it would be desirable to get a better balance over regions being active in our field of D3.

Many members made comments and recommendations on how to achieve improvements in public recognition and how to improve our work. We also received

proposals for new SC members. Balu and Gerd will follow-up individually with every member having made proposals to discuss how proposals can be followed-up.

### 3) Project Updates

- a) Janos Fischer reported on the finalization of the book series Volume 4 of Successful Drug Discovery and the plans for Volume 5. Volume 4 has now been published and very positively reviewed in ChemMedChem. For Volume 5, Janos reported that manuscripts will arrive until January 2020 and are directly going into the review process. Wiley appraised the growing interest in this book series and requested the preparation of Volume 6 already.
- b) Janos Fischer reported on the IUPAC Richter Prize 2020 which will be awarded mid of 2020. Deadline for nominations is mid of December, the selection committee will then review the nominations and select one awardee in January. So far 8 nominations have arrived – this number compares well with the numbers of the last IUPAC Richter Prize nominations.

### 4) New Projects/Proposals

- a) Michael Liebman had sent an update on the Analysis of Phase III and Marketing Failures including the impact on preclinical discovery and development. MS was selected as pilot indication with the goal to extend the scope to other indications. After having gone through the official review process, the proposal has been approved beginning of November 2019. The synopsis has been shortly discussed in the telecon and it was decided that Balu, Gerd and Michael will follow-up with the goal to start as soon as possible. The project is currently considered as joint project with the TRA SC (Vincenzo Abbate) and with the NPU SC (Helle Moeller-Johannessen). The contributions of both SCs need to be specified then followed by an action plan and eventually a budget refinement.
- b) Michael also provided an update on the Newsletter proposal. The project has been approved after the official review process. The synopsis provided by Michael represents a solid basis, Balu and Gerd will follow-up with Michael to generate the first prototype for review by the SC D3.
- c) Neel Balasubramanian announced that a new project proposal on new therapeutic modalities will be prepared during the first quarter 2020.

- 5) It was decided to have the next Subcommittee meeting face to face. There are two options to be explored: ACS Philadelphia Meeting in March 2020 and the New York Medicinal Chemistry Conference in June 2020. As we will need a free of charge meeting facility, Tom Perun will explore options connected to the New York meeting and Janos Fischer will explore options connected to the Philadelphia meeting. Balu will organize a telecon in January where the decision on the next meeting location will be taken.

Balu and Gerd would like to thank all participants of the D3 Subcommittee teleconference for their active participation and their valuable contributions.

Signed  
Gerd and Balu