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## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT 2008/2009**

Dear Member,

Another year has gone by and now fast approaching 2014, the year that our Society hosts the World Congress (WCP 2014). For more detail and information please visit our web site [www.sapharmacol.co.za](http://www.sapharmacol.co.za)

### **Grahamstown Congress**

I want to thank Prof Daya who hosted the 42nd annual congress of our society, jointly with the SA Neuroscience Society (5-8 October 2008). I want to thank Prof Daya who has contributed to our society since 1984. He has since left for a more 'relaxed' academic environment in the Bahamas.

### **International Council for Scientific Unions (ICSU)**

I had the opportunity to represent our Society at the 4-yearly Annual General Meeting of ICSU, held in Mozambique. It was an ideal opportunity to promote our Society to the International Science community.

### **WCP 2014**

Our preparations for 2014 is well on track and should gain momentum from 2010. In November 2008, Prof Brink and I met with the congress coordinators of the Cape Town International Convention Centre and Zelda Ingram (previously from Thebe Congress Organisers) in preparation for the signing of the contract with IUPHAR. The contract was signed in March 2009 in Egypt and I want to thank Proffs Brink, Oliver and Ms L Mokoena for their efforts. During the same time the Pharmacology for Africa Summit was held in Egypt and organised by Proffs Oliver and Brink.

The first working committee (fund raising) for 2014 will start their activities at this years congress. I appeal to members to avail themselves to assist.

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## **IOSP**

The society under the leadership of Prof. Brink managed to obtain funding from IUPHAR to host an Isolated Organ Systems Pharmacology Workshop (IOSP). The workshop preceded our annual congress. Delegates came from Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa. The Society, the NRF and the North West University contributed financially to make this a successful workshop. My gratitude to Prof Brink for his organisation and Prof Oliver to secure additional funding from NWU.

## **EXCO meetings**

In order to keep expenditure as low as possible, only one meeting took place in May, Where possible the Society's business is conducted via e-mail.

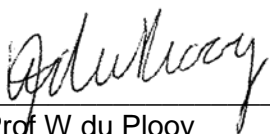
## **The Society**

One of the challenges still remain long-term funding for the young scientist competition. During the 2007-2008 term the Society showed an increase in membership from the usual 130-150 members to 219. This growth declined and now stands at 231. It is still a problem to get members to pay their dues in time.

## **National Research Foundation**

The NRF is our main government support agency and link to ICSU to which IUPHAR is affiliated. A special word of gratitude to the NRF for enabling members to attend the ICSU meeting, the Egypt Summit and meet with the Executive of IUPHAR and for co-sponsoring the IOSP workshop.

I request that all achievements of our Society be forwarded to the EXCO. This can include publications, books written, positions held on National and International Organisations and special awards. In turn it will be forwarded to the NRF. It is used as a measure of the impact of our Society.

  
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Prof W du Plooy  
(President)

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