In year 2010, the most important event in European pharmacology will be the 16th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology – WorldPharma2010 which will be held in Copenhagen in July, in the same congress centre recently hosting the World Climate Change Conference. WorldPharma2010 is a unique congress in two ways. Firstly, it bridges basic and clinical pharmacology and provides updated information about the hottest topics in the field. Secondly, the congress combines the benefits of a specialized and broad spectrum scientific meeting. The scientific program is organized in 18 focused conferences which will last 23 days and cover the most important areas of basic and clinical pharmacology. In addition, there will be 26 plenary lectures, 25 workshops, poster sessions, satellite symposia and much more. The full program with 500 invited top international speakers may be viewed on www.worldpharma2010.org.

EPHAR will celebrate its 20th Anniversary in WorldPharma2010. The EPHAR Lecture on Thursday afternoon will be given by Thomas Lönngren, Director of European Medicines Agency EMEA, and it will be followed by the prize presentations to the winners of EPHAR Young Investigator Awards, as well as a wine reception. In addition, EPHAR will arrange a workshop "New opportunities in the pharmacology of neuroimmune interactions".

The WorldPharma2010 homepage is now open for the registration, abstract submission and hotel booking. Don’t miss out on World Pharma 2010! It will be a scientifically stimulating and rewarding experience, and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances and to savour the atmosphere of Copenhagen.

Looking forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.

Eeva Moilanen
President, The Federation of European Pharmacological Societies

www.worldpharma2010.org
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LETTERS OF SUPPORT
It is with great pleasure and pride that we ask the EPHAR council to consider Utrecht, the Netherlands, as the venue for its 2016 EPHAR meeting. Since its foundation in 1978, the Dutch Pharmacological Society has been an active and lively society with members from academia, industry and medical research institutes. The objective of the Dutch Pharmacological Society is to promote and stimulate research and education on drugs, both in the biological context and under pathophysiological conditions. Its members have contributed to major developments in cardiovascular, respiratory-, immuno- and psycho-pharmacology. The Society cooperates with other societies in medical science and stimulates a multidisciplinary approach in drug development. In order to achieve this, the Dutch Pharmacological Society is actively affiliated with the Netherlands Federation for Innovative Drug Research and working parties on medical science/drug development, such as the Top Institute Pharma at a national level, and with pharmacological societies at an international level. The Society aims to stimulate and facilitate national and international networks and collaborations in pharmacological sciences.

The Dutch Pharmacological society has experience in organizing national and international meetings, including the IUPHAR XI Congress of Pharmacology in 1990, during which EPHAR was founded. Our bid committee consists of the current board of the Dutch Pharmacological Society, and is strongly supported by all members at their annual assembly in October 2009. Our candidacy for hosting the European Congress of Pharmacology is further supported by the Dutch Ministry of Health, the Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions, the Utrecht Tourism & Convention Board, and several national and international professional organizations.

We intend to host the European Congress of Pharmacology in the Utrecht Jaarbeurs Convention Centre, Utrecht, The Netherlands in September-October 2016. We propose the following general theme for the congress:

**Pharmacology in Europe Makes the Difference**

The scientific program will cover a comprehensive range of pharmacological topics, from receptor-pharmacology to target finding in diseases, and from translational pharmacology to pharmacokinetics, including exciting new developments, persisting controversies, and emerging consensus encompassing the whole process of drug development. We plan to organize the congress in an innovative format that is attractive to participants from different European and non-European countries and professional backgrounds.

The Netherlands is a beautiful country with an international outlook. It prides itself on a stable economy and political situation, and an optimal infrastructure for the organization of a large international congress, such as the European Congress on Pharmacology. Utrecht, the fourth largest city of the Netherlands, is located in the country’s geographical heart. It has a unique medieval city centre and a pleasant, intimate atmosphere. In addition, Utrecht profiles itself as a centre of talent
and knowledge. The Utrecht University is a research university, comprising seven faculties which collectively span the entire academic spectrum in teaching and research. Founded in 1636, the university is now a modern, leading institute enjoying a growing international reputation. In the Shanghai Ranking, Utrecht University is 1st in the Netherlands, 11th in Europe and 52nd worldwide. In 2008, Utrecht and its university were the centre of the celebration of ‘100 years of Pharmacology in the Netherlands’, as in 1908 the Dutch Queen appointed Rudolf Magnus the first Professor of Pharmacology in the Netherlands at the State University Utrecht.

Utrecht offers excellent accessibility, as the country’s main airport Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is only 30 minutes from the city by rail. The internationally awarded Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is considered one of the world’s best organized airports, offering excellent and often direct connections to airports throughout the world. International trains bring you right to the heart of the city. Utrecht offers a wide range of accommodation facilities within walking distance from the convention centre.

We propose to organize the congress at the Jaarbeurs Utrecht Convention Centre, which is located in the immediate vicinity of the city centre and the railway station. Jaarbeurs Utrecht provides a natural setting where the added value of physical meetings must be tangible for all delegates and contribute to their goals. The convention centre is continuously upgrading its facilities by investing in new building projects and special concepts. One of the upcoming special projects will be creating a high grade developed meeting room which hosts up to 2,000 delegates. EPHAR 2016 will be organized in this new meeting room which will be functionally designed and will offer the latest high-tech conference facilities.

The Dutch Pharmacological Society has not previously had the opportunity to host an EPHAR Congress and would very much welcome to receive the opportunity in 2016. Here, we like to present our detailed bid, including the presentation of the local organizing committee and professional congress organizers, a proposal for the scientific content, the format of the congress, budget and detailed information on the venue and the city of Utrecht, and the letters of support from governmental, municipal and professional organizations. At the IUPHAR WorldPharma 2010 meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, on July 22, 2010, we will present our bid to the delegates of the EPHAR council.

On behalf of the board of the Dutch Pharmacological Society,

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President of the Dutch Pharmacological Society

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President of the local organizing committee EPHAR 2016
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What does EPHAR 2016 offer you:

- reduced entrance fee for PhD-students and young investigators (< 35 years)
- daily format consisting of plenary sessions with state-of-the-art lectures by invited speakers and up to 5 parallel sessions
- highly interactive meet-the-expert sessions on each of the 5 meeting days, allowing discussion on the latest unpublished data, in part selected from the submitted abstracts, with the aim of generating new European collaborations
- ‘how to’ sessions, not only introducing the latest techniques, but also leading the way to successful EU grant applications
- sessions illustrating the importance of academia-industry interaction, with speakers from both sides
- focus on translational medicine, by providing an attractive mix of preclinical and clinical pharmacology

In the ‘omics’ area, pharmacology returns center stage given its strategic role bridging all medical (sub)sciences. To truly make a difference, allowing the translation of the wealth of knowledge from the omics sciences into new drugs, collaboration is warranted. Pharmacology in Europe should therefore stand united and cross national barriers.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT
If the Dutch Pharmacological Society is granted to host EPHAR 2016, the Local Organizing Committee will apply for the Prefinancing and Guarantee Fund (VGF). This is an initiative of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Association of the Dutch Convention Industry (VNC) and the Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions (NBTC) and offers organisers of an international congress in the Netherlands prefinancing as well as a guarantee.

Prefinancing
Interest-free loans are based on a provisional budget and liquidity forecast drawn up or approved by a Professional Congress Organiser (PCO), and must be backed by a redemption guarantee.

Guarantee fund
A guarantee is based on a balanced budget, formulated or approved by a PCO, its level being determined by the VGF, PCO and the venue.
## Budget EPHAR Congress Sept - Oct 2016

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Meeting each other, catching up, re-establishing old connections – even in this fast world of internet, email and e-commerce, human contact is still irreplaceable. It is like feeling, tasting and smelling. Jaarbeurs Utrecht is the ideal spot for contact. We want to create just the right atmosphere for all our visitors. Jaarbeurs Utrecht is planning to be the village square that everybody comes to. A place where people come for all kinds of reasons, and where they are happy to return time and again. All activities of the venue operate at the heart of a 24-hour economy where business and leisure enhance each other’s strengths and seamlessly come together.

MADE-TO-MEASURE CONFERENCES
Facilitating meetings in an environment where everyone feels at home demands passion, skill and dynamics. Jaarbeurs Utrecht provides a natural setting where the added value of physical meetings must be tangible for the visitor, exhibitor and the organiser and contribute to their goals.

The conference centre at Jaarbeurs Utrecht hosts a wide range of conferences every day. Becoming the ultimate village square in the Netherlands in 2015, makes that a great deal of the work is being devoted to new building projects and special concepts. One of the upcoming special projects will be creating a new entrance and a high grade developed meeting room which hosts up to 2,000 delegates. Particular attention will be paid to the design, which is unique in the Netherlands. On arrival, you will immediately feel the special ambiance and get into the right mood for your conference. The interaction of design and emotion enhance the mood. Colour, temperature, the refreshments, the interior design; everything has its function and added value.

PHYSICAL ADDED VALUE
We are continuing to work on upgrading the Jaarbeurs complex - the meeting rooms, congress centres, restaurants, reception areas and the toilets. Everything is to be smarthened up, renovated or even completely made over. But for every bit of work that is carried out, the underlying principle is the same: it has to yield tangible benefits for organisers, exhibitors and delegates, and always serve the meeting process and enhance visitors’ overall experience. A large number of outdoor projects is also being planned, such as a large food court with bars and restaurants, a modern mega-cinema complex and a new luxury hotel. Work is already underway on a new casino building and the area around the station is being completely renovated.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AT JAARBEURS UTRECHT?
• Free wireless internet, 24 hours a day
• Top-class restaurant, Divnatio
• A luxury hotel
• Media Plaza
• A mega-cinema complex
• The best in showbiz at the Beatrix Theater
• The start, finish and beating heart of the Jaarbeurs Utrecht Marathon (Easter Monday)
• ‘Meetingmoods’ in the Congress and Meeting Centre
• Jaarbeurs Insperience and ExpoPoint for optimising trade fairs and events
• Direct link to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol

A UNIQUE LOCATION
Located in the centre of the Netherlands, at the junction of railways and motorways, Jaarbeurs Utrecht is the logical choice when planning for visitors from all parts of the world. Young and old alike travel comfortably by train, which stops right next to Jaarbeurs Utrecht. For those wanting to come by car, Jaarbeurs Utrecht has 6,500 parking places. But there is more. Less than 30 kilometres away is Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport. Passengers arriving by air can continue their journey by train and not have to brave the outdoors until they are right in front of the Congress and Meeting Centre.

ATTRACTIVE CITY CENTRE
Want to unwind between before or after the conference? The attractive city centre of Utrecht is less than a ten-minute walk away. The centuries-old buildings and canals make a visit to the city a unique experience. Despite their historic setting, the shops are entirely from this day and age. Everyone can find something to his or her liking. Utrecht is a pleasant mix of urban excitement and small-town charm.

DYNAMIC CITY
Utrecht is also the heart of business world. Large, internationally operating insurance companies, financial institutions and computer companies have chosen Utrecht and its surroundings as their home base. Furthermore, Utrecht is the home of one of the Netherlands’ most prominent universities. The reputation of Utrecht University goes beyond national borders.
The City of Utrecht, with its inextricable combination of rich past and dynamic present, is a truly unique place. This 2000 year old city teems with a wide range of interesting museums and cultural events with programmes full of theatre, dance, art and more. Stroll down the quaint streets and along the canals in the Utrecht Museum Quarter and sample the pleasant, intimate atmosphere for which Utrecht is famous. 70,000 students represent the character of this lively city of creative young people.

Welcome in Utrecht!
ACCESSIBLE & COMPACT

Utrecht is conveniently located in the heart of the Netherlands on a crossroad of rails, roads and waterways.

- By plane: there is a direct train connection to Utrecht (30 minutes) from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.
- By train: the Utrecht main railway station is a European train junction, where international trains from all over Europe arrive daily: www.nshighspeed.nl.
- By car: Utrecht is located 40 km southeast of Amsterdam, 125 km from Antwerp and 175 km from Brussels.

Within Utrecht you can travel on the modern and efficient public transport system or you can stroll around the city by foot as everything is located within short distances.

A RICH PAST

This city’s rich history began about twenty centuries ago. In 47 A.D. the Romans built a fortress as part of reinforcements along the Rhine where the Cathedral square (Domplein) is situated today. In the 7th century, when the English missionary Wilibrord set himself up in that old fort, a town began to develop. Utrecht then started to grow into an important city with considerable ecclesiastical power. On church feast days, churches, monasteries, convents and abbeys were full. Many traces of these buildings can be seen throughout the city.

FACTS & FIGURES OF THE CITY OF UTRECHT

History

- Around 47 AD, the Romans built the Traiectum castellum (fortress).
- Willibrord redesigned the old castellum as a mission and converted the Netherlands (from 695 AD).
- In the medieval hey-days, Utrecht is a religious and mercantile bastion and remains the largest and main city until the 16th century.
- Union of Utrecht, 1579; foundation for the Dutch Republic. Peace Treaty of Utrecht, 1713

Famous Utrecht people and icons

- Dom tower; highest church tower of the Netherlands
- Medieval harbour complex with canals, wharves and wharf cellars through the city (to be nominated as UNESCO World Heritage site)
- Adriaan Florenszoen Boeyens; the only Dutch pope ever (Rome, 1522).
- Gerrit Rietveld and Rietveld Schröder house (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Dick Bruna and Miffy
- Anton Geesink (Olympic judo champion, 1964);
- Marco van Basten (FIFA World player of the year 1992)
- Wesley Sneijder (Inter Milan football player, winner of Champions League 2010)

International events 2013-2018

- Rietveld’s Universe, 2010
- 375 years Utrecht University, 2011
- 300 years Peace Treaty of Utrecht, 2013
- European Youth Olympic Festival, 2013
- European Capital of Culture, 2018 (ambition)
7TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON PHARMACOLOGY

Peace Treaty of Utrecht

On 11 April 1713, the Peace Treaty of Utrecht was made, an important moment in the history of Europe. Over one year, in the Utrecht city hall, diplomats from all over Europe negotiated the peace that would end a series of destructive wars. All kinds of festivities took place in the city that contributed to the high spirits and a successful diplomatic process. In 2013, the 300th anniversary of the Peace Treaty is celebrated with exuberance! www.vredevanutrecht.nl

TREASURE TROVE OF CULTURE

On a cultural level, Utrecht has some truly great attractions. Utrecht is also proud of its unique Museum Quarter, where historic sights, museums and cultural institutions are to be found.
A SELECTION OF UTRECHT ATTRACTIONS:

Dom Tower

The Dom tower, over 600 years old and the highest medieval tower in the Netherlands, is naturally the symbol of Utrecht. At 112 metres, it soars above the Cathedral square, and high above the city. When the 465 steps are climbed accompanied by a tour guide, the effort is rewarded by a fantastic view over the city.

Central Museum

The Central Museum was created in 1838 and is thus the oldest municipal museum in the Netherlands, which becomes apparent upon entering: this is a true labyrinth! Mainly accommodated in a former medieval monastery, it consists of a number of buildings around a large courtyard. Wander through the numerous passages and stairwells and be surprised by the varied collection of old, modern and applied art as well as fashion and city history collections.

The Rietveld Schröderhuis

Visit the Rietveld Schröderhuis. Constructed in 1924 by furniture maker and architect Gerrit Rietveld, this is the only building that was ever realised according to the architectonic principles of the ‘De Stijl’ artistic trend. Utrecht is internationally known as the city where furniture maker and architect Gerrit Rietveld (1888-1964) lived and worked all his life.

Trajectum Lumen

An exploratory expedition in the dark which takes in artistically highlighted locations in the magnificent Utrecht city centre. From the centrally located Vredenburg, a light trail in the ground leads to works of art by renowned light artists who bring to life the present and past of the city.

Canal Bike Utrecht

The outdoor cafés at the wharf, intriguing consoles and the beautiful canalside houses all invite you to explore the canals. A free route description will make sure you do not miss anything.

Dick Bruna huis

There is just one Utrecht creation more famous than the Rietveld chair: Miffy, the little rabbit Dick Bruna created in 1955. The dick bruna huis is a museum for the young and old and has Dick Bruna’s work permanently on display.

Modern architecture

The Uithof university premises sets the tone in the area of high-profile modern architecture in the Netherlands like the prize-winning Educatorium by Rem Koolhaas/OMA, the Minnaert building by Neutelings Riedijk Architecten and the University library of Utrecht by van Wiel Arets Architects & Associates.

Festivals

Utrecht teems with cultural festivals all year round with a programme full of theatre, dance, music, films, workshops, etc. on large and small stages, squares and in parks.
ACCOMMODATION

The community of Utrecht has a wide range of classified hotel accommodations that offer approximately 1,400 rooms, 55% of these accommodations are located in the city centre. Within a range of 15 kilometres sufficient good hotels are available.

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Rates based on 2010 price levels.
LANGUAGE
English is widely spoken in Utrecht, and many people have a command of several other languages.

CLIMATE
Utrecht's climate is quite temperate, with mild summers and cold winters. Rain is spread fairly evenly throughout the year. Spring is sunny and pleasant, while hot and humid weather can occur from June to September. October and November are usually quite wet, while December to February are cold, but often sunny.

DRESS CODE
Utrecht is a casual city, with many city workers dressed informally. Restaurants at some smarter hotels may require men to wear a suit and a tie. Dark suits for men and neat attire for women are common in business and banking circles. Generally, however, the dress code is relaxed, with T-shirts and jeans as common as black ties at the opera.

TIME
Utrecht is one hour ahead of GMT.

ACCESSIBILITY
AMSTERDAM AIRPORT SCHIPHOL
- 40 km distance from the city centre
- 30 minutes travel by train to the city centre
- 90 international airlines
- 237 direct international destinations
(129 European and 108 intercontinental)

INTERNATIONAL TRAINS
- Thalys (Paris)
- ICE International (Frankfurt)
- Benelux (Brussels)
- IC (Berlin)
HOST COUNTRY: THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands: a great small country

WHY SHOULD THE NETHERLANDS BE YOUR NEXT DESTINATION?

There are many reasons. For instance:

• The Netherlands is known as a ‘neutral’ country, everyone likes to go there;

• The Dutch economy is stable;

• The Netherlands is an internationally orientated country;

• Today the Netherlands is a commercial and industrial hub of the European Union;

• Excellent accessibility, above all supported by the efficient and award winning Amsterdam Airport Schiphol;

• The price/quality ratio is excellent;

• Visitors from abroad like the fact that English is spoken practically everywhere;

• Transport and communications networks are models of efficiency.
STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SEA
Foreigners immediately associate the Netherlands with its age-old struggle against the sea. They simply cannot get over the fact that almost half of the country lies below sea level. Much of this low-lying land has been wrested from the sea by a process of land reclamation dating back to the 12th century. The Dutch are generally acknowledged as Masters of Water Management. A visit to the Low Countries offers a unique opportunity to see for yourself how the Dutch have actually pulled it off: from the age-old windmills to the ultramodern sea-defences.

HISTORY
Of course, the Netherlands, which is also known as Holland, has much more to offer. After the country gained its independence from Spain in the 17th century, it became the leading commercial nation and maritime power in the world. The delightful historic streets of Amsterdam and many other cities are reminders of that glorious period, called the Golden Age. Increasing prosperity in the 17th century resulted in a cultural and intellectual boom, the fruits of which are still enjoyed today. Every year, tourists from around the world flock to the Dutch museums to admire paintings by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Frans Hals and many other old Dutch masters.

GOVERNMENT
The Kingdom of the Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary form of government. Prince William of Orange, who founded the House of Orange, played a pivotal role in the country’s struggle for independence. The present-day monarch, Queen Beatrix, is well-loved and respected by the sixteen million Dutch citizens.

STRONG ECONOMY
Despite its small size, the Netherlands has developed into an economic powerhouse over the past decades. The country ranks among the top exporters of agricultural produce. As you would expect, it is even the world’s biggest exporter of flowers and bulbs. The chemical industry, financial services, manufacturing, tourism, transportation (Rotterdam is one of the world’s biggest ports) and trade are also strong pillars of the economy.

HOSPITALITY
The Netherlands’ open and tolerant character is very much evidenced by its hospitality towards foreigners. Throughout the centuries, refugees from other countries have found a new and safe homeland here. Although Dutch is the official language, most people also speak English, German or French. As any visitor to this charming land can attest, the Dutch truly enjoy contact with people from abroad and will make you feel at home in no time at all.

FREE FLOW OF SCIENTISTS
Entry to the country is guaranteed to all foreign individuals participating in a congress organized in the Netherlands, regardless of their nationality. Delegates must, of course, meet the normal requirements. They must carry travel documents valid for an adequate period of time, have sufficient means of support, and may not be considered to be a threat to the public peace, public order or national safety.
DELTA WORKS - NEELTJE JANS
The Delta Works is one of the most impressive structures in the world, thus earning it the title ‘The Eighth Wonder of the World’. This system of hydraulic engineering works protects Holland against storm surges and improves the water balance. A real technical tour de force! The waters, in which the dangerous tidal floods have been reduced, are lovely areas to explore by boat. Some of the uncovered shores have become recreation parks. Many sandbars and shores, however, especially in the Oosterschelde, are part of an important nature reserve. Would you like to know more about the Delta Works? Visit Waterland Neeltje Jans in Burgh Haamstede.

WINDMILLS AND EDAM
The Zaanse Schans is an old Dutch windmill village. Strolling around this quaint area you will find yourself back in the 17th century. The village boasts typical iconic green Zaan houses - that people actually lived in - and a number of windmills.

We continue to the medieval town of Edam. In the 16th century, Edam was a prosperous trading port, and one of the most prominent cheese markets in the Netherlands was held here.

DELFT AND THE HAGUE
Delft has one of Holland’s most perfectly preserved city centres which we will explore on foot. Since the 17th century Delft has acquired a world-class reputation for its hand-painted Delftware. The production process will be explained during the visit to one of the oldest surviving factories Royal Delft (Koninklijke Porceleyne Fles anno 1653), which will also provide a tour in its museum. The Hague, the royal residence, has been the political heart of the Netherlands for many centuries. The tour will take you through the stately historic city centre with the parliament buildings on Binnenhof. This, contrasts hugely with the architecture of modern governmental offices. Included is a visit to the Mesdag Panorama, where you can see the largest circular panoramic painting in Europe.

AMSTERDAM ORIENTATION TOUR
One of the most beautiful cities in the world, Amsterdam, knew its greatest days of glory during the 17th century. You will become acquainted with the capital of the Netherlands during an expensive panoramic city tour. You will see Amsterdam from the water during a one-hour canal cruise. While gliding through the old centre of the city and into its harbour, you will be able to admire the beautiful and rich merchants mansions, the churches and warehouses, all dating back to the 17th century.
For over 25 years the Congresbureau has organised national and international conferences, training courses, symposia and other business events from 15 to 1,500 participants. As part of the Erasmus Medical Centre, our expertise is mainly in the fields of healthcare and (bio) medical sciences, but we organise conferences on various topics. We offer our clients, both inside and outside the Erasmus MC, high quality service and dedicated professionalism. The Congresbureau is a certified Professional Congress Organiser (PCO) and belongs to one of the best congress companies in The Netherlands.

There is a lot to consider in organising a conference because it involves more than simply booking a meeting room and arranging the catering. Our team has the right skills and years of experience in organising all kinds of business events. We gladly provide expert advice on the most effective way you can shape your event. And while you focus on the content of the programme, we take care of the organisation.

During the entire process (from request to invoice) you have one conference manager as contact person. Furthermore, you can call on us to organise the entire conference, but also to provide sub-tasks around a conference such as financial management, publicity or delegate registration. We are glad to assist!

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Selected international conferences organised by Het Congresbureau

- ESP Erasmus Summer Programme
- EWP Erasmus Winter Programme
- Congress on Cardiology and Vascular Medicine - Update and Perspective
- Porphyrins & Porphyrias
- 3rd European Clinical Cytometry Course
- ECCA (European conference on Clinical Cell Analysis)
- EAA Congress (European Accounting Association)
- EASST Congress (European Association for the Study of Science and Technology)
- ISCT Congress Europe (International Society for Cellular Therapy)
- European Symposium on Ultrasound Contrast Imaging
- ESBS Congress (European Skull Base Society)
- EWOG Congress on MDS and Bone Marrow failures
- Proteomics & Metabolomics Biomarker Discovery in CSF
- Neurobiological determinants of violent behaviour: Consequences for clinical practice
- EuroKUP COST Meeting (European Kidney & Urine Proteomics)
- ISBER Meeting & Exhibits (International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories)
- ISAM Congress (International Society for Aerosols in Medicine)

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LETTERS OF SUPPORT
To the Executive Board of
The Federation of European Pharmacological Societies (EPHAS)

Date

Subject The 7th European Congress on Pharmacology (2016)

Dear Board Members,

The Dutch Pharmacological Society has informed me of their intention to bid for the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016 in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

On behalf of my Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, I strongly support this initiative and would like to use this opportunity to point out several reasons why The Netherlands is an excellent choice for hosting the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016.

The objective of the Dutch Pharmacological Society is to promote and stimulate research and education in the mode of action of drugs both in the biological context and under pathophysiological conditions. The Dutch Pharmacological Society is an active and lively society with members from academia, industry and medical research institutes. Its members have contributed to major developments in the field of cardiovascular, respiratory, immuno- and psychopharmacology. The Society cooperates with other societies in the medical science and stimulates a multidisciplinary approach in drug development. In order to achieve this, the Dutch Pharmacological Society is actively affiliated with the Netherlands Federation for Innovative Drug Research and working parties on medical sciences/ drug development, such as the Top Institute Pharma at a national level and with pharmaceutical societies at an international level. The Society wants to stimulate and facilitate national and international networks and collaborations in area of Pharmacological Sciences.

The Netherlands is a beautiful country with a stable economical standing and an optimal infrastructure to organize a large multinational congress as the European Congress on Pharmacology. Utrecht, the fourth largest city of the Netherlands, has a unique medieval city centre and a pleasant, intimate atmosphere. It is also home to the largest university of the Netherlands. The country’s main airport, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, is considered one of the world’s best organized airports, offering excellent and often direct connections to airports throughout the whole world.

The Jaarbeurs Convention Centre boasts state of the art conference facilities and is located in immediate vicinity of the city centre and railway station with fast and frequent services to Schiphol Airport.

Once more, I wish to encourage the Dutch Pharmacological Society to pursue their candidacy for the International Congress. We would be very proud if The Netherlands were to be chosen for the the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016.

The Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport,

Dr. A. Klink
To the Executive Board of the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies (EPHAP)

Utrecht, April 2010

Dear President and Members of the Board,

The 7th European Congress on Pharmacology is to be held in 2016. The Board of the Dutch Pharmacological Society has offered to host this congress in Utrecht. On behalf of the municipal executive, I can inform you that we firmly support the Dutch bid for EPHAP in 2016, and therefore offer you the hospitality of our city.

Utrecht has both the accommodation and facilities required to host such a major congress. Furthermore, our city has extensive experience in organizing large-scale, complex congresses and events. The historic city centre would serve as the perfect backdrop for your congress and associated meetings.

The hotel facilities in the city itself and throughout the region offer ample opportunity to adequately accommodate the participants. The city not only boasts the largest development site, but is also the infrastructural heart of the Netherlands. Utrecht is a central hub for people, knowledge, culture, and talent. The city has both the Netherlands' youngest and most highly educated population and the largest number of people with creative occupations. It also has the country's largest university. Almost one-third of the city's 510,000 inhabitants are from non-Dutch backgrounds. Utrecht accommodates some 170 nationalities. It is also the hub of the nation's motorway network and international rail connections. Furthermore, as there are two airports (Amsterdam Schiphol and Rotterdam) within 40 minutes of Utrecht, the city is a highly suitable location for the congress.

The Utrecht Trade Fair (Beurs) premises comprise a particularly modern conferencing and communications centre, which is prepared to cooperate closely with you and lend all the assistance required to organise a successful major congress.

Should you opt to accept Utrecht's offer of hospitality, then you may naturally also count on my complete personal cooperation, as well as that of the city's other officials.

Yours sincerely,

A. Wolter
For the Council of the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies

PS/LT 16020

April 27, 2010

Dear members of the Council,

On behalf of the board of the Dutch Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Biopharmacy, I wish to express our strong support for the initiative of the Dutch Pharmacological Society to organize the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016 in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Our Society and the Dutch Pharmacological Society are both members of the Netherlands Federation of Innovative Drug Research (FIOON) and closely participate in scientific sessions of the yearly FIOON Dutch Medicine Days. In addition, we share several members involved in fundamental and clinical pharmacological research.

You may recall that the Dutch Pharmacological Society has successfully organized the EPIHAR XI Congress of Pharmacology in 1990 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, during which EPIHAR was founded.

We seriously hope that you will favourably consider the bid of the Dutch Pharmacological Society to host the EPIHAR-meeting in 2016.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Prof. Jan Reutenier MD PhD
Chairperson
To the Executive Board of the
Federation of European Pharmacological Societies
Prof. Dr. Thomas Giselaucke
EPHAR, Scientific Secretary

Letter of support

Top Institute Pharma is a Dutch public-private-partnership managing 45 research consortia, combining 20 universities, their affiliated medical centers and knowledge institutes and 45 industrial partners including global pharmaceutical companies and SMEs.

On behalf of the Top Institute Pharma, we would like to express our strong support for the bid of the Dutch Pharmacological Society for the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016 (EPHAR 2016) in The Netherlands.

Top Institute Pharma is convinced that the Dutch Pharmacological Society has all the required skills and expertise to make EPHAR 2016 a resounding success. The Dutch Pharmacological Society has contributed much to the pharmacological sciences both in The Netherlands and abroad, and is an important linking pin in the field.

In the past 32 years the Society has had a strong and consistent track record for bringing together top-researchers in the field, creating a platform for young scientists and organizing high quality national and international meetings. The Society is therefore well placed to host this important European event.

We hope that the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies, just as Top Institute Pharma, recognizes the opportunity provided by this bid to host EPHAR 2016 in The Netherlands.

Yours sincerely,

[Signatures]

William de Last  Dean Crommelin
Managing Director  Scientific Director
Dear professor Griesbacher,

On behalf of the Netherlands Federation for Innovative Drug Research (FIGON) I would like to express my full support for the bid of the Dutch Pharmacological Society (NVF) to host the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016.

The NVF has a long standing tradition as one of the most active and well-organized societies concerning drug research in The Netherlands. Represented by a strong management team, the NVF has initiated numerous activities addressing educational, scientific and networking aspects in this field. The society as well as its members are strongly linked to the Dutch and international pharmaceutical research.

Not only the NVF tradition, but also the Dutch pharmacology landscape will be an important asset for the success of the 7th congress in the Netherlands. Through the support of the NVF and others, FIGON was founded more than 20 years ago. The mission of FIGON is to promote innovative drug research in The Netherlands. FIGON therefore aims to enhance interactions between relevant actors in this field, and to encourage entrepreneurship and business development based on pharmaceutical research. FIGON partners consist of practically all scientific societies and professional organizations in the field of innovative drug research in The Netherlands. One of the most prominent activities of FIGON is to organize with all its partners, the yearly returning Dutch Medicines Days with an attendance of more than 900 colleagues showing the lively pharmacological environment.

FIGON would be very happy to support the organization of the European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016, hosted by the NVF. We are fully confident that our organizations, the professional networks and the advanced meeting facilities as indicated in the bid, will guarantee a fruitful meeting.

If there are any further questions about this matter, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of the FIGON board,
yours sincerely,

Prof. dr. Dick de Zeeuw
president

Executive Board of the
Federation of European Pharmacological Societies
Prof. dr. Thomas Griesbacher
EPHAR, Scientific Secretary

Dutch bid for EPHAR 2016
The Hague, May 10, 2010
To the members of the council of the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies
Re: 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016

The section Medicinal Chemistry of the Royal Netherlands Chemical Society (KNCV), which I currently preside, strongly supports the initiative of the Dutch Pharmacological Society (NVF) to organize the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016 in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Our section and the Dutch Pharmacological Society intimately collaborate; the two associations are both connected to the Netherlands Federation of Innovative Drug Research (FIGON) and co-organize joint scientific sessions at the yearly held FIGON Dutch Medicine Days. In addition, the two associations share many members that are involved in fundamental pharmacological research, and in the past I served on the board of the Dutch Pharmacological Society. Members of our division and the Dutch Pharmacological Society collaborate strongly in research programs such as that of the Dutch Top Institute Pharma, where medicinal chemistry meets pharmacology in the progress of innovative drug research. Our delegate for the European Federation of Medical Chemistry, Prof. Dr. Henk Timmerman, has been an honorary member of the Dutch Pharmacological Society since 2008.

We seriously hope that you will favorably consider the bid of the Dutch Pharmacological Society to host the EPHAR-meeting in 2016. There is every reason to believe that such a meeting will be a success. The commitment and strong drive of the organizers guarantee a flawless and impressive meeting.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ad IJzerman,
President of the section Medicinal Chemistry of the Royal Netherlands Chemical Society
Dear Mr. Griesbacher,

We have recently been informed that Utrecht has been invited to bid for the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016.

Jaarbeurs Utrecht would consider it a great honour to cooperate with you in hosting this congress. We are convinced that the choice of Utrecht in the Netherlands and the Jaarbeurs Utrecht Congress and Meeting Centre would benefit the event in many ways. For example, in terms of the Jaarbeurs’ accessibility and the state of the art rooms and facilities of our venue. And above all, because of the added value by the meetings concept of the Jaarbeurs Utrecht Congress and Meeting Centre. Every detail counts, we create the right mood to achieve the objectives of your meeting.

Facilitating meetings in an environment where everyone feels at home demands passion, skill and dynamics, Jaarbeurs Utrecht provides a natural setting where the added value of physical meetings must be tangible for the visitor, exhibitor and the organiser and contribute to their goals. Jaarbeurs Utrecht wants to become the ultimate village square of the Netherlands in 2015, facilitating millions of unique meetings every year. So a great deal of work is being devoted to new building projects and special concepts.

In this dynamic and rapidly changing environment, one thing is constant: our experienced and involved staff. With their eye for detail, attention to our guests and ability to respond quickly to changes, our people are ultimately the ones who make the difference. They are the foundation of any successful event.

I sincerely hope that all this assures you that your delegates will have a truly unforgettable experience.

Yours sincerely,

G. Zapatek
Managing Director
Dear Board Members,

The Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions is pleased in extending a most cordial invitation to hold the 7th European Congress on Pharmacology in 2016 in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

The Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions, both through its staff of professionals and its supporting organisations, stands ready to help make your congress the most memorable to date.

We are confident that the "Destination Holland" and the beautiful city of Utrecht will measure up to your most demanding expectations as a congress site and we sincerely hope that you will grant our country the privilege of hosting the European Congress on Pharmacology in the year 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Jos Vranken
CEO