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Letter of the President of FEPS

Dear Colleagues,

In previous FEPS Newsletters we have focused much on the joint FEPS meetings with the national Societies. In the years of the IUPS congresses, FEPS will not arrange any meetings in Europe, but instead urges the European physiologists to attend the International Congress in large numbers to make it what is intended: an international platform for physiologists. To reach that goal these Congresses have to be large – a “critical mass” must be reached to make these meetings valuable for all participants. National Societies have a critical position here. Without a sizable amount of travel grants there will not be a sufficient number of young scientists participating in these meeting. In a questionnaire from the IUPS Long Range Planning Committee FEPS argued for the importance in maintaining these large international meetings every 4th year, but also stressed the responsibility of the National Societies for support. This issue should be added to the Agenda of Boards of all National Societies. The next IUPS meeting will take place in Kyoto in 2009, and the following is planned for United Kingdom in 2013. Here FEPS will become a partner to secure a full European participation.

During the summer there has also been another European Union hearing on the possible impact of a revision of Directive 86/609/EEC on the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes. FEPS certainly does welcome efforts to reach effective and common rules securing an optimal protection of animals. However, several new regulations may become time consuming and costly to implement. All parties concerned - physiological research certainly is one of those – should critically follow the EU initiatives regarding new regulations in order to adapt in time. This work can be followed on the web-site: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab_animals/ia_info_en.htm

Finally, do not forget to mark the next joint FEPS meeting in Bratislava, with the Slovak Physiological Society and the Physiological Society of Great Britain and Ireland in your calendar: September 11-14, 2007. More information will be given in the present and each Newsletter to come.

Hans Hultborn,
President of the Federation of European Physiological Societies



**Joint Meeting
of
The Slovak Physiological Society
and
The Physiological Society
and
The Federation of European Physiological Societies
BRATISLAVA, September 11-14, 2007**

Dear colleagues,

You may now check the latest information on this Joint European Physiology Congress on the web page

<http://www.joint.conference.sav.sk/>

This page is continuously up-dated with new information as it becomes available.

Most importantly!

The deadline for abstract submission will be **June 15, 2007**

Early-bird registration will be available on-line for 100 Euros

Our city lies on the Danube and is very pleasant in September; I hope you will love it as much as I do.

Bratislava is an old city with a long history, dominated by the Castle. The historical city centre is where the most important events have happened since the 14th century, such as regular markets, celebrations and executions. Now the centre is full of people enjoying the cultural and sporting events that take place almost each day, as well as the café society. Sculptures on the streets are a document to the sense of humour of the artists and to the good spirit of the city.

There are many ways to get to Bratislava. For those wanting to enjoy the most beautiful sights of the Danube banks and Devín Castle I recommend the attractive, fast and comfortable cruise from Vienna to Bratislava by hydrofoil; in 90 minutes you will get directly to Bratislava's downtown. A similarly attractive daily connection is from Budapest; here the cruise takes about four hours.

We hope you will enjoy the science presented at the Joint Meeting, along with the relaxed and friendly atmosphere in Bratislava, as well as its history, cultural life and beauty. Our location in the centre of Europe will attract people from its four corners, and beyond, to produce a true European Union of Science.

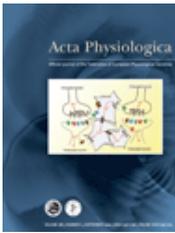
On behalf of the local organizers,

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