



Serotonin Club Newsletter

September 11th

I am sure that all members of the Serotonin Club would wish me to extend their condolences and good wishes to any member of the Club whose life or family has been touched by the tragic events that occurred in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington on September 11th.

The Club Website

Do look at it and decide if you wish to provide links etc as some other members have. Also please send our webmaster Prof. Rodrigo Andrade matters you feel should be included on the site. News and information can be placed on the site although Rodrigo has the final authority as to whether it is suitable or not!

Look at the site:

<http://serotoninclub.org>

Rodrigo Andrade can be contacted at:

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Address change?

If you have changed your address send it to us now while you are thinking about it – send to:
rosemary.allen@astrazeneca.com



IUPHAR Satellite Meeting, 2002-Mexico

The Club will hold its 5th IUPHAR satellite meeting at Los Cabos (Baja California Sur) in Mexico on July 3-5, 2002 in conjunction with the IUPHAR Congress in San Francisco. The chief organiser, Carlos Villalón, has now received a variety of symposium proposals and suggestions. *There is still time for you to send more to:*

carlos_villalon@infosel.net.mx

We will be making firm decisions on the format of the meeting by late October 2001. As before we hope to have a mix of high quality symposia, free communications and a good social program. The first announcement is included with this newsletter, so complete and return the form to ensure you receive all further information. Some travel bursaries will be awarded to young scientists (see

Money matters, below). Details on the application procedure and eligibility will be included in the next Newsletter.

The Serotonin Club Dinner at the Society for Neuroscience Meeting in San Diego

The Serotonin Club dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2001 from 6-9 p.m. in the Gallery Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The dinner is open to all neuroscientists interested in serotonin research. The evening includes a cocktail hour followed by dinner and a talk by Dr. Theresa Branchek. The title of her talk is:

“Red wine, aged cheese, chocolate, and their receptors: traces of a multisensory after dinner treat.”

The evening concludes with a short business meeting of the Serotonin Club. As usual, tickets will be \$50 per person. Advance ticket purchase prior to November 1 is advised. Please send your name(s) and a check payable to “The Serotonin Club” to the address below. Only if space permits might additional tickets be available at the door.

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New Members

Welcome to the following new members of the Club who have joined since our last Newsletter:

China: Huang Jianguo, **Northern Ireland:** Stephen Cooper, **New Zealand:** Laura Jacobson, **Switzerland:** Franz Vollenweider, **UK:** James Aston, Stephen Bennett.

Items of interest

I am happy to include items of interest to members. If you are organising a meeting on Serotonin or have some other matter you wish to share with readers, please contact me.

Money matters

Thank you to all members who responded to the last request for unpaid subscriptions.

Non-payers have now been deleted! The finances of the Club are very healthy, due mainly to income from meetings we have run over the last 15 years. Generally income has exceeded costs allowing us to keep any “profit”. This profit is what we use to provide the money to establish the next meeting, keep the costs of registration down and most importantly to provide the travel bursaries which enable young scientists to attend our meetings. We provided over US\$ 30,000 to assist attendance at Rotterdam and New Orleans and keep student registration fees down. We will be providing further sponsorship for the next IUPHAR satellite meeting to be held in Mexico. The membership subscription has been unchanged for years and I see no need to alter it in the near future. Currently the membership fee is £25.00/US\$ 40 for 3 years, which is amazingly good value.

Basically, this covers the costs of ‘running’ the organisation. We now have a modern computerised membership tracking system (provided you keep us up to date on address changes etc) which also deals with the accounts. We recently saved money by switching to electronic distribution of this Newsletter, thereby saving substantial sums previously expended on paper, envelope and postal costs.

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