



General Assembly of ESACT

Harrogate/U.K.
7th of June, 2005

Agenda

- Chairman's Report (Otto-Wilhelm Merten)
- Treasurer's Report (Martin Fusseneger)
- Secretary's Report, including report on JIN and the new membership management system (Alain Bernard/Christophe Losberger)
- Update on ESACT Newsletters (S. Oh/M. Goldman)
- Elections of the new committee
- Proposal for modification of the constitution
- Vote on the new constitution
- Proposition and vote for a new honorary member
- First résumé on the 19th ESACT-Meeting, Harrogate
- Presentation of the 20th ESACT-Meeting, Dresden, Germany, (Hansjörg Hauser)
- Any other business

Services to our members



- Organisation and co-organisation of scientific meetings
- Interaction with other societies - access to scientific meetings at reduced fees
- ACTIP, EU contacts
- Publication of Meeting Proceedings and other publications
- the ESACT Newsletters
- Web Site, eNEWS, ACTforum
- JIN - Job Information Network
- New membership management system
- ...



Organisation/co-organisation of scientific meetings (1)

- **ESACT General Meetings:**

18th ESACT Meeting, Granada/E, May
2003, F. Godia

19th ESACT Meeting, Harrogate/GB, June
2005, R. Smith

20th ESACT Meeting, Dresden/D, June
2007, H. Hauser

21st ESACT Meeting, Dublin/Irl, June
2009, M. Al-Rubeai

Organisation/co-organisation of scientific meetings (2)

- ESACT supported meetings:
3rd Recombinant Protein Production Meeting,
Tavira/P, Nov. 2004, M. Carrondo
Organized by the EFB Microbial Physiology
Section

(ESACT's support: highly appreciated in the
last meeting of EFB Microbial. Physiol. Section)

Also supported by FEMS

Report by T. Battle, H. Hauser, M. Fussenegger,
A. Bernard in ESACT Newsletters-Jan. 2005.

Local society meetings (1):



- ESACT-UK:

15th Annual Meeting, University of Leicester,
6th-7th Jan., 2005

Invited presentations on the following topics:

- Virus and transient expression
- Stem cells and transgenics
- Cell based assays and high throughput screening
- Transcriptional control and gene splicing
- RNA splicing/translational control

More infos on: www.esactuk.org.uk

Local society meetings (2):

- BELACT:

10th Meeting of BELACT, ULB,
Brussels/B, 17th Dec. 2004

Relationship with other societies: JAACT

- JAACT (Japanese Association for Animal Cell Technology):

17th JAACT Meeting, Nagoya, 15th-18th Nov. 2004

Three ESACT lectures (invited by JAACT):

1. T. Noll: Glucose limitation in mammalian cell culture: starvation to success? -
Development of a metabolically optimized fermentation process based on glucose-limited CHO perfusion culture -

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2. P. Umaña: Cell Line Engineering for Production of Therapeutic Antibody Glycoforms with Increased Biological Activity
3. F. Godia: Development of a multiple microbioreactor platform for cellular studies

Report by T. Noll, P. Umaña, F. Godia in ESACT Newsletters-April 2005.

Relationship with other societies: ESGT

- ESGT (European Society for Gene Therapy)

Loose relationship for supporting the organisation of more technologically oriented sessions at ESGT Meetings, and the organisation of sessions in the field of gene medicine at ESACT Meetings

12th Annual Congress in Tampere/SF, Nov. 2004

13th Annual Congress in Prague/CZ, Oct/Nov. 2005

Relationship with the Cell Culture Engineering Conferences:



- Very good interactions:
 - Every even year, one meeting in North America
 - Every uneven year, an ESACT Meeting in Europe
 - During the last GA of ESACT, vote for modifying the constitution of ESACT to put every member on the same niveau - **ordinary membership**

Relationship with the Cell Culture Engineering Conferences:

- IXth Cell Culture engineering Conf.
Cancun/Riviera Maya, March 2004
(Lynne Krummen, Octavio Ramirez)
- Xth Cell Culture engineering Conf.
Vancouver/BC, March 2006
(James Piret, Konstantin Konstantinov)
- Proceedings: a number of **Biotech. Prog.**

Relationship with other societies: ACTIP

- ACTIP (Animal Cell Technology Industrial Platform)

Rather intense relationship

One ESACT Executive Committee Member takes part in the half yearly meetings of ACTIP

Joint actions viv-à-vis the EU:

- input to position papers
- Submission of projects (e.g. Marie Curie EST network)
- Ftr

Relationship with other societies: ACTIP

- ACTIP (Animal Cell Technology Industrial Platform)

Marie Curie EST network (ACTraining)

« Development and optimisation of industrial (large-scale) animal cell technology and downstream processing of biologicals »

Co-ordinator: M. Carrondo

Submitted: 11th of Feb., 2004.

Relationship with other societies: ACTIP

- Marie Curie EST network (ACTraining)
20 Partners: 7 industrial, 13 university or institutional partners
1 Associated partner: ACTIP with its ~40 industrial members
- Refused, not enough focussed, too many partners.
- Future? Nothing for the moment - due to time constraints, however, there is a RTN call in September 2005.

Publications

- ESACT - Proceedings (14th - 18th ESACT Meeting still available)
- ESACT books: book series on 'Cell Engineering', vol. 1 - 4, general editor: Mohamed Al-Rubeai
- Cytotechnology, free web site connection for ESACT members for 6 months (July - Dec. 2004)
- J. Pathol., free web site connection for ESACT members for 3 months
- ESACT Newsletters (S. Oh, M. Goldman)

Modification of the constitution



- Introduction of a vice-chairmanship - Why?

The main reason for this major modification is the limited time available for the chairman of the society often leading to the difficulty to find a candidate for the next term of 2 or 2x2 years. This can easily be explained by the constant increase in the work load for everybody working in industry but also in academia. You know our daily life becomes always more stressful, leaving less time for dealing with issues of importance for ESACT. The creation of the Vice-Chairman position will provide the possibility for the Chairman to delegate parts of his tasks to the Vice-Chairman, in addition, the Vice-Chairman is the person who will replace the Chairman for all tasks when the Chairman is prevented/hold-up. In addition, in order to introduce the Chairman to his future task he might pass via the office of Vice-Chairman. For these reasons, the ESACT Executive Committee thinks that the creation of a Vice-Chairmanship is of interest for the society and the society's members.

Nomination for a new honorary member (1)

- Manuel Carrondo, meeting chairman of the 14th ESACT-Meeting in Vilamoura in May 1996, and of the 3rd Recombinant Protein Production Meeting in Tavira-Algarve in November 2004.
- Past chairman of ESACT (1997 - 2001)
- Vice-chairman of the external advisory group 'Cell Factory' (DR XII)(1998 - 2002)

Nomination for a new honorary member (2)

- Manuel Carrondo
- 1971, Chemical Engineer
- 1975, Master of Sciences; 1979, PhD - environmental engineering
- 1991, habilitation - chem. Engineering - Univ. Nova de Lisboa
- Full professor (Chem. Biochem. Eng.) - Univ. Nova de Lisboa
- Founder, earlier president, now CEO of IBET

Further activities

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JIN - Job Information Network
New membership management
system
(C. Losberger)