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Preface

This year the 2nd International Conference on MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGY (PHYSIOLOGY '11), the 2nd International Conference on MEDICAL PHARMACOLOGY (PHARMACOLOGY '11), the 2nd International Conference on BIOCHEMISTRY and MEDICAL CHEMISTRY (BIOMEDCH '11), the 2nd International Conference on MEDICAL HISTOLOGY and EMBRYOLOGY (HISTEM '11), the 2nd International Conference on ONCOLOGY (ONCOLOGY '11) and the 2nd International Conference on PSYCHIATRY and PSYCHOTHERAPY (PSYCHO '11) were held in Cambridge, UK, February 23-25, 2011. The conferences remain faithful to their original idea of providing a platform to discuss medical physiology, pharmacology, biochemistry, histology, oncology, psychiatry, psychotherapy etc. with participants from all over the world, both from academia and from industry.

Their success is reflected in the papers received, with participants coming from several countries, allowing a real multinational multicultural exchange of experiences and ideas.

The accepted papers of these conferences are published in this Book that will be indexed by ISI. Please, check it: www.worldses.org/indexes as well as in the CD-ROM Proceedings. They will be also available in the E-Library of the WSEAS. The best papers will be also promoted in many Journals for further evaluation.

Conferences such as these can only succeed as a team effort, so the Editors want to thank the International Scientific Committee and the Reviewers for their excellent work in reviewing the papers as well as their invaluable input and advice.

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Plenary Lecture 1

The Meaning of Fluid Responsiveness



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Abstract: Volume expansion is the basis of resuscitation in critically ill patients. It is important to recognize that fluid deficits occur frequently in patients with shock because of decrease in unstressed circulatory volume or alterations in capillary permeability. In this regard, decrease in venous return results in inadequate cardiac output to meet the metabolic requirements of tissues and must be treated urgently to avoid the occurrence of multiorgan failure. Although the importance of fluid management is generally well-known, the prediction of patients' fluid responsiveness in some situations could be difficult to assess. The present lecture reviews the meaning of fluid responsiveness monitoring in critically ill patients.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Karim Bendjelid, MD, PhD is a Cardiologist-Intensivist attending physician at the Geneva University Hospitals (Intensive Care Division) and a Privat Docent at Geneva Medical University. He has also a Master of Science (MSc) in Cardiovascular Pharmacology at University of Pierre-Marie Curie-Paris VI (France) and a PhD in Physiology at University of Claude Bernard-Lyon I (France). Dr Bendjelid succeeds to the Gold Decoration Competition ("Gold Medal awards") of the Lyon University Hospitals. His main research interests concern hemodynamic monitoring (macrocirculation-microcirculation) and reliability of static and dynamic markers to predict fluid responsiveness in critically ill patients. In these fields, he authored or co-authored over 60 scientific papers published in peer reviewed journals or presented at international conferences. He co-authored over 5 Review & Chapters papers books edited by Springer-Verlag, Distribuna Editorial and Elsevier. He was a chairman or keynote lecturer in a number of international conferences organized by different prestigious societies. He is a regular Member of The French Society of Cardiology (echocardiography), the French Cardio-Vasculaire Research Group, the European Society of Cardiology, the American Physiological Society and the European Society of Intensive Care. He is a technical reviewer for the following international journals: IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering, Critical Care Medicine, Intensive Care Medicine, Anesthesia Analgesia, Circulation, Chest, Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica, Anesthesiology, European Journal of Echocardiography, Pulmonary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, the American Journal of Respiratory Critical Care Medicine, Stroke, Critical Care, European Journal of clinical investigation, Journal of Surgical Research, and British medical journal. He is also, member of the editorial board of Current Drug Therapy, Annals of Thoracic Medicine and Open Critical Care Medicine Journal.

Plenary Lecture 2

Creatine Deficiency Syndromes, and the Importance of Creatine Synthesis in the Brain



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Abstract: Creatine deficiency syndromes, due to deficiencies in AGAT and GAMT, the two enzymes of the creatine synthesis pathway, or in the creatine transporter SLC6A8, are inborn errors of metabolism which lead to a complete absence, or a very strong decrease, of creatine within the brain. Patients suffering from these syndromes show severe neurodevelopmental delay and present neurological symptoms in early infancy such as mental retardation, disturbance of active and comprehensible speech, autism, auto-mutilating behavior and hypotonia. The creatine/phosphocreatine/creatine kinase system plays essential roles to maintain the high energy levels necessary for the brain, through regeneration and buffering of ATP levels. Recent works also suggest new roles for creatine in CNS, where it may act as neurotransmitter and appears as one of the main CNS osmolytes.

While it has long been thought that most, if not all, of brain creatine was of peripheral origin, the recent years have brought evidence that AGAT and GAMT are expressed in the brain, which can synthesize creatine. Moreover, the absence of the creatine transporter SLC6A8 in the astrocytic feet lining microcapillaries made us suggest that blood brain barrier has a limited permeability for creatine. In vivo data confirmed this hypothesis, as the long term treatment of AGAT- and GAMT-deficient patients with high doses of creatine only allows a very slow and in most cases partial replenishment of their CNS creatine. Consequently, the brain most probably depends for an important proportion on its own creatine synthesis rather than on an exclusive supply from the blood. The "brain endogenous creatine synthesis" hypothesis contradicts the in vivo characteristics of SLC6A8 deficiency, which, despite normal expression of AGAT and GAMT in CNS, causes brain creatine deficiency. This apparent contradiction is probably explained by our very recent data showing that in many brain structures, AGAT and GAMT are in most cases not co-expressed but are rather expressed in a dissociated way. This suggests that to allow creatine synthesis, the intermediate guanidinoacetate must be transported from AGAT- to GAMT-expressing cells, most probably through SLC6A8. These observations may explain the absence of creatine in the brain of SLC6A8-deficient patient, despite their normal CNS expression of AGAT and GAMT.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Olivier Braissant, biologist, obtained his PhD thesis at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1994. After a post-doc on nuclear receptors and their expression in central nervous system, he moved to the University Hospital of Lausanne (CHUV) in 1997, in the Clinical Chemistry Laboratory of the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine. There, he started working on inborn errors of metabolism and in particular on their effect on brain development. He is "Privat Docent" and "Maitre d'Enseignement et de Recherche" of the University of Lausanne since 2004, and now head of the research section of the Clinical Chemistry Laboratory of the CHUV. His research interests focus on brain development and metabolism, and how various inborn errors of metabolism, in particular creatine deficiencies, organic acidemias and diseases causing hyperammonemia, can affect them. He is author of about 50 papers published in international journals and conference proceedings, as well as invited book chapters.

Plenary Lecture 3

Automatic Control of Physiological State and Function



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Abstract: The regulation of physiological phenomena is discussed as an application of system control theory. The concerning concept is not for only the description of biologically regulatory mechanisms, but practically automatic control of specific state and function by approach of medicine using medicine according to control laws and/or by surgery as their structural changes. We discuss first the historical activities in our concerning domain, such as the clinical control of blood sugar, blood pressure and so on. Nevertheless, the conventional methods were sometimes not effective because of their biological characteristics depending on individualities, thus new control methods had been required to overcome such difficulties. From this viewpoint, our control of alveolar CO₂-concentration by ventilation was realized according to adaptive or fuzzy controls with little influence caused by internal and external characteristics change. Because of general versatility of the methods, they have been applied to various kinds of biological and medical control systems. Practically, temperature regulatory system in hypothermia under constitutional anesthesia has been developed even for a long period of clinical control. We mention, in particular, control of brain temperature by water surface-cooling for the brain hypothermic treatment of patients with cerebrovascular disorders. Thereby, a patient in ICU was regarded as a unity controlled system with water temperature into blanket as an input and brain temperature as an output. During a long period, brain temperature was well controlled according to schedule by physicians and the state of patients without much influence due to various medical treatments including the effect of characteristics of individual patients during the therapeutic course. Furthermore, we describe the automatic control of intracranial pressure, giving optimal amount and timing of administration of medicine for decompression in the brain.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: He was born on 15.Nov.1946, received his B.E. and M.E. degrees from Yokohama National University in 1970 and 1972, respectively. He received his Dr. of Eng. degree in 1984 from the University of Tokyo.

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Scientific Activities

1. Automatic control system of physiological state and function for clinical application
2. Biochemical dynamics in the damaged area of brain tissue and during the clinical treatment.
3. Life support system based on simple principle and method using the Internet.
4. Haptic operation of virtual visco-elasto-plastic material by virtual tools and its application to medicine

Plenary Lecture 4

Nanomechanics and Nanomanipulation of Soft Biological Materials for Tissue Engineering Applications



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Abstract: Nanomechanics and nanomanipulation of soft biological materials, such as molecular, cell and tissue, are essential for the advancement of the tissue engineering. For example, applying nanoscale force and displacement as mechanical stimuli for tissue regeneration, and for sorting and manipulating cells or molecules to nanofabricate de novo biomimetic systems, are in great need of both the better understanding of nanomechanics and the new techniques of nanomanipulations.

Recent advancements in bio-manipulation instruments, such as micromanipulation and optical tweezers [2], have enabled the nanomechanical characterisation and manipulation of biological cells and soft tissue. Micromanipulation is capable of the micro-force measurement of a single biological cell and tissue membrane at large deformation, while optical tweezers, often incorporated with micro-fluidic systems, allows to the force measurement as low as 100 pN. These measurements can be incorporated with mechanical modelling to facilitate the determination of the mechanical properties, such as the elasticity and rupture strength of cell and tissue membrane. In addition to the mechanical properties, interfacial characterization, e.g. cell-substrate adhesion, can be realized by our recently developed method which is based on Confocal Reflection Interference Contrast Microscopy (C-RICM) . In parallel, various theoretical modelling and simulations, such as the cell mechanics theory and capsule-substrate adhesion model, have been developed for interpreting the experimental data and for facilitating the determination of the mechanical properties of biological materials at the cellular/molecular level. Various materials, such as biological/ biomimetic cell and tissue, have been examined by using these new techniques, and their results are presented in this talk.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Dr. Isaac Kuo-Kang Liu is a Reader (Associate Professor) in Nanotechnology at School of Engineering, the University of Warwick, UK. Before joining Warwick in 2009, he was a Reader in Biomedical and Cell Engineering at the Institute of Science and Technology in Medicine, School of Medicine, Keele University, UK and an Associate Professor in the Mechanical and Production School of Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He completed his PhD study at the Chemical Engineering Department of Imperial College London, UK in 1995. His research interests include Cellular Bioengineering, Biomechanics, Nanomedicine, Tissue Engineering, and Biomedical Devices. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, a fellow of Nanotechnology Institute, and a senior member of American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). He is an editor of several prestigious journals (e.g. the Open J. Nanomedicine). He has published more than 40 high-impact journal papers in Bioengineering and Biophysical areas and 30 other publications, including 2 US patents.

Plenary Lecture 5

Pharmacokinetics, Metabolism and Tolerance of Intravenous Paracetamol in Early Life



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Abstract: Neonatal drug dosing needs to be based on the physiological characteristics of the newborn and the pharmacokinetic parameters of the drug. Size-related changes can in part be modelled based on allometry and relates to the observation that metabolic rate relates to weight by a kg 0.75 trend. Until adult metabolic activity has been reached, ontogeny, i.e. iso-enzyme specific maturation and maturation of renal clearance also contributes to drug metabolism, making iso-enzyme specific documentation of maturation necessary.

Changes in body composition and ontogeny are most prominent in neonates. The body fat content (/kg) is markedly lower and the body water content (/kg) is markedly higher in neonates. These findings have an impact on the distribution volume of both lipophilic and hydrophilic drugs. Drugs are cleared either by metabolism (metabolic clearance) or elimination (elimination clearance). While the first is mainly hepatic, the second route is mainly renal. Both hepatic metabolism and renal clearance display maturation in early life although other co-variables (e.g. polymorphisms, co-administration of drugs, first pass metabolism, disease characteristics) further contribute to the interindividual variability in drug disposition.

Documentation of these maturational processes based on in vivo 'case' studies is of value since these drug-specific observations can subsequently be extrapolated to other drugs which are either already being prescribed or even considered for use in neonates by the introduction of these observations in 'generic physiologically based pharmacokinetic' models.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Karel Allegaert graduated from the University Leuven, Belgium in 2000 as paediatrician-neonatologist. After an additional training at Sophia Children's Hospital in Rotterdam, he was appointed as clinical consultant neonatology at the University Hospitals Leuven. After his PhD thesis on neonatal analgesia (2002-2005), he further developed his clinical research in the field of neonatal pain treatment and developmental pharmacology in neonates and was appointed as associated professor at the same university (2005-ongoing). His current clinical research is supported by a grant of the national research council (Fund for Scientific Research, Flanders (Belgium) by a Fundamental Clinical Investigatorship (1800209 N, 2008-2012). This clinical research resulted in about 140 papers published in international peer reviewed journals, conferences proceedings and book chapters and was recently (2009) the Galenus price for research in clinical pharmacology and the Govaerts price for clinical toxicology of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium.

Plenary Lecture 6

Investigating Effects of Drug Therapy for HIV Infection by Double Compartments Cellular Automata Simulations



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Abstract: The progress of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection typically follows a three phase pattern; the primary response phase, the clinical latency phase, and the final phase of onset of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). In order to test the efficiency of different protocols in drug therapy for HIV patients, it is important to have a realistic model which reliably simulates the course of the infection which exhibits two drastically different time scales, days and decades. The classical ordinary or partial differential equations have been found to be inadequate in coping with such extreme spread in time scales. In this paper, we employ a two-compartment Cellular Automata (CA) model to study the dynamics of drug therapy of HIV infection. The levels of healthy and infected CD⁺T cells are tracked in both the lymph node and peripheral blood compartments coupled and updated simultaneously with each time step. The viral loads in the two compartments are also updated through a system of difference equations. Drug therapy is then simulated by incorporating its effects in the update rules of the CA model. By adjusting the rules to update the cells in the CA lattice, it becomes possible to study the efficacies of different treatment strategies or drugs of choice, as well as the repercussion of drug resistance over time.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: After Professor Yongwimon Lenbury obtained her Ph.D. in Mathematics from Vanderbilt University, USA, she returned to the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, Mahidol University to teach, and conduct research in dynamical modeling of nonlinear systems in biology and medicine. She was appointed professor of Mathematics in 1996.

Prof. Lenbury has been involved in research work in the field by Mathematical Modelling and Nonlinear Systems in Biology and Medicine. Her work involves dynamical modelling and analysis of nonlinear systems such as food chains coupled by parasitic infections, hormone secretion systems in the human body, and so on. Of particular interest are the pacemaker oscillations and rhythmogenesis in human mechanism which have been proposed as a way to differentiate sickness from health. For example, some of her works involves the construction and analysis of a model for insulin kinetics and the identification of oscillatory behavior subject to various feeding regimens. Her recent interest has been concentrated in the signal transduction system involving GPCR, a major drug target. She received an award from the National Research Council as the Outstanding Researcher in the field of Physical Science in the year 1998. Her continued achievements have resulted in her being granted the prestigious position of Senior Researcher of the Thailand Research Fund in Mathematics, 2000-2002 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Thailand. Collaborating with several researchers in various countries such as the United States, Germany, Italy, and New Zealand, Prof. Lenbury has been devoted to the promotion of research and education in the field of Mathematics in Thailand.

Plenary Lecture 7

Proteome analyses of schizophrenia brain tissue: searching for biochemical pathways and potential biomarkers



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Abstract: Schizophrenia is likely to be a consequence of serial alterations of a number of genes and proteins that, together with environmental factors, will lead to the establishment of the illness. Since proteomic analysis of post-mortem schizophrenia brains may lead to the identification of schizophrenia-related proteins that will ensure the comprehension of this pathogenesis as well as indicate potential biomarkers, we have collected post-mortem brain tissue from schizophrenia patients and control individuals of the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (Brodmann's Area 46), anterior temporal lobe (BA38), Wernicke's Area (BA22p), mediodorsal thalamus and anterior cingulate cortex aiming to analyze their proteomes. We subjected those brain tissues to comparative proteome analysis using a shotgun mass spectrometry approach combining isoelectrofocusing and RP-HPLC prior MALDI-TOF/TOF powered by isotope coded protein labeling (ICPL) for proteome quantitation. Moreover, we used two-dimensional gel electrophoresis/mass spectrometry-based proteome analysis. We have found the most often alterations in energy metabolism, oligodendrocyte-function and myelination, calcium homeostasis and cytoskeleton. Moreover, we have revealed the differential expression of a number of hypothetical or putative proteins, which might be interesting targets to further studies considering their underlie information. Several protein biomarker candidates such as myelin basic protein and myelin oligodendrocyte protein were evaluated and validated by western blot in some of the described brain regions as well as in cerebrospinal fluid from a separate set of samples. A number of glycolysis enzymes have been found differentially expressed in the analyzed brain regions, what have led us to quantify the levels of pyruvate and NADPH in thalamus, which indeed were found altered. The recurrent identification and validation of inter-related protein clusters, determined in different samples by different proteomic approaches not only strongly reinforces the putative involvement of certain pathways in SCZ, but also reveal new potential biomarkers and paves the way to the development of new therapeutic strategies in order to contribute for reducing the social and cognitive consequences of the disease.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Dr. Daniel Martins-de-Souza is an associate researcher in University of Cambridge at Cambridge Centre for Neuropsychiatric Research headed by Prof. Sabine Bahn working on proteomics of psychiatric disorders. Dr. Martins-de-Souza was a postdoc fellow in Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry in Munich, Germany, for 2 years and has obtained his Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in State University of Campinas (UNICAMP) in Brazil, where he had started the investigations in the proteome analysis of schizophrenia brain tissue, aiming to find differentially expressed proteins which can lead to a better comprehension of this disorder as well as find potential biomarkers to help the clinical diagnosis. Dr. Martins-de-Souza has 32 published scientific articles and 3 book chapters.

Plenary Lecture 8

Extended-Spectrum α -Lactamase Producing *Escherichia coli* Strains Isolated From Male and Female Neonates: Mode of Transmission of CTX-M Gene and a Clinico-Bioinformative Study



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Abstract: Due to increase in drug resistance world wide, this study was undertaken to characterize mode of transmission of blaCTX-M among ESBL-producing *E. coli* isolates. ERIC-PCR was used to type the ESBL-producers strains. A search for blaCTX-M genes and integrons in the genomic and plasmid DNA of ESBL positive isolates was performed by PCR amplification. Cloning, sequencing of CTX-M gene was performed and submitted in gene bank (FJ997864, FJ997865, GQ174503, GQ145221 and GQ174504). Modelling and docking was performed by Autodoc . The ERIC typed isolates were screened for blaCTX-M, blaTEM, armA, rmtA and rmtB. PCR amplified blaCTX-M genes were cloned and sequenced. Five blaCTX-M-15, 2 rmtB, 2 blaTEM-1 and 13 Class1 integrons were detected. All the blaCTX-M-15 positive isolates, except one were clonally related. 'Length of stay in NICU' was found as the single independent risk factor. This study concludes that resistant markers were transferred through plasmids in the present setting. Male neonates who are colonized or infected by ESBL-producing *E. coli* might have a longer stay in NICU compared to their female counterparts.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Asad U Khan, male, molecular biologist, graduated from Biochemistry Department, A M University, Aligarh, India in 1998. He joined Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, A.M University as Asst Professor in 1997 and continued till 2000. He later joined Department of Biochemistry, UMDNJ, New Jersey USA in 2000 for three years as post doctoral Research Associate, working on Transcription biology of Yeast and gene expression. He than resumed his services as Asst Professor in the same department till 2006 and became Associate professor in the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, AMU, India. He was awarded a prestigious fellowship , BOYSCAST Fellowship from Government of India to work as visiting Scientist in University of Napoli, Italy in 2005. He was also awarded Young Scientist Award of Association of Microbiologist of India in 2006 and Alembic award in 2009. His work was well recognized and he has been invited several invited talks as well as reviews articles and chapters. He has been in Editorial board of several number of International journal. He has a total of 85 research articles in his credit. He is a member of several international associations.

Plenary Lecture 9

Influence of Aluminum on Health and Disease



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Abstract: Aluminum is not an essential element but is rather toxic and the need to protect themselves from aluminum toxicity is crucial for living organisms. Aluminum is the third abundant element and the most abundant metal in the earth's crust, therefore exposure to aluminum is inevitable in daily life. It was shown that the rate of excretion of aluminum in the urine was assumed to have a limiting value. As a result, an excess intake of aluminum indicated that the aluminum content in the body remained high for several days after the absorption of aluminum from the intestine. It is widely known that accumulation of aluminum in the body has been linked to disease conditions. The toxic effects of aluminum to neuronal cells were examined to show apoptotic cell death via endoplasmic reticulum stress, implicating an influence of aluminum on the gene expression. Also, it was shown that astrocyte-neuron interaction was important in the process of toxic effects in the central nervous system. Renin was the only positively identified up-regulated gene determined by DNA sequencing. The up-regulation of renin was confirmed by RT-PCR and Western blotting experiments in the dose dependent treatments and the time course observation in mice. The up-regulation of the renin expression by aluminum is a strong indication of the influence of aluminum on the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone-system, resulting in the induction of essential hypertension.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Shunsuke Meshitsuka graduated from Waseda University in 1970, and got his Ph.D. from the Faculty of Science of the University of Tokyo in 1977, and got D. Med. from Tottori University Faculty of Medicine in 1987. He got a position of a researcher in Sagami Chemical Research Center in 1972. He moved to Tottori University Medical School as an assistant professor in 1976. After working in the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia as a postdoctoral fellow he became an associate professor in 1995. He was an invited researcher of Riken Genome Science Research Center, Yokohama from 2004 to 2006, and also was a visiting researcher of Osaka University Institute for Protein Research from 1981 to 2010. His main research area is inorganic biochemistry and the structure of related biological molecules.

Plenary Lecture 10

Novel Doped Bioactive Glass for Applications in Orthopedic Surgery: In Vitro and in Vivo Bioactivity



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Abstract: A bioactive glass is an excellent candidate as a graft for bone tissue regeneration. The insertions of atomic elements such as Zn, Sr and/or Mg, separately or simultaneously, present a high interest in the bone metabolism activity. They were introduced as trace elements at different contents in the glass matrix, according to their concentration in the bone matrix. Their effects consist on the modification of physico-chemical properties of bioactive glass after "in vitro" or "in vivo" experiments. Their role is consequently the improvement of the properties such as crystallographic structure, morphology and density of the apatite layer formation on the surfaces of biomaterials and the bone-bonding ability. In this work, bioactive glass in the ternary system ($\text{SiO}_2\text{-CaO-Na}_2\text{O-P}_2\text{O}_5$) was elaborated by an original method based on the melting process. Additions of these atomic elements have been made with different amounts of each introduced element in the glassy network.

In vitro experiments were achieved to evaluate the crystallographic structure, the morphology and the kinetic of chemical reactivity versus time of soaking in synthetic physiological solution (SBF). Cells adhesion and proliferation on the surfaces of biomaterials were investigated.

In vivo experiments were carried out on the femurs of rabbits to evaluate the biocompatibility, the physico-chemical properties and the kinetic of bioactivity and bioconsolidation in the interface bone-Implant. Several physicochemical and biological methods were employed to highlight the behavior of pure and doped bioactive glass.

Obtained results show different behavior. The presence of magnesium promotes the dissolution of silica network when the presence of strontium or zinc slows down this phenomenon. All doped bioactive glasses show the no toxic character of these biomaterials. However, the introduction of strontium enhances the cells proliferation of about 14.3 % compared to pure bioactive glass.

In vivo experiments demonstrate that 10% BG-Sr seem to be the best implant materials tested leading to beneficial effects in stabilization of the oxidative balance. These beneficial effects were confirmed by histological findings and correlated with the biocompatibility of cells grown. These biomaterials offer to surgeons more opportunities. Because of the variations of the kinetic of bioactivity, they can be adapted for patients according to different parameters such as the age, the gender, the location site and other physiological parameters.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Hassane Oudadesse graduated from the University Blaise Pascal of Clermont-Ferrand France. He obtained his PhD in 1989 and worked as associate Professor and obtained his HDR (Habilitation a Diriger des recherches) in 1998. Since 2001, he works in the University of Rennes 1 as Full Professor in the "Sciences Chimiques de Rennes", UMR CNRS 6226.

His works concern the conception, synthesis and physicochemical studies of new biomaterials for applications in orthopaedic surgery. Biocompatibility, kinetic of bioactivity, kinetic of bio consolidation in the interface bone-Implants, cells enhancement and other properties of biomaterials present the research filed of Professor Hassane Oudadesse.

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Professor Hassane Oudadesse is a Head of the research unit on Biomaterials since 2001, Vice-President of University of Rennes 1, human resources since 2008, Director of Master 2 Solid State Chemistry and Materials since 2006. He was the President of the Chemical Department from 2002 to 2004 and the President of the specialists commission CNU 33 (Materials Chemistry) from 2003 to 2008.

Plenary Lecture 11

Novel Fluorescence Methods as a Base for Biomedical Sensoring: Antioxidants, Reactive Radicals, NO and Superoxide Dynamics, Immunoassay and Biomembranes Fluidity



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Abstract: We proposed and developed a series of fluorescent methods of analysis and investigation of system potentially important in biotechnology and biomedicine. Three new types of molecular probes have been used: 1) dual fluorophore-nitroxide compounds, 2) fluorescent-photochrome molecules and 3) super molecules containing fluorescent and fluorescent quenching segments. These methods utilize the following photochemical and photophysica phenomena: the fluorescence quenching, photochrome photoisomerization and energy transfer. The fluorescence properties of the new probes was intensively exploited as the basis of several methodologies which include a real time analysis of antioxidants, nitric oxide, superoxide, reactive radicals, trinitrotoluene and metal ions, investigation of molecular dynamics of biomembranes in a wide range characteristic times, detection of protein conformational transition, and characterization of surface system. Owing high sensitivity, simplicity, availability of fluorescence techniques, these methods can be widely employed. The techniques can be adapted to fibrooptic sensing.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Gertz I. Likhtenshtein received his PhD (1963) and Doctor of Science (1972) degrees at the Semenov Institute of Chemical Physics, Russian academy of Science, Moscow. In 1976 this Institute granted him the Professor title. In 1965 he was appointed on the position of Head of Laboratory of Chemical Physics of Enzyme Catalysis. In 1992 Likhtenshtein moved to the Department of Chemistry, the Ben-Gurion University of Negev (Israel) on the full Professor position, was in charge of the Laboratory of Chemical Biophysics and has been emerited in 2003. Among his awards are the Medal of the Exhibition of Economic Achievement, the Diploma of Discovery USSR for works on nitrogen fixation, the USSR State Price for pioneering research on spin labeling in molecular biology, the V. V. Voevodsky International Price for Chemical Physics and the Diploma of the Israel Chemical Society. He is a member of the International ESR Society, the American Biophysical Society, the Israel Chemical Society and the Israel ESR Society. At present his main scientific interests focus on mechanism of the light energy conversion and on novel methods of immunoassay, NO and antioxidants analysis. Likhtenshtein authored 10 scientific books and about 380 papers.

Plenary Lecture 12

Recent developments in High Resolution Tandem Mass Spectrometry



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Abstract: It is widely accepted that the most significant motif for the fast growing field of tandem mass spectrometry was to respond to the requirements of biochemistry, molecular biology, medical and medicinal chemistry. Reversely, the fast development of genomic research during the previous decade, the continuous expansion of proteomics and of metabolomics, as well as the recent interest in metallomics are mainly due to the capabilities offered by modern mass spectrometric instrumentation. The presentation will be focused mainly to the performance of some modern tandem mass spectrometric concepts, as introduced from several manufacturers, although the list is quite large and not all of them can be presented. There are many instruments commercially available for this purpose, capable for direct or hyphenated mass spectrometric analysis in one step (MS). However the demand for structure elucidation of extremely complicated unknown compounds, like proteins and peptides, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and their complexes, and many other types of biomolecules, forced the research to move to the second step, i.e. the development of much more sophisticated spectrometers combining two or three analyzers successively, the so called tandem mass spectrometers. These are capable to provide multi-stage mass spectrometric analysis (MSn), which means selection of precursor ions and further fragmentation of them to produce daughter ions, enabling thus the characterization of the above matrices. In a third step, since there are still many cases with confusion among several possible chemical structures, especially in the field of biochemistry, high-resolution tandem mass instruments (HRMS) were further developed and the current commercial competition shifts the research to even higher standards.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Dr George Zachariadis is an Associate Professor of Analytical Chemistry at the Department of Chemistry of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in Macedonia, Greece. He teaches quantitative analytical chemistry and instrumental analysis to undergraduate and postgraduate students during the past fifteen years. He was the author or co-author of 6 books of Analytical Chemistry and of almost 90 scientific papers and 2 reviews in the field of development, optimization and evaluation of modern instrumental analysis techniques. He has actively participated in almost 25 international conferences with more than 90 announcements. He is reviewer in 15 scientific journals of Analytical, Environmental and Food Chemistry. His main research activities are focused on Atomic and Mass Spectrometric techniques for the determination of heavy metals, trace elements of special interest, because inorganic substances even in very low concentrations play extremely important role in biological systems and also in the environment. He has developed methods also for the analysis of biological materials and determination of organic molecules of biological and medical interest by gas or liquid chromatographic techniques coupled to mass spectrometry. His research is focused on Multi-elemental and Speciation methods. He has also special research activities in Chemometric approaches for Archaeometric and Bioanalytical applications, as well as Food and Drug analysis, with almost a thousand of citations in his published work.

Plenary Lecture 13

Time to market and patient access to new oncology products in Italy: a multistep pathway from European context to regional health care providers



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Abstract: Aim: The main purpose of this study was to identify each sequential phase followed by an oncology product, from European assessment until to patient access in each Italian region (IR). Methods: A panel of oncology products approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in the period 2006–2008 was considered. The explored sequential phases included the times to market for: the EMA; pharmaceutical companies; the Italian Medicines Agency (Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco, AIFA); and IRs as final providers of health care. The IR's time to market was also analyzed by a Cox regression model. Results: The overall mean time required before patients access was 2.3 years. EMA accounted for the greater proportion of time (31.8%), followed by AIFA (28.2%). However, the duration for both pharmaceutical companies and IRs was associated with the highest variability. An oncology product authorized with a risk-sharing agreement showed an early access in the IRs. On the contrary, the introduction in IRs having a compulsory formulary was delayed. Both a high forecast of economic impact and a high oncology product price can also delay the patient access. Conclusion: The process before patient access to an oncology product is time and cost consuming. This study identifies the main predictors that affect the missing overlap between market and patient access in Italy.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Prof. Francesco Saverio Mennini, is presently Professor for Health Economics and Political Economics at University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (both at the Faculty of Economics and Science). He is also Professor for Health Economics at University of Rome "La Sapienza", Faculty of Statistics. Formerly, he has led a career as a researcher in the field of Health Economics and Industrial Economics, at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" and the National Research Council. His main contributions have dealt with welfare policies, health system analysis, health technology assessment and pharmaco-economics, and pharmaceutical economics. Prof. Mennini has been the scientific coordinator of the Master in Health Economics at University of Rome "Tor Vergata" for several years; he has been a scientific coordinator and member of the Regional Observatory for the HTA, from 2003 to 2006. Prof. Mennini is the chair of the Scientific Committee of the European Conference on Health Economics (ECHE). Prof. Mennini is author of numerous publications, national and international, of Health economics and Economic Evaluation.

Plenary Lecture 14

Anxiety and depression in COPD



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Abstract: COPD is a disease with multiple co morbidities. Two of the most common and least treated co morbidities are anxiety and depression. The prevalence of depression and anxiety associated with COPD vary considerably because the psychological consequences are rarely screened, because the variety of scales and methods used to measure such symptoms and because the different degrees of illness severity across studies.

The Participants in our study were recruited from patients with COPD, older 40 years old, with Forced Expiratory Volume in one second (FEV1) less than 80%, and FEV1/FVC less 70%, without malignancy, hepatic or renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, instable angina pectoris, myocardial infarction within the previous year, cardiac arrhythmias, or other significant diseases, hospitalized in Pneumology Clinic Leon Daniello Cluj, between September 2009-march 2010. The patients were interviewed with Beck Depression Inventory and Beck Anxiety Inventory, and Saint George Questioners for quality of life.

We try to evaluate the risk factors for depression and anxiety like age, gender, lack of social support, severity of disease (COPD), main symptoms, long term use of systemic corticosteroids, value of FEV1, educational level, presence of co morbidity, the total score for depression and anxiety (for quantification of symptoms). The psychological manifestations of COPD are treated in only a minority of patients.

Untreated depression and anxiety have major implications for compliance with medical treatment (lower adherence), increased frequency of hospital admission, and are associated with poor quality of life (may also be a significant predictor of mortality following hospitalization)

Patients with COPD should be screened for depression and for anxiety by their respiratory doctor and should be treated by physician with skills and knowledge of mental disorders.

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Plenary Lecture 15

The Role of Spirituality on Pain Perception and Tolerance



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Abstract: Chronic pain is a severe, often intractable, disorder that can severely impede quality of life. Medications for pain management can be useful, but often cause unpleasant side effects. This may leave patients seeking out alternative pain control resources, including those that include their spiritual beliefs and practices. Research has shown the multi-dimensional pain experience can be affected by physical, psychological, and spiritual factors. Many chronic pain patients use religious/spiritual forms of coping, such as prayer and seeking spiritual support, to cope with their pain. The primary objectives of this presentation is to review the current research on 1) potential psycho-physiological pathways linking spirituality and health, with a particular focus on chronic pain, 2) adaptive and maladaptive forms of religious/spiritual coping mechanisms, 3) religious/spiritual coping strategies frequently used by pain patients, and 4) empirically supported tools to assess adaptive and maladaptive forms of religious/spiritual coping in the context of chronic pain. The conclusion of this talk encourages providers to assess how religious/spiritual factors may be positively or negatively impacting their patient's experience with chronic pain.

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Plenary Lecture 16

Recovery issues in the treatment of schizophrenia: are we at the end, or still at the beginning?



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Abstract: Recovery and normalized psychosocial functioning are the main targets for the treatment of schizophrenia. However pharmacological treatments are not good enough to achieve recovery in schizophrenia. Treatment of schizophrenia and recovery issues are under discussion. Only 10-20 % of all schizophrenia patients achieve full remission of symptoms and good psychosocial functioning during long term treatment of schizophrenia. Positive and negative symptoms are main symptom clusters to treat. Negative symptoms are strongly correlated to cognitive functions whereas both negative symptoms and cognitive dysfunctions predict the patient's ability to work and function independently at the society. But antipsychotics have limited benefit for improving cognitive functions and negative symptoms.

Meta-analytic studies and latest multi center, large scale studies such as CATIE and EUFEST have found that Clozapine, despite its limited use, seemed to be superior compared to all other antipsychotics regarding efficacy in schizophrenia and Olanzapine was associated with significantly longer time to discontinuation although both were significantly associated with metabolic and severe side effects. One of the important results driven from the CATIE trial has shown that the majority of the patients in each antipsychotic treatment group had discontinued their first treatment due to either inefficacy over schizophrenia symptoms or intolerable side effects. Recovery issues in schizophrenia result in polypharmacy as using more than one antipsychotics at the same time. However schizophrenia patients have higher mortality rates. Mortality rate is about two times greater and life expectancy is 20% shorter than general population in schizophrenia mainly due to cardiovascular and metabolic side effects which affect patient's satisfaction with treatment and let nonadherence to treatment.

Advances in our understanding of the etiology, course, and treatment of schizophrenia have led to an increased awareness of the need for defined standards against which to judge clinical improvement, both in clinical trial settings and in daily practice. What we regard as success in treating schizophrenia has evolved substantially, from reducing the risk of harm to self and others, through control of positive (and more recently negative) symptoms, towards preventing relapse and achieving improvements in daily functioning. Remission of schizophrenia symptoms does not always mean to have recovery from the illness. Recovery needs to improve cognitive functions, subjective well-being, quality of life and psychosocial functioning.

Today pharmacotherapy alone is not enough to achieve recovery, therefore psychosocial interventions should be established and be integrated with antipsychotics. However it is not clear which type of psychosocial treatment is best. The most important one is psychoeducational program that has been shown that it may enhance treatment adherence and reduce relapses in schizophrenia. Psychosocial intervention programs that may integrate cognitive, behavioral, educational and psychotherapeutic aspects need to be developed.

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