

# 40 YEARS EHRHS - SCIENCE, FUN AND FRIENDS IN EUROPE

- 1971 First informal meeting held in Lodz
- 1972 Paris **European Branch of the Histamine Club**
- 1973 Marburg
- 1974 Copenhagen **Geoff West becomes Secretary General**
- 1975 Florence
- 1976 Paris
- 1977 London
- 1978 Lodz
- 1979 Stockholm **becomes EHRHS**
- 1980 Visegrad
- 1981 Hannover
- 1982 Bled
- 1983 Brighton
- 1984 Florence
- 1985 Aachen **Poster prizes and statutes**
- 1986 Odense
- 1987 Strbske Pleso
- 1988 Copenhagen **Piero Mannaioni becomes Secretary General**
- 1989 Breda
- 1990 Kuopio
- 1991 Marburg
- 1992. Malaga
- 1993. Cologne
- 1994. Budapest
- 1995. Moscow
- 1996. Antwerp
- 1997. Seville
- 1998. Lodz
- 1999. Lyon **Madeleine Ennis becomes President**
- 2000. Nemi
- 2001. Turku **Student bursaries**
- 2002. Eger
- 2003. Noordwijkerhout **Young Investigator Awards**
- 2004. Bergisch Gladbach **Statutes published in Belgium**
- 2005. Bled
- 2006. Delphi **Anita Sydbom becomes President**
- 2007. Florence
- 2008. Stockholm
- 2009. Fulda
- 2010. Durham
- 2011. Sochi

## Gone but not forgotten



## Group photos



## Our Council

2010



2006



2002



# MADELEINE ENNIS, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

There are three types of membership of the EHRS: ordinary, corporate & affiliated and honorary (life). The highest award is that of honorary membership which is only given to very special people. To obtain Honorary membership, the person has to be elected by over two-thirds of the ordinary members at the General Assembly.

## Current Honorary Members



## Our meetings

Meetings traditionally run for 3 days – well they actually start the night before and go on till breakfast on the final day, so really Wednesday to Sunday!

We avoid parallel sessions as much as possible, so everybody stays to listen to all aspects of the subject. This can lead to some very interesting and thought provoking questions.

We have an outing lasting an afternoon and evening and we often eat lunch en route!

Essentially we spend all the time together – which results in many fruitful scientific collaborative projects as well as good friendships.

I asked people to remember things about some of our past meetings and these are some of the stories they told me:

### 1979 Stockholm:

This was our first meeting on a boat which travelled between Stockholm and Helsinki. One of the Chairmen (**Bertil Diamant**) told speakers that if they did not finish in time he would throw them into the Baltic Sea!

Also **Geoff West** wrote a telegram to be sent to absent friends:

"The Histamine Club

Is more like a pub

We were all drunk

When the ship sank

But we did not go to hell

We were all floating on a mast cell!"

### 1981 Hannover:

We learnt how to drink schnapps and beer at the same time from two glasses; those who did well got a certificate!

### 1988 Copenhagen:

The first meeting song by **Anita Sydbom** - it was meant to have been a one-off but is now an institution!

### Breda 1989:

We were all given a porcelain Amsterdam canal house which played the tune of "Tulips from Amsterdam". One of the speakers was so excited that he fell off the stage - check the song from the meeting!

### Cologne 1993:

A wonderful fun run event - see the photo! However, it has not become a regular occurrence.

### Moscow 1995:

Our second meeting on a boat voyaging the Volga Golden Ring. We had to make our own entertainment - so had a singing competition one night and a dancing competition another night!

### Antwerp 1996:

It was our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we got received the **EHRS logo** as a silver pin.

### Eger 2002:

We learnt how to drink wine which was being poured directly into our mouth from the bottle held ca. 0.5 m above us!

### Bled 2005:

Back to beautiful Bled - where we had our lunch on a fantastic train made up of carriages from different eras!

### Durham 2010:

The ash cloud forced us to move our meeting to July - but it still worked well!!

# THE FIRST 10 YEARS AND THE TEENS



Over the years they have said some odd things:

If I knew the answer I wouldn't have done the experiment!

The next two speakers have both been through my hands

Rabbits are sensible things sometimes

This period covered the discovery of 2 histamine receptors:

1972 H<sub>2</sub>-Receptor antagonists (Black)

1983 H<sub>3</sub>-receptors (Schwartz)

# THE TWENTIES AND THE THIRTIES



And then there were 4 -  
it is our fourth decade  
and we have 4 receptors!

Although many of the photos depicted show our "grand old men and women", I have tried to show you the younger side of our society in the more recent photos. It is through these young people that our society will continue to grow and thrive.

Let's just look at a few changed faces! Try and guess the names and years!!



To the EHRs - long may she/he live and prosper!