



EUROPEAN HISTAMINE  
RESEARCH SOCIETY

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Dear Histamine Friends I wish you a



*Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



This year is soon coming to an end and we are now looking forward to what the next year 2012 might bring us.

It has been a very exciting year. We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EHRS with a meeting in the very far East point of Europe in Russia in lovely Sochi by the Black Sea. The Anniversary was celebrated both by an excellent

**EHRS Anniversary Lecture:** *EHRS - Birth of the Histamine Club*  
Wilfried Lorenz

And by an

**EHRS Anniversary** *40 years EHRS - science, fun and friends in Europe?*  
**Poster:** Madeleine Ennis

This wonderful poster you can watch in our website [www.EHRS.org.uk](http://www.EHRS.org.uk) under History of the Society.

It was an excellent scientific meeting, and many thanks go to the organizer Roman Khanferyan

All about the meeting, photos etc can be seen on our website [www.EHRS.org.uk](http://www.EHRS.org.uk) under Previous Meetings. Please have a look around.

Next meeting:



Next year it is our 41<sup>st</sup> meeting and we are invited by Madeleine Ennis to Belfast 2-5<sup>th</sup> of May and this is a joint meeting with COST Action BM0608.

It is going to be a very stimulating and interesting meeting,

### **The Scientific program:**

#### **Invited speakers:**

Professor **Holger Stark** (Frankfurt University, Germany)

"Histamine H<sub>4</sub> receptor – ligand, binding and activation"

Professor **Peter Bradding** (Leicester University, UK)

"Interactions between mast cells and structural airway cells in the pathogenesis of asthma"

Professor M **Beatrice Passani** (University of Florence, Italy)

"H<sub>4</sub>R and neuroinflammation: insights from mouse experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis"

**Round Table** to be chaired by Dr **Rob Thurmond** (Johnson & Johnson, USA)

What's new in H<sub>4</sub> research?

#### **Young Investigator session**

#### **Symposium:**

Hosted by **COST Action BM1007 WGI**

"Physiological and pathophysiological importance of mast cells and basophils in health and disease" entitled:

#### **NOVEL HIGHLIGHTS ON MAST CELL FUNCTIONS**

•**Ulrich Blank** (INSERM, Paris, France)

"Late signaling events for histamine release by mast cells"

•**Gunnar P. Nilsson** (Karolinska Institutet, Solna, Sweden) "Eicosanoids - performing lipidomics on activated mast cells"

•**Francesca Levi-Schaffer** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel)

"The allergic effector unit: mast cells - eosinophils interactions regulate the allergic response"

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You can find all information in the lovely website for the meeting  
<http://www.qub.ac.uk/EHRS2012>

The website gives details about how to get to Belfast. There are many flights to the 2 Belfast airports, including several budget airlines. However, for some of you it will be cheaper to fly to Dublin, which is 100 miles from Belfast. There is a coach from Dublin airport to Belfast which costs ca. 20 € return and takes just over 2 hours.

You will be able to register on line paying by credit card and get information about Student Bursaries and EHRS Young Investigator Award.

Please have a look and send in your abstracts and registration well in time.

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**Deadlines are.**

<b>Abstract submission:</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Student Bursary Application</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>EHRS Young Investigator Award application</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Registration, Accommodation</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>

So please send in your abstracts and welcome to the EHRS meeting in Belfast next year.

Website:

The EHRS website [www.EHRS.org.uk](http://www.EHRS.org.uk) is managed by Anna Gilicze, a student of Andras Falus, Hungary. The latest NEWS is regularly updated. Paul Chazot is still responsible for the scientific part of the website. We have a special area of HOT NEW PAPERS. You are all regularly requested to add interesting papers and short expert reviews. If you have a paper that you think would fit in please contact Paul Chazot [paul.chazot@durham.ac.uk](mailto:paul.chazot@durham.ac.uk).

If you have **old programmes** (or old pictures) at home lying around I am particularly interested to add information to our website about earlier meetings that we lack information about.

New elections at the 2012 EHRS meeting:

The election period of three years is coming to an end and at the General Assembly at this EHRS meeting we need to elect **four new Council Members**. Please consider applying. Contact me for more information.

The President can according to the statutes sit for two three-year periods. This is the last year of my second election period and so we have to vote for a **new President** of the EHRM for the 2012-2015 period as well. According to the statutes I will sit for one year as past president.

If you wish to be considered for Council membership or for President please send me a small statement (not more than 1 A4 page maximally) saying who you are and why you would like to be considered for the position.

List of EHRM members:

Between meetings there are lots of things that might change. Every time when I send out e-mails to all members (about 400), I get many undelivered ones bouncing back to me. Please tell me if you have changed or will change your address, telephone, fax or E-mail address. We want to have a complete and up to date member list. Also please tell me if you know of any colleague who has changed their address or situation.

I do hope you will have a prosperous and a fruitful year!

Once again I wish you a **Most heart welcome to Belfast**

And

**A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012**



*Anita*