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This newsletter, issued every 6 months, maintain contacts with member societies and try to circulate important information. Please contact us for comments, contributions and suggestions !

#### EFP board

Jean Dupouy-Camet (president), Thomas Romig & Vasile Cozma (vice presidents), Edoardo Pozio (treasurer), Celia Holland (general secretary), Antti Oksanen, Titia Kortbeek, Pierre Dorny & Russell Stothard (members at large).

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#### EFP General meeting in Mexico (13/08/14)

**Report of the President:** Jean Dupouy-Camet (JDC) recalls the different invitations he received as President of the EFP for meetings in Egypt, Iran, Korea. He sent letters of condolences to the French Society of Parasitology after the death of A. Chabaud & O. Bain; to the Italian Society of Parasitologists after the death of Pr Coluzzi; to the families of Eduardo De-Cas (co-organizer with JDC of EMOP 10 in Paris) and Pierre Ambroise-Thomas. The EFP bought for 4 years a domain-name (<http://www.eurofedpar.eu/>) to host the new web pages which were revamped by a professional. JDC is able to modify or up-date them very easily. He is eager to receive suggestions for modification and will add a page devoted to the financial aspects such as the EFP bank account and fees. The EFP (JDC & Celia Holland) is now issuing an EFP news letter every 6 months which is sent to all members societies and which are downloadable from the web pages. JDC also asked for comments and suggestions. The creation of EFP Parasitic disease threat quick response committee headed by EFP former president (S Mas-Coma) was announced to the ECDC chief scientist (J. Giesecke) in early 2013 and the EFP offered the skills of this committee after the emergence of schistosomiasis in Corsica. J. Giesecke acknowledged this offer. The EFP nominated Pierre Dorny for the board of the WFP (Pierre Dorny was elected during the WFP general assembly) and Edoardo Pozio for the WFP Distinguished Achievements award (Edoardo Pozio received this award as well as JDC nominated by the French Society of Parasitologists).

**Report of the Treasurer:** Edoardo Pozio) provided a detailed presentation on the pattern of payments over the period 2008-2012. Some societies have never paid during this time period. The EFP treasurer has lost contact with several societies: specifically the Portuguese, Russian, Estonian, Belarussian and Turkish.

**Each society has to pay a 0.5 € fee for each of its active members per year. The funds should be sent to the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Rome, Italy (see details here).** The EFP funds are used to grant students to attend the EMOPs and to award Young Scientists every 4 years (see below).

**Young Scientist Awards (YSA) & EFP Scholarships for EMOP:** Most of EFP funds available in early 2016 will be transferred to EMOP for prizes and scholarships. These consist of a first, second and third prize for basic and applied parasitology. The competition for the EFP Young Scientist Awards (YSA) & the EFP Scholarships will be organized by Thomas Romig after updating existing forms.

**EFP Quick Force : Emergence of schistosomiasis in Corsica:** Santi Mas Coma delivered the most recent information on the topic and the upcoming events. See :

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20821> and [http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/20/9/14-0928\\_article](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/20/9/14-0928_article)

**Mini-Flotac<sup>R</sup>** Laura Rinaldi presented this very interesting device which is largely used for human and veterinary diagnosis. To use it in clinical practice and hospital would require its commercialization (this could be done in the near future) and CE marking. See <http://www.parasitesandvectors.com/content/7/1/271>

**EMOP XII Turku, Finland, 20-24 July, 2016 Parasites are forever:** Antti Oksanen (AO) gave informations about the preparation of the next EMOP which will be held in LOGOMO (a former garage for locomotives!), a newly opened convention center in the heart of Turku. Regular conference fees will be around 650 € but reduced fees will be available for scientists & students from low-income countries (defined by a UN gross domestic product per capita < 20 000 \$). AO presented the first first announcement (see below). A visit by The EFP board will visit the venue in July 2015 and will discuss with the EMOP 12 local organizing committee.



## Parasites are Forever

EMOP XII

12<sup>th</sup> European Multicolloquium of  
Parasitology

TURKU, FINLAND, JULY 20-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1<sup>st</sup> Announcement

**Parasitologie sans Frontières** – EMOP is an international conference, not just European, and all fields of parasitology from all corners of the world are warmly welcomed!

**One Health, from Parasitic Point of View** – The anthropocentric view of humans is not shared by parasites infecting humans among other host species. In order to help control parasite infections, EMOP XII aims to emphasize the parasitic point of view.

Turku is the oldest city in Finland, settled in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and the region now has over 300,000 inhabitants. Turku is civilized (European Capital of Culture in 2011). The city is affected by the vicinity of the Turku archipelago, with the River Aura flowing through a blend of old and new. Turku is easily accessed by sea from Sweden (and Germany), Turku Airport is international, and Helsinki Airport, a leading hub between Asia and Europe, is less than 170 km (2.5-hour bus ride) away. **The venue of EMOP XII is the LOGOMO Event Centre.** Converted from a railroad locomotive garage-workshop, its architecture is a combination of old industrial milieu and modern style, with excellent facilities for EMOP XII. [www.logomo.fi/en/home/](http://www.logomo.fi/en/home/)

**Exotic Northern Parasitology** – EMOP XII will also host IWAP (International Workshop on Arctic Parasitology), but the average afternoon temperature in Turku in July is a pleasant +20 °C.

**The Young in Mind** – The European Federation of Parasitologists supports the attendance of member society PhD students in Parasitology and grants also Young Scientist Awards <http://www.eurofedpar.eu/>



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#### 14th International Conference on Trichinellosis (ICT-14) in Berlin, Germany, 14-18 September, 2015

As a food-borne zoonosis, trichinellosis remains a public health concern in several regions of the world and is enormously important for issues related to food safety and global trade in various animals and their meat. The conference will be organized by the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment in cooperation with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of The Free University Berlin, the Section of Parasitology of the German Society of Veterinary Medicine and the Federal Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture and Consumer Protection. The scientific sessions of ICT-14 will focus on current efforts and recent advances in *Trichinella* research and control. See <http://www.trichinellosis.org/>

