Venue

Conference hotel "De Werelt" Westerhoflaan 2 6741 KH Lunteren Phone: +31 318 484641 http://www.dewerelt.nl



Abstracts and registration

Abstracts are invited for the meeting and will be subjected to peer review. The deadline for abstract submission and registration is **December 1, 2002**.

Information regarding:

- -abstract format and e-mail submission
- -registration form and e-mail submission
- -the venue and transportation can be found on http://www.figon.nl under "bijeenkomsten"

Conference dinner

A conference dinner will be organized on Thursday, February 13, 2003 in "Kasteel Middachten", a well-preserved castle that breathes the atmosphere of the 17th century. While strolling through the beautifully decorated rooms, there will be plenty of opportunity for interaction between the members of the Societies.



Please be informed that the number of participants of the Conference Dinner is limited to 150; tickets can be purchased on a "first come - first serve" basis. Suggested dress: Tenue de Ville.





February 12-14, 2003 Lunteren, the Netherlands On behalf of the Executive Committees of the Italian and Dutch Pharmacological Societies,we are pleased to invite you to attend our second Joint Meeting that will be held from Wednesday,February 12 till Friday, February 15, 2003.The venue of the meeting is Conference hotel "De Werelt "in Lunteren,The Netherlands, located in the beautifully wooded central area of The Netherlands called "de Veluwe".

The Program will include keynote lectures as well as oral and poster presentations. The presenter (under 35 years)of the best oral presentation or poster will be awarded with the "Servier Young Investigator Award" of Euro 500,00-.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be the Ariëns Lecture, named after the renowned Dutch pharmacologist Prof. Dr.E.J.Ariëns,an annual event that is traditionally addressed by one of today 's leading pharmacologists. We are looking forward to your participation in what promises to be a fruitful Joint Meeting of the two Societies.

V.Cuomo,MD President,Italian Pharmacological Society P.R.Saxena,MD PhD Chairman,Dutch Pharmacological Society

Program

The Joint Meeting will feature the following Plenary Lectures:

E.Cattaneo (Milano): *Huntington,a "model"* disease.

R.Leurs (Amsterdam): Do receptors need ligands?

F.Nicoletti (Roma): Cell cycle activation and neuronal death.

R.Masereeuw (Nijmegen): Endothelinregulated drug transport in the kidney.

Furthermore, the program will consist of symposia, including oral presentations on the following topics:

- -Pulmonary pharmacology
- -Pharmacology of migraine
- -CNS effects of steroids
- -Neuropeptides
- -Immunopharmacology
- -Cardiovascular pharmacology:heart failure
- -Pharmacology of drug abuse
- -Endocrine pharmacology:diabetes
- -Receptor pharmacology

A discussion session on "Teaching pharmacology in the 21st century" will be organized..

There will also be poster sessions.

The final version of the program will be posted on http://www.figon.nl under "bijeenkomsten".

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