

Editorial

67th International Congress and Annual Meeting of the Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research (GA) in cooperation with the French Society of Pharmacognosy AFERP

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The 67th International Congress and Annual Meeting of the Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research (GA) took place in Innsbruck, Austria, from September 1-5, 2019 in cooperation with the French Society of Pharmacognosy AFERP.

The main scientific topics of the conference were:

- Natural products chemistry
- Biological and pharmacological activities of natural products
- Analytical methods for quality control of Herbal Medicinal Products
- Metabolomics and molecular networking
- Identification and authentication of plant material
- Ethnobotany and ethnopharmacology
- Herbal drug formulations
- Biosynthesis and biotechnology of natural products
- Biodiversity and chemical ecology
- Clinical studies with natural compounds and Herbal Medicinal Products

- Phytopharmaceuticals, dietary supplements, functional food, cosmeceuticals
- Medicinal plants and natural products in animal healthcare and veterinary medicine

The symposium started on Sunday, September 1st 2019 with four pre-congress events: the Young Researchers' Workshop, the Workshop on African Research Network and the one-day pre-congress Symposia on Animal Healthcare and Veterinary Phytotherapy as well as Economic Adulteration of Botanical Ingredients.

The scientific program of the Main Conference included 10 plenary lectures, 2 keynote lectures, 45 contributed short lectures and 492 posters. The Regulatory Affairs Workshop was held during the main conference and served as a forum for industry to update on the latest trends in regulation of phytomedicines and related areas. The meeting was also an excellent platform for exhibitors, who presented their latest products and services.

We would like to thank everyone who has made this GA meeting possible, in particular the members of the Organizing and Scientific Committees, as well as the representatives of the PCO Tyrol Congress. We are also grateful to the University of Innsbruck for providing the meeting place and infrastructure for the pre-symposia and the get-together event, as well as the sponsors for their financial support.

Last, but not least, we want to thank Thieme Publishers for publishing the conference abstracts in *Planta Medica*.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee
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