

IUPHAR Transfers Its Administration to Parthenon Management Group: *What this means for you (and us)*

A tribute to Lynn and Leigh-Ann, and the new future with an IUPHAR executive director

S.J. (Sam) Enna, finishes his term as IUPHAR president during WCP 2018, continuing as past-president 2018-2022. However, Sam has also served two terms as secretary general, effectively holding together IUPHAR for a total of 12 years, which is an enormous achievement. We will have the opportunity to thank Sam in Kyoto.

The IUPHAR administrative office in Kansas City has been run on a day-to-day business by Lynn LeCount (operations) and Leigh Ann Arbuckle (finance), whom you all know are the interface of IUPHAR with its member societies. Petra Thürmann (2014-2018 treasurer) and Michael Spedding (2014-2018 secretary general) would like to give a tribute to Leigh Ann and Lynn, as they have completely reorganised how IUPHAR works over this 12-year period. They performed the daunting task with friendly simplicity and great efficiency, as everyone interacting with them can testify. We rely on them completely. However, both finish for new adventures on July 31st. So, please greet them at the IUPHAR booth #8-1 in Kyoto at WCP 2018. We shall miss them massively.



L → R: Leigh Ann Arbuckle (treasurer's assistant), Colleen Enna (wife), Sam Enna (big kahuna), Lynn LeCount (administrative officer) and Jennifer McNichols (editorial coordinator)

How do you replace irreplaceable people? Well you cannot, so we have negotiated with Parthenon Management Group (PMG), a Nashville, Tennessee-based company specialised in working for scientific societies. An administrative office principally based at PMG will provide continuity, giving long term stability as the IUPHAR officers change over multiple terms. PMG has an impressive range of client societies (<http://parthenonmanagementgroup.com/our-clients>). We negotiated with Sarah Timm, CEO, and the key points are listed below. Kristen Kovach has been appointed as the IUPHAR executive director and will be your day-to-day contact and should be in copy of key IUPHAR emails (admin@iuphar.org). Michelle Tidwell will oversee work for any absences by Kristen. Lynn and Leigh Ann have been working on the transfer with members of the PMG team during most of 2018.

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Everyone at Parthenon Management Group (PMG) is thrilled to welcome IUPHAR to our family of organizations. PMG has been managing professional scientific societies for the past 10 years and our mission is to help our organizations achieve their mission. In fact, our goal in managing a scientific society is to do our job with the same level of excellence that our members do their work. PMG believes that the success of a professional scientific society results from member driven leadership and governance with management and facilitation being provided by professionally trained and experienced staff. We relieve the leadership of the administrative burdens and enable them to devote their time to strategic thinking and determining the goals and objectives of the society. We look forward to continuing IUPHAR's record of success for many years into the future.



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PMG will...

- provide all the normal business tools and necessities, including an executive officer, telephone system, computers and office equipment.
- provide an email system and basic telephone service. Long distance calls and conference calls will be billed to IUPHAR at PMG's cost.
- support the IUPHAR Executive Director with accounting and other staff.
- manage IUPHAR funds and bank accounts within the bounds of a budget as approved by the IUPHAR officers and executive committee.
- transfer the IUPHAR website and database to their servers.

The initial term of the agreement will be April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2020. It will automatically renew for successive one-year terms unless cancelled by either party. So please introduce yourself to Kristen and Michelle at the IUPHAR booth #8-1 and General Assembly (with Lynn and Leigh-Ann!) during WCP2018. We really feel that this is a crucial step for IUPHAR and pharmacology in general.

Michael Spedding
Secretary General

Petra Thürmann
2014-2018 Treasurer