

BP Doctor Memorial Travel Award Fund

## To Future Participants in the XVth International Symposium on Cholinergic Mechanisms (XVth ISCM), October 16 - 20, 2016, Marseille France.

I write to encourage you to consider continuation of a tradition set at the 12<sup>th</sup> ChE-6PON Meeting in Elche, Spain, last September. B. P. Doctor, a long standing contributor to the cholinergic field, passed away prior to that meeting. He maintained an abiding interest in international meetings, believing that research in the cholinergic system required global perspectives and cooperation. Since his scientific contributions and interests in developing young investigators to work in this field were manifold, with the permission of the family, we established the B.P. Doctor Travel Awards to young investigators. Details on B. P. doctor's career are appended.

I am most pleased to report that members of the International Board of ISCM attending the meeting in Elche felt that we should carry over funds to related meetings in which B. P. Doctor participated. Accordingly they voted for its continuation at the ISCM in Marseille. Success of the initial plan enabled us to support five young investigators from around the world, where they received a stipend and an award plaque. Priority for awards at ISCM will again be accorded to students, post-doctoral fellows and beginning faculty lacking grant or institutional funds for travel to meetings. Those awarded funds would be expected to present at the poster sessions and workshops of the ICSM meeting.

Continuing this tradition will encourage young investigators to participate and attend such international meetings and will help insure that young investigators with new ideas continue to refresh our venerable field.

Accordingly, we will keep the B. P. Doctor Fund open for the Marseille meeting and encourage previous and new supporters to make donations. The International Board members hope that we might broaden the scientific basis of the award and again award the next generation of cholinergic investigators at the meeting in Marseille.

## Those desiring to contribute to these awards may do so by check to:

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Individual checks and accompanying letters should be labeled as the B. P. Doctor Memorial Travel Award Fund. The Pharmacology Education and Research Foundation is categorized as a foundation by the United States Internal Revenue Service. All donations will be acknowledged as support for a tax free foundation. The International Advisory Board shall award funds to applicants in relation to reserve funds available. Donations of all magnitudes are welcome. The Doctor family will be apprised of fund donors, the financial base of the funds and the awardees, as adopted for the 12<sup>th</sup> ChE-6PON meeting in Elche, Spain.

Sincerely,

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