

## Congress Report

### 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress of IATDMCT, September 9-14, 2007, in Nice, France – Highlights relevant to GTFCh and TIAFT

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The International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology (IATDMCT) held its biannual international meeting in Nice. Over 550 scientists and 50 accompanying persons from 40 countries attended this meeting. Besides workshops and symposia with invited speakers, 95 oral presentations and 209 posters were presented to well-attended audiences and intensively discussed throughout the week. The Acropolis congress Centre allowed plenary and parallel sessions and in the very wide floor sections for exhibits, posters and round tables to accommodate seated French lunches.

On Monday, Pascal Kintz and Olaf Drummer organized two **joint symposia of IATDMCT with The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT) and the Hair Testing Society (SOHT)** one on alternative matrices in clinical and forensic toxicology focusing on hair and one on oral fluid testing with the following invited speakers: Carmen Jurado, Hans Sachs, Vincent Cirimele, Fritz Pragst as well as Olaf Drummer, Alain Verstraete, Denis Crouch and Pirjo Lillsunde. These well-attended symposia have been highlights of the meeting.

The IATDMCT Young Scientists group, installed in Louisville (KY) by the President-elect Hans H. Maurer, had his first platform in Nice. Organized by the committee chairman Frank T. Peters and his secretary Denise McKeown, the young scientists started with a lunch meeting followed by their first workshop. The young scientists gave 17 oral presentations and numerous poster presentations during the week demonstrating their welcomed presence.



Figure 1. Marilyn Huestis, Chemistry and Drug Metabolism Section of the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Baltimore (MA, USA) received the Irving Sunshine Award for outstanding contributions to Clinical Toxicology.

During the opening ceremony in the Nice Casino ballroom, the prestigious awards of IATDMCT were presented. Vanessa Steenkamp, Department of Pharmacology, University of Pretoria (South Africa), received the Young Investigator Award. Victor Armstrong, Clinical Chemistry, Georg-August-University in Goettingen (Germany) received the C.E. Pippenger Award for outstanding contributions to Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, and **Marilyn Huestis**, Chemistry and Drug Metabolism Section of the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Baltimore (MA, USA), the **Irving Sunshine Award** for outstanding contributions to Clinical

Toxicology. Hans H. Maurer pointed out her merits and concluded that her toxicokinetic studies and conclusions are of high impact for clinical and forensic toxicology leading to improvement of clinical and forensic practice. All TIAFT members congratulate their Past President on this prestigious award!



Figure 2.  
The TIAFT President Pascal Kintz presented the prestigious TIAFT Alan Curry Award, to Fritz Pragst.

During the IATDMCT-TIAFT-SOHT joint symposium, the TIAFT President Pascal Kintz presented the prestigious **TIAFT Alan Curry Award**, to **Fritz Pragst**, the Editor of the GTFCh bulletin *Toxichem & Krimtech*. This lifetime achievement award was conferred on the occasion of the 45<sup>th</sup> TIAFT Meeting in August in Seattle, but presented in Nice, because Fritz Pragst was unable to attend the Seattle meeting. He received this award recognizing his outstanding scientific work particularly on hair analysis and on systematic toxicological analysis using HPLC-diode array detection. All GTFCh and TIAFT members congratulate him on this prestigious award!



Figure 3.  
Hans H. Maurer took over the Presidency of IATDMCT from David Holt for the next two years.

At the closing ceremony, the GTFCh treasurer and TIAFT board member **Hans H. Maurer** took over the **Presidency of IATDMCT** from David Holt for the next two years.