A 2 ½ day international symposium on

**Pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines: current state and future directions**

**Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 April 2006**

at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Regent’s Park, London, UK

**FINAL PROGRAMME**

**Key topics:**

- Adverse effects of herbal medicines
- Interactions between herbal and conventional medicines
- Molecular basis of herbal adverse drug reactions (ADRs)
- Detecting and assessing signals of herbal safety concerns
- Spontaneous reporting of suspected herbal ADRs: national and global perspectives
- Herbal-sector—initiated schemes for reporting herbal ADRs
- Industry and regulatory perspectives on herbal ADRs and ADR reporting
- Applying pharmacoepidemiological methods to investigating safety of herbal medicines
- Impact of traditional herbal medicinal products directive on pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines
  - Communication of herbal safety concerns
  - Risk management strategies for herbal medicines
  - Pharmacogenomics and herbal medicines
  - Nomenclature and quality of herbal medicines

**Organised by** the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) in conjunction with the Uppsala Monitoring Centre (WHO-UMC), the International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP), the Gesellschaft für Arzneipflanzenforschung (GA; Society for Medicinal Plant Research), the European Scientific Cooperative on Phytotherapy (ESCOP), the School of Pharmacy, University of London, UK, the School of Pharmacy, University of Auckland, New Zealand, and the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UK.
Background and purpose of the meeting:
Herbal medicines are widely used in health-care in both developed and developing countries. However, in recent years, there have been several high-profile herbal safety concerns that have had an impact on the public health, and there is increasing recognition of the need to develop pharmacovigilance (safety monitoring) systems for herbal medicines. Pharmacovigilance for herbal medicines is, in many respects, in its infancy and monitoring the safety of herbal medicines presents unique challenges.

This meeting aims to provide a comprehensive and critical overview of the current state of pharmacovigilance activities for herbal medicines at the national and global levels. It will explore in depth the challenges that pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines presents, consider relevant emerging issues and what steps could and should be taken to improve safety monitoring for herbal medicines in the future.

Who should attend
This conference will be of interest to individuals working in medicines regulation, National Pharmacovigilance Centres, the herbal medicines and conventional pharmaceutical industry and academia, as well as complementary and conventional health-care providers, including medical herbalists, doctors, pharmacists and nurses, and journalists.

Submitted abstracts
Submitted abstracts on relevant topics have been invited and the deadline has now passed. A session will be dedicated to short oral presentations of selected submitted abstracts. Accepted abstracts will be published in Drug Safety.

Registration
Delegate fees are £275.00 for members of the associated organisations, academics and government employees, and £350.00 for non-members and industry employees (exclusive of VAT at 17.5%). The fee for bona fide students is £145 (exclusive of VAT). The on-site registration fee is £450 + VAT for all delegates. Fees are inclusive of course documentation, refreshments and lunches during the Conference.

Chairman
Joanne Barnes, Associate Professor in Herbal Medicines, School of Pharmacy, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand (j.barnes@auckland.ac.nz)

Scientific Organising Committee:
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Simon Mills, Peninsula Medical School, Universities of Exeter and Plymouth, UK, and ESCOP Board
Professor Tony Moffat, School of Pharmacy, University of London, UK
Professor Giampaolo Velo, University of Verona, Italy, and President, ISOP
Dr John Clements, Science Advisor to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, UK

Programme
The Conference will open at 13.30 h on Wednesday 26 April and close at approximately 18.00 h on Friday 28 April 2006.
The current programme can be found at www.rpsgb.org/science

For further information contact:
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Programme

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2006

1.00  REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

1.30- 2.10  Welcome
Gerald Alexander, Vice-President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Joanne Barnes and Scientific Organising Committee

2.10 - 2.25  Opening address
Alasdair Breckenridge, Executive Chairman,
Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, UK

SESSION 1: Adverse effects of herbal medicines.
Chair: Alasdair Breckenridge

2.25 - 3.15  Strategies for risk management for herbal medicines
Phil Routledge, CSM Cardiff, chair of Herbal Medicines Advisory Committee, UK

3.15 - 3.45  Overview of herbal ADRs by system-organ-class
Peter A G M de Smet, Scientific Association Dutch Pharmacists, Netherlands

3.45 - 4.15  COFFEE; POSTER VIEWING

4.15 - 4.45  Drug-herbal interactions: mechanisms and clinical relevance
Shufeng Zhou, Department of Pharmacy, National University of Singapore, Singapore

4.45 - 5.15  Chemical and molecular basis of Aristolochia and other herbal toxicities
H H Schmeiser, Division of Molecular Toxicology, Heidelberg, Germany

5.15 - 5.45  Herbal medicines in pregnancy and breast-feeding
Pat McElhatton, National Teratology Information Service, Newcastle, UK

5.45 – 7.00  WINE RECEPTION AND POSTER VIEWING

THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2006

8.30 - 9.00  COFFEE; POSTER VIEWING

SESSION 2: Challenges and solutions 1: Regulation of herbal medicines and implications for pharmacovigilance
Chair: Tony Moffat, University of London, UK

9.00 - 9.10  Welcome
Joanne Barnes and Scientific Organising Committee

9.10 - 10.00  Plenary 2: The THMPD and the 2001 review of pharmaceutical legislation:
implications for safety and pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines
Speaker to be confirmed

10.00 - 10.30  Regulation of herbal practitioners in the UK: implications for safety and safety
monitoring of herbal medicines
Linda Anderson, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, UK

10.30 - 11.00  COFFEE; POSTER VIEWING

Session 3: Challenges and solutions 2: nomenclature and quality of herbal medicines
Chair: Rudi Bauer, University of Graz, Austria

11.00 - 11.30  The WHO-UMC herbal ATC classification system
Mohammed Farah, WHO-UMC, Sweden

11.30 - 12.00  The i-Plants project
Bob Allkin, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK
12.00 - 12.30 Authentication of Chinese herbal medicines; importance in safety and safety monitoring
Christine Leon, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK

12.30 - 1.00 Quality of herbal medicinal products and implications for safety and efficacy
Arnold Vlietinck, University of Antwerp, Belgium

1.00 - 2.00 LUNCH; POSTER VIEWING

Session 4. Short oral submitted presentations
Chair: Jan Bruhn, ESCOP

2.00 - 3.15 Presentations from submitted abstracts

3.15 - 3.45 COFFEE; POSTER VIEWING

Session 5. Complementary and alternative medicine systems: paradigms and perspectives on herbal ADRs and ADR reporting
Chair: Bruce Hugman, Communications Consultant to the UMC, Thailand

3.45 - 4.00 Adverse event reporting for prescribed herbal medicines. The National Institute of Medical Herbalists yellow card reporting scheme
Alison Broughton, National Institute of Medical Herbalists, UK

4.00 - 4.15 U.K. Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine spontaneous reporting scheme
Tony Booker, Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine, UK

4.15 - 4.30 UK aromatherapists perspective on ADRs and ADR reporting
Judith Howie, International Federation of Aromatherapists, UK

4.30 - 4.45 Traditional healers’ perspective on ADRs and ADR reporting
Alex Dodoo, National Pharmacovigilance Centre, Ghana

4.45 - 5.00 Panel discussion
A Broughton, T Booker, J Howie, A Dodoo

5.00 - 5.15 ESCOP perspective on ADRs and ADR reporting
Simon Mills, ESCOP

5.15 - 5.30 Safety of herbal medicines, and herbal ADR reporting: perspective of a herbal medicine manufacturer
Stephan Köhler, Schwabe Pharmaceuticals, Germany

5.30 - 5.40 Herbal ADRs and herbal ADR reporting: the pharmaceutical industry perspective
Richard Tiner, The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

5.40 - 5.50 Consumer perspective on ADRs and ADR reporting
Speaker to be advised

5.50 - 6.00 Health-food stores’ perspective on ADRs and ADR reporting
Speaker to be advised

6.00 - 6.15 Panel discussion
S Köhler, S. Mills, R Tiner and others to be confirmed

6.15 Close of session
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The VAT Registration Number is: UK 223 0296 92
**Venue**

The Conference “Pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines: current state and future directions” will be held at:

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
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**By Train:** Marylebone mainline rail station is only a ten-minute walk away and Paddington, Euston, King's Cross and St Pancras are also close by.

**By Tube:** The nearest Underground station is Baker Street (served by the Hammersmith & City, Bakerloo, Circle, Jubilee and Metropolitan lines).

**By Bus:** The area is also well served by a number of different buses, including the numbers: 13, 82, 113, 139, 189 and 274.

**By Car:** Car parking facilities are available at the NCP Park Road (24-hour) and on the Regent's Park Outer Circle (short-stay metered parking).
**Accommodation**

Please note that delegates are responsible for making their own bookings for accommodation.

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020 7486 7535       | ♦♦♦ (3 diamonds) |
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020 7432 3225       | ♦♦♦♦ (4 diamonds) |
| Regents Park Hotel  
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NW1 6DT            | 020 7258 1911  
020 7258 0288       | ★★★ (2 stars) |
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39 Dorset Square  
NW1 6QN            | 020 7723 7874  
020 7724 3328       | ★★★★★ (4 stars) |
| Jarvis Marylebone  
Harewood Row  
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020 7262 2975       |                |
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(formerly Ramada Plaza London)  
18 Lodge Road  
NW8 7JT            | 020 7722 7722  
020 7483 2408       | ★★★★ (4 stars) |
| The Landmark London  
222 Marylebone Road  
NW1 6JQ            | 020 7631 8000  
020 7631 8080       | ★★★★★ (5 stars) |

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