Second Announcement. Final Call for abstracts

The Cuban Society of Pharmacology is organizing the Four International Congress on Pharmacology of Natural Products (Fapronatura 2015), scheduled for September 20-25, 2015 in Topes de Collantes, a mountainous natural reserve located at the center of our island, near to Trinidad City (UNESCO World Heritage City), one of the most beautiful sites of cultural and architectural treasures of Cuba. Conceived as a follow-up of the Fapronatura previous Congresses, held in 2006 and 2009 in Varadero beach and in Topes de Collantes 2012, we repeat this fourth edition so satisfied and happy that all delegates were felt in a conference inside a impressively beautiful natural environment, in the middle of the Sierra del Escambray.

The objectives of our Congress are:

- To provide a progressive state-of-the-art report for scientists, manufacturers, regulators and healthcare workers in the fields of the pharmacological research of medicinal plants and other natural products.
- To promote the experience exchange, the presentation of results and the discussion on topics related with the activities scheduled, as well as creating a suitable framework for scientific-technical collaboration and the integration between academy and industrial sectors.
- To contribute to the acceptance of new products, methods, tendencies and technologies.
- Contribute to the dissemination and acceptance of new products, methods, trends and technologies in an appropriate scientific framework according to the main trends in modern pharmacology and medicinal chemistry.

**Workshops and Symposia**

- Fourth International Congress on Pharmacology of Natural Products
- Second Scientific Symposium at the Experimental Station of Medicinal Plants “Juan Tomás Roig”
- Symposium on Regulatory and Clinical topics related to the development of new phytomedicines
- Symposium “From Ethnomedicine to Clinical Practice”: the relevance of scientific evidences for the traditional medicines.
Main Topics

Ethnomedicine practices
Preclinical and clinical pharmacology of Natural Products
Methodologies for the study and development of natural products
Bioinformatics and molecular design of new drugs from natural sources
Bioactive products from marine sources
Regulatory aspects for the registration of new phytomedicines
Pharmacological interactions between natural products and conventional drugs, food and contaminants.
Surveillance, epidemiologic and pharmacoconomics topics on natural products.
Experimental and Clinic Pharmacology of new drugs obtained from venoms
Pharmacological principles and scientific evidences from the Traditional and Natural Medicine
Chemical and Analytical Characterization of Natural Products

Foreigners Speakers invited

Guy Haegeman, LEGEST, University of Gent, Belgium, Special Guess.
Wim Vanden Berghe, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
Luc Pieters, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
Sandra Apers, University of Antwerp, Belgium
Jorge Alonso, President of the Argentinean Society of Phytotherapy, Argentina.
Uma Bhandary, Hamdard University, New Delhi, India.
Yu Zhiling, Center for Cancer and Inflammation Research, School of Chinese Medicine, Hong Kong Baptist University, China.
Cagatay Oktenli, Anadolu Medical Center, Turkey.
Miriam Tereza Paz Lopes, Department of Pharmacology, University of Minas Gerais, Brazil.
Gustavo H Marín, University of La Plata, Argentina.
Andrea Cabarkapa, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade, Serbia.
Maria Eugenia Letelier, University of Chile.
Gloria Saavedra, San Simón Major University, Bolivia.
Horacio Heizen, Faculty of Chemistry, University of the Republic, Montevideo, Uruguay.
Ana Cecilia Bezerra Carvalho, Brazilian Regulatory Agency (ANVISA), Brazil.
Jose Luis Martinez, Editor of BLACPMA, Chile.
Edgar Okello. University of Newcastle, UK.
Rao Abbas, Department of Parasitology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan.
Fabio Firenzuoli, University of Florencia, Italy.
Pierre Marchand, Quebec, Canada.
Farid A. Badria, Egypt.
Elizabeth M Williamson, Phytotherapy Research Journal, UK.
Michael Heinrich, UK.
Peter Taylor, Venezuela.
Other colleagues will be incorporated to this list in next days.

Organized by:
Cuban Society of Pharmacology (SCF)
Latin-American Association of Pharmacology (ALF)

Co-Organized by:
Drug Research and Development Center (CIDEM)
Department of Natural Medicines, Cuban Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP)
Center of Marine Bioproducts (CEBIMAR)
Pharmacy and Food Institute, University of Havana (IFAL-UH).
Center for State Control of Drugs, Medical Devices and Equipment (CECMED)
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Biopharmaceutical Laboratories (LABIOFAM)
National Center of Bioproducts (BIOCEN)
Italo-Latin American Ethnomedicine Society (SILAE)
Latin American and Caribbean Bulletin of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (BLACPMA)
Cuban Journal of Medicinal Plants
Central Laboratory of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medical Sciences “Dr. Salvador Allende”, Medical School of Havana.
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Next, you can review the general schedule of the congress.

If you wish you can get a few days before, and participate in the activities we have planned pre-congress:

**Friday, September 18:** Pre-congress courses related to the topics of natural products.

Courses provided:
- Course 1: Preclinical Pharmacology for natural products.
- Course 2: Analytical methods for the study of natural products.
- Course 3: Clinical trials with natural products.
- Course 4: Regulatory aspects for the study and registration of natural products.
- Course 5: Scientific information on natural products.

The courses will be developed simultaneously in scientific institutions in Havana from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**Courses fee:** 25 CUC for foreign delegates.

**Saturday, September 19:** 2nd Scientific Workshop of the Experimental Station of Medicinal Plants (EEPM) of CIDEM in the municipality of San Antonio de los Baños, almost at the entrance to the Güira de Melena town, Artemisa Province, about 30 km from Havana City. This Workshop will take place from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and will conclude with a festive activity of recognition and tribute to EEPM workers by their sustained work they have done for the development of Medicinal Plants in Cuba.

**Workshop fee:** 30 CUC for foreign delegates.

Cuban delegates can present their works in posters about prospecting and care of medicinal plants, cultivation techniques, agro-ecology, sustainability, conservation, care of the soil, accumulation dynamics studies, pharmacognosy, phytochemistry, pharmacodynamics, clinical trials, etc, with medicinal plants-derived extracts and products. The work you submit for FAPRONATURA 2015 also could be presented in this workshop.

A transportation to move delegates to the Experimental Station of Medicinal Plants will depart from CIDEM, 26 and Boyeros, Plaza, Havana, at 8:00 AM. The number of participants will be limited by the local where the event will be carried out.
**GENERAL SCHEDULE**

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<td>Arrivals of Foreigners delegates to Havana or Santa Clara City</td>
<td>08:00: Departure from Havana or Santa Clara to Topes de Collantes. Registration</td>
<td>09:00-12:00: Excursions to Topes de Collantes Natural Park and to Trinidad City.</td>
<td>12:00-14:00: Lunch</td>
<td>09:00-14:00: Workshops and Symposia Session</td>
<td>10:00: Return to Havana</td>
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<td>Welcome Concert at the Minor Basilica of San Francisco de Asís Convent, Old Havana, World Heritage</td>
<td>18:00-20:00: Opening Ceremony. Welcome Dinner and Cocktail.</td>
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<td>19:00-21:00: Dinner</td>
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Instructions for the preparation and submission of abstracts

- The Organizers will publish the full Scientific Program via Website with Keynote Address from well-known invited speakers and Oral Presentations chosen from submitted abstracts.
- When sending the abstract, please, indicate: Workshop and Topic in which you would like to be included.
- Oral and Poster presentations should be clearly indicated.
- The Organizing Committee will have the right of choosing oral presentation.
- **English is the Congress official language. Please, check well abstracts by people who master writing well in English. NO USE MECHANICAL TRANSLATORS by the risk to write a disastrous abstract, impossible to publish in a respected journal, because the all types of mistakes that the summary could contain.**
- The Organizing Committee of Fapronatura 2015 will inform authors via E-mail about the acceptance of presentations, not later than one month after the deadline for the reception of the abstracts.
- **Deadline Submission Abstracts: Extended in this second announcement until July 15th, 2015.**
- The abstracts must be sent online by the web site of the Congress [http://www.fapronaturacuba.com](http://www.fapronaturacuba.com) and by E-mail to: Dr. Idrian Garcia Garcia, Email: idrian.garcia@cidem.sld.cu
- Authors should provide their abstract, **FORMATTED**, in Word format (Single space).
- **Title**: In Black and capital letter, Arial 12; **Abstract** text in Arial 10. **Authors**: Last name and first letter of the name using commas between every author (in black, Arial 10 pt). The name of the author who will present the work should be underlined e.g. **Rodeiro I.** Menendez R, Remirez D, **Institutions, Addresses** and **E-mail** must be indicated below
the names and before the abstract text. Abstracts should be clear and precise. These should contain a brief introduction, materials and methods used, the results achieved in research, and conclusions. 300 words maximum. The abstracts that do not follow the structure above described, will be automatically rejected.

- Abstracts and the entire Congress program will be published in the Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmacognosy Research (JPPRes) For specialist working in the pharmaceutical and herbal fields. ISSN 0719-4250

The URL of the journal website is http://www.jppres.com/jppres. The e-mails are: editor@jppres.com or jppres12@gmail.com

- The Congress program will be also printed and distributed with documentation on site.
- Each lecturer should provide his full name, address of their institution, e-mail, fax and telephone number.
- Facilities will be available in the Workshop/Symposium sessions for computer-assisted presentations. You need to bring your presentation on a CD, or on a flash memory using the USB port. Participants with a Macintosh presentation are requested to use their own laptop, making sure the laptop has a VGA socket for sending images to the projector (external feed).

**Letter for Invitation**

The Organizers will provide a letter of invitation to participants, if requested, to make easier the steps for obtaining visa and funds. This letter doesn’t imply any financial support from the Congress Organizing Committee.

**Registration Fees**

**Early registration (before June 15th, 2015)**

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**Courses: 25 CUC**

**Later Registration (after June 15th, 2015)**

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- All delegates should pay in advance the registration fees or to contact the Organizing Committee to pay at the moment of registration in Cuba.
- Conference fee ensures accommodation at discount price, the access to all Workshop / Symposium sessions, the printed program, the abstract book, the attendance and Speaker / Poster certificates, the use of the audiovisual media, the coffee breaks during the Convention days, as well as other scientific collateral and social activities such as the Welcome Cocktail, the Gala Dinner and the Farewell activity.
- Accompanying persons who pay their registration will have the same admission rights as other participants.
- Please note that the registration fee does not include insurance.
- The registration payment **should not be done in USD** since USD change to convertible Cuban peso has a 10% tax, plus the commercial profit. We suggest you purchase in your country Euros or other convertible currencies to avoid this penalty.
- Cuban delegates have to pay the same registration fees in National Currency (CUP).
The payment of the registration fee will be done by using credit card via online (http://www.fapronaturacuba.com) or by bank transfer to the account created for the Congress by the Cuban Society of Pharmacology:

**DATA FOR BANK TRANSFER:**
Name of the account: **FAPRONATURA 2015**
Account number: 0526420043193420
Bank Name: **Sucursal 264 del BANCO METROPOLITANO**
Branch address: Banco Metropolitano, 23 y P, La Rampa, Vedado, Plaza de la Revolución, La Habana, Cuba.
Bank identification code: **BMNBCUHH** (SWIFT Code)
IBAN (International Bank Account Number): **There is not IBAN for Cuban banks.**
Note: Please quote participants name on the transfer slip. **The sender must pay all transfer charges.**

Payment for National Delegates: CUP (National Currency)
Name of the account: **FAPRONATURA 2015**
Account number: 0526420045540021
Bank Name: **Sucursal 264 del BANCO METROPOLITANO**
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You can also visit the Website: http://www.fapronaturacuba.com. Alternatively, you can also visit the Website of the Cuban Society of Pharmacology: http://www.scf.sld.cu.

**Travels and Hotels.** The Organizing Committee of **Fapronatura 2015** has chosen the prestigious Gaviota Tours S.A. Agency as a partner in the organization of travel and lodging for the Congress delegates. Gaviota Tours S.A has contacts to international travel agencies with offices in many countries and a wide range of connections in hotels worldwide. Gaviota Tours S.A. also organizes excursions to other cities, tourist resorts, beaches as well countryside locations in Cuba. To organize your arrival to Cuba and accommodations and to take advantage of promotional fares, persons interested in attending the Congress should contact the agencies representing Gaviota Tours S.A. who will offer you an attractive tourist package.

**How Can You Organize Your Travel?**
For making your hotel reservation and finding out about prices at discount rates or any other issue related with your arrival / stay in Cuba, please contact to:

**Travel Agency Gaviota Tours S.A.** Web site: http://www.gaviota-grupo.com
Professional Congress Organizer: Liuver Ramírez Laurencio.
Phone number: +53-7- 207-9483 / 207-9466
Fax number: +53-7- 204-4111
E mail: comercial8.ventas@gaviotatours.cu
Public prices per pax. Type of currency: CUC.

TOURIST PACKAGE for 6 nights (2 in Havana and 4 in Topes de Collantes, Sancti Spiritus province)

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The Tourist Package includes:

** Price included
- Guide service

Havana
- 20/09/2015. Transfer IN Havana Airport - Hotel in Havana.
- 20/09/2015. Accommodation at a Hotel in Havana (one night), MAP Plan (accommodation, breakfast and dinner).

Topes de Collantes
- From 21/09/2015 to 25/09/2015. Four nights accommodation in “Los Helechos” Hotel, Topes de Collantes (accommodation, breakfast and 2 meals with two drinks included/per day).

Havana
- 25/09/2015. Accommodation in Hotel in Havana (one night), MAP Plan (Accommodation, breakfast and dinner).

The touristic package prices don’t include:
- Airport tax (25.00 CUC)
- Health insurance
- Congress Registration fees.

Note: You can contact “Gaviota Tours Agency” in order to organize another touristic package for your travel according to your specific program.
CUC: Cuban international money: 1 Euro (€) is approximately equivalent to 1.2 CUC.

Gaviota Tours offers a 20% commission of the sales from the Tourist Package to the travel agencies and TTOO.
**SUPPLEMENTS TO THE PACKAGE:**

- LODGING IN THE HOTELS INCLUDED INTO THE EVENT PACKAGE.
- PRE-EVENT AND POST EVENT: NET PRICES FOR PAX PER NIGHTS.

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**For delegates from USA:** The current situation toward the normalization of USA-Cuba relationships should make easier the travel authorization process for USA citizens willing to attend the Congress. Independent on this, as the Congress is organized by an international organization not placed in Cuba (IUPHAR), USA delegates just need a General License for travelling to Cuba to attend the Conference. For guiding you in this process and organizing your travel and stay in Cuba, please, contact the representative of the Marazul agency (placed in USA), Miss Angela Garcia (agarcia@marazul.com)

- **For delegates living in Latin-America:** COPA Airlines is the Congress Official Airlines. COPA Airlines is offering a 10% reduction of the flight tickets prices for delegates attending the Congress. In order to receive that benefit (valid for the delegate and one accompanying person), the delegate must contact the COPA Airlines local office or accessing to the Copa Website (http://www.copa.com) for presenting the following information: name and date of the Congress and the Tourcode (B6101). For further information of the benefit, please, visit the Congress Website.

**NOTE 2: PAYMENT DETAILS**

- The offer is valid for all the Markets.
- The payment of these services should be carried out 72 hours before the beginning of the same ones or before the check in at the chosen hotel. If the payment is done through bank transfer it should be carried out 10 days before the services.
- Credit cards emitted by American banks are not accepted. A bank commission of 1.03 CUC is applied.
- Payments in cash with convertible Cuban pesos are accepted. The change from USD to convertible Cuban pesos has a 10% tax, plus the commercial profit.
- The pre and post event stays, the private transfers and the domestic flights should be requested to THE AGENCY since these are independent to this package.
Delegates from International Pharmacology Congress on Natural Products, Fapronatura 2012, Topes de Collantes, Cuba, 6-10 June, 2012.
Some pictures taken from different activities of Fapronatura 2012