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and Clinical Toxicologists*



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Dear EAPCCT members,
dear colleagues from other toxicological societies

I would like to thank all those who have actively contributed to the success of the XXIX EAPCCT Congress which took place in Stockholm, Sweden, in May earlier this year, particularly the colleagues from the Stockholm Poisons Centre who have done a tremendous job. They and the members of the EAPCCT Board and the Scientific Committee have made it an interesting and exciting event (see page 2).



Soon, the XXX EAPCCT Congress in Bordeaux, France, is about to come up. The abstract submission has just recently closed. The Scientific Committee with its Chair Martin Wilks is working on the abstracts submitted by many of you and preparing again a formidable meeting. At the General Assembly held in Bordeaux, there will be elections of a new EAPCCT Board (see page 3). I would like to encourage all of you who are willing to stand as candidates to send their applications to the chair of the Nominating Committee. You will find the application documents on www.eapcct.org or get them by e-mail.

At its meeting on October, the EAPCCT Board has decided to regularly publish a short summary of the discussions and decisions in the Newsletter for better information of and transparency towards the members (see page 4).

By the end of November 2009 the ASHT phase II project has passed its first year of activities. There have been three major two-day meetings and monthly telephone conferences, a multilingual information leaflet has been created, and a regular ASHT newsletter is planned. A dedicated website has been made (www.hpa.org.uk/ASHTII). All information materials are also available on the EAPCCT website (under Joint Activities). The major activities so far involved the decision about the choice of a system for the description of signs and symptoms, the classification of toxic agents, and the discussion on how to involve public health officials in the European member states. The EAPCCT is mainly responsible for the work package dealing with the dissemination of information to the EAPCCT members and in the European member states through the Poisons Centres.

H. Kupferschmidt,
EAPCCT President

Report from the 2009 Stockholm Congress



Three plenary talks, 83 other oral presentations and 227 posters were presented at the Congress in Stockholm.



YOUNG INVESTIGATOR'S AWARD

2009 Winner: Pradeepa Jayawardane

Electrophysiological correlates of respiratory failure in organophosphate poisoning, evidence for differential roles of muscarinic and nicotinic stimulation.

Jayawardane P (1,2), Senanayake N (2), Eyer P (2), Buckley N (2), Dawson A (2).

1. Clinical Pharmacology, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda 10250, Sri Lanka; 2. South Asian Clinical Toxicology Research Collaboration, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

2009 Winners:

Best Scientific Presentation:

Risk genes for multiple chemical sensitivity: A pilot study.

Bornschein S (1,2), Hausteiner C (3), Zilker T (1), Förstl H (2), Riemenschneider M (2).

1. Section of Clinical Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, Technical University of Munich, Germany 2. Dept. of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Technical University of Munich, Germany 3. Dept. of Psychosomatic Medicine, Technical University of Munich, Germany

Best Case Report:

Lipid emulsion therapy in massive imipramine overdose.

Al-Duaij (1), George M (2), O'Donnell K (1), Burns Ewald M (1).

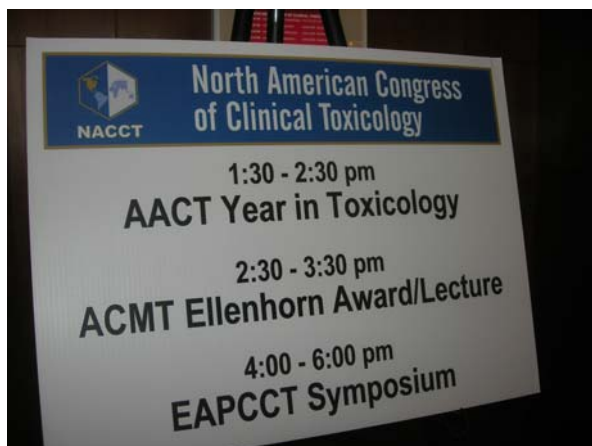
1. Emergency Medicine, Children's Hospital Boston, Boston US 2. Crystalrun Healthcare LLP, Middletown, US

LOUIS ROCHE LECTURE

"Medicine, poison and mystic potion; a personal perspective of paracetamol" presented by Professor DN Bateman



Report from NACCT in San Antonio September 2009



A number of EAPCCT members joined American colleagues at the recent NACCT meeting held in San Antonio Texas. An EAPCCT seminar (moderators Nick Bateman and Randall Bond) was well received and the presentations were:

Sally Bradberry - When and why is chromium carcinogenic?

Simon Thomas - Lead poisoning in pregnancy.

Thomas Zilker - Does chelation with DMPS alter outcome in mercury-exposed individuals.



Elections to the EAPCCT Board in Bordeaux 2010

Elections to the EAPCCT Board will take place in Bordeaux in 2010. Members who are not attending will be able to vote in advance of the meeting and the Past President will cast their votes for them.

The current board members are shown below. Some members are up for reelection for a further two years but several new Board members will be required.

Current Board:

Hugo Kupferschmidt, President
Philippe Hantson, Past-President
Simon Thomas, President-Elect
Alison Good, General Secretary
Alexander Campbell, Treasurer
Sally Bradberry
Vincent Danel
Herbert Desel
Barbara Groszek
Peter Hultén
Bruno Mégarbane
Viorela Nitescu
Peter Skanning

If you think you would like to be part of the Board and help shape the future of the EAPCCT please talk to one of the current Board members. Membership of the Board involves attending 2 or 3 meetings a year plus helping to organise the Congress

Contact alison.good@luht.scot.nhs.uk for further information.

Formal arrangements for applying will be sent out later.

Report from the Board meeting held at the Swiss Toxicological Information Centre, in Zurich on 17 October 2009

It was agreed at this meeting that a summary of proceedings would be added to the Newsletter.

As well as approving the minutes of previous meetings the following were discussed and decisions taken:

- Changes to the Constitution to allow the possibility of on-line voting at some time in the future
- Discussion of the voting to take place in Bordeaux and setting up the Nomination Committee according to the Constitution
- Planning for the Bordeaux meeting, including discussion of candidates for the Louis Roche lecture
- Report from Prof Thomas and Mr Campbell on site visits to potential venues for 2011 and beyond. Likely venues Dubrovnik (2011), London (2012), Copenhagen (2013) but these have still to be negotiated and finalised.
- Outcome of proposals for joint EAPCCT/ACCT sessions at IUTOX in Barcelona in 2010
- Reports from
 - Webmaster - proposal to upgrade the website
 - Treasurer - including financial summary of Stockholm congress
 - General Secretary - new members
 - Chair of Central European and Accession Countries Committee - remit to be widened to all countries
 - Working group on PC activities - this has been revived by Dr Kupfershmidt to discuss regulatory issues in the EU e.g. GHS, CLP, REACH, Cosmetics Directive, classification

Note that these are from the draft minutes which will not be finalised until the next Board meeting in February 2010.

A message from the Treasurer

Dear colleagues

We are coming up to the end of the year, and so many of you will have membership fees due for renewal. The fees remain unchanged from 2009 rates. Prompt renewal will ensure that your copies of *Clinical Toxicology* will arrive hot off Informa's printing presses without delay. I will send out a reminder to those of you who are due to pay for 2010 as soon as the membership pages of the website have been updated.

When you renew your payment, please take a moment to check and update your personal details on the directory on the closed part of the EAPCCT website so we can ensure you receive all mailings and benefits. If you wish your mailed copy of the journal to go to an address other than your professional one there are fields you can complete to guarantee this.

If you have any queries about your membership status, please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Cheers

Alex

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Professor Vincent Danel offers help with the scientific presentation of papers and abstracts all year round and not just for the Congress. Contact vdanel@chu-grenoble.fr

Professor Adrianus Nicolaas Petrus van Heijst 1922-2009



Ad van Heijst received his medical degree from Utrecht University Medical Centre, Utrecht, the Netherlands in 1955. He did his residency at the same University Centre. In 1957 during the polio epidemic he was responsible as a young physician for the care of patients with poliomyelitis. Three patients needed chronic ventilation. Ad was involved in setting up a small 'intensive care unit' with artificial ventilation support. This unit called 'Reanimation' started with eight beds and Ad was appointed as Chef de Clinique of this unit. Patients needing intensive care treatment and suffering from tetanus, intoxications and neurological conditions were admitted. Good cooperation with the hospital pharmacy made it possible for many toxicological analyses to be performed on a 24 hour basis, which is now common but at that time seldom available.

In 1959 a poisons information service was started at the Laboratory of Pharmacology at the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). In 1962 the intensive care unit of the Utrecht University Medical Centre and the poisons information service were combined. The official name of the poisons information service became the 'National Poisons Information Centre' and remained the responsibility of the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment. The poisons information centre provided information 24 hours a day. Ad was responsible initially for the medical aspects of the National Poisons Information Centre but in 1966 he became general director of the National Poisons Information Centre.

In 1968 Ad completed his thesis on *Acid-base balance in blood and cerebrospinal fluid*. Dr van Heijst's talent and outstanding commitment to emergency medicine and clinical toxicology were soon apparent to his colleagues. In 1973 he was appointed as full professor in Reanimation and Clinical Toxicology at the Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands. His professorship would now be entitled Professor in Intensive Care and Clinical Toxicology.

In the 1970s, stimulated by Professor van Heijst, and in cooperation with the Laboratory of Experimental Cardiology and Clinical Physiology of Blood Circulation of the Utrecht University Medical Centre, the personnel of the regional ambulance service were trained in emergency medicine. This resulted in a major improvement in outcome in out-of-hospital resuscitation, both in the short-term as well as in the long-term.

Ad was very productive in toxicological research and made contributions to the field by investigating different aspects of the toxicity of xenobiotics such as thallium, paraquat, orphenadrine, tricyclic antidepressants and barbiturates. He coached several physicians in their PhD programme and wrote more than 85 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Professor van Heijst achieved international prominence in the field of clinical toxicology. He was an active member of the EAPCCT and in 1974 he was elected President and he continued in office until 1986. Prof. van Heijst greatly influenced the scientific standard of the EAPCCT congresses. He also opened up contacts with North American toxicological societies and this gradually resulted in an increased mutual participation in the congresses on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2000 he was awarded with a plaque by the American Academy of Clinical Toxicologists for his contributions to clinical toxicology.



Ed Krenzelok presenting Ad van Heijst with a plaque from the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology

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Ad retired as director of the National Poisons Information Centre in the Netherlands in 1985 and from his chair in 1987. He was awarded a knighthood in the Order of the Netherlands Lion by the Queen of the Netherlands (Ridder in de Orde van de Nederlandse Leeuw). The Order of the Lion was created in 1815 and is one of the oldest Dutch orders. It is conferred on those who have rendered outstanding services to the community, often through achievements or efforts springing from exceptional talents. Examples include pioneering scientific work or innovative entrepreneurship, outstanding sporting achievements or unique creativity in the arts or culture.



Ad van Heijst wearing the Ridder in de Orde van de Nederlandse Leeuw (Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion)

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After his retirement, he remained active in clinical toxicology for WHO, and specifically the International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS). He travelled to several countries and advised the WHO on numerous subjects.

Ad van Heijst died after some years of ill health on February 14, 2009 at age 86 years. Despite his poor health, Ad continued his lifelong interest in clinical toxicology and continued to correspond with colleagues until his death. Professor van Heijst is survived by his loving wife Janny who was such an outstanding support, not least during the time he was President and particularly in recent years when he required several admissions to hospital. The entire European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists wishes to express its heartfelt condolences to his wife Janny.

Members of the EAPCCT remember Ad with affection; he was a great physician, clinical toxicologist and active researcher. Above all he was a mentor and friend to many in the EAPCCT. We shall miss him very much.

Jan Meulenbelt
Past-President, EAPCCT

Allister Vale
Past-President, EAPCCT

John Haines, formerly of the International Programme of Chemical Safety, writes:
Ad was a very active member of the IPCS/INTOX project from its inception and made a valuable contribution from his vast wealth of experience as a clinical toxicologist and the founder of one of the leading European poisons information centres.

He contributed extensively in all areas of the project and particularly in the work on evaluation of antidotes and promoting their wider availability; on preparation of the Poisons Information Monographs on a large range of chemical and pharmaceutical substances; on the assessment of treatment protocols for the Treatment Guides; and on analytical toxicology, where he encouraged a better mutual understanding between the medical toxicologist and the analytical specialist in the interpretation of analytical data in patient management.

In his modesty, Ad always told me how much he learned from the colleagues that took part in the INTOX project from all regions of the world. Under his auspices, a number of significant IPCS/INTOX technical meetings were held in Utrecht. Further, he encouraged close cooperation between the activities of the World Health Organisation (WHO), both at global and regional level with the professional bodies in this field.

Through his guidance joint IPCS meetings and technical working groups were held with a number of Scientific and Professional Bodies, such as with the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (the German central public funding organisation for academic research) and the European Association of Poisons Control and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT).

He was one of the early leaders in the field of poison control and clinical toxicology who brought a scientific, evidence base approach to medical toxicology. Ad will be missed by his wife Janny and many friends; and his passing marks the end of an era.

Alan H. Hall, Colorado School of Public Health, Denver, Colorado, USA, writes:

Ad van Heijst and I were first introduced to each other in Belgium in 1986 by my Professor, Barry H. Rumack, at a World Federation of Associations of Poison Control Centres Meeting. Ad was organizing a meeting in Utrecht on cyanide poisoning then, which led to my wife and I going to Utrecht in 1987 for a Congress, which has since become world-famous, and it would never have happened without Ad.

He and his wonderful wife, Janny, sponsored us in their home in Bosch en Duin and Ad and I debated the possibilities of eating some wild mushrooms which later turned out to be false chanterelles, so it's good that we left them there *in situ*. There are no words to express the wonderful times I spent with Ad and Janny in their home over the years. My wife once made a beautiful afgan which I gave to Ad at the EAPCCT Congress in Vienna and he took it on the U-bahn and Janny thought he might be thought of as a homeless person going to sleep with it in a park!

I remember Ad taking us all over his country to eat the herring and the smoked eel and to take a picture of my wife and myself in typical Dutch clothing with her as the spinstress and me as the musician.

At Ad's retirement ceremony from the RIVM in 1987, as instigated by some French and Scandinavian colleagues who know my penchant for parody, I was dragooned into writing a parody of Shakespeare's "As you like it" for Ad. I was mortified that he might be offended, but he seemed to think it was a "hoot".

Ed Krenzelok, Past-President of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology, writes:

On June 5, 1996 my wife Nancy and I had the good fortune to be seated next to Professor Ad van Heijst at a wonderful outdoor restaurant in Marseilles. He immediately instructed us to call him Ad and little did I realize, this was to become one of the most memorable dining adventures of my life. His musings about the dinner and the accompanying wines, coupled with a dry sense of humor and accounts of some of his most interesting toxicological and political conquests created but one regret—that the night would end.

Good fortune would afford me the opportunity to enjoy his company on a few other occasions that I continue to cherish. While he never discussed it with me, I came to find out that Ad was also a great Dutch patriot and was honored as such by Dutch royalty.

Ad van Heijst was a wonderful man and for those who knew him, he is best characterized as the Paracelsus of our time. In honor of his contributions to clinical toxicology, the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology passed a resolution that acknowledged the significance of his achievements and as President of the AACT I had the privilege of presenting a plaque of recognition to Ad.

Tim Meredith, International Programme of Chemical Safety, writes:

Ad van Heijst was one of the major earlier contributors to the development of capacity building for poisons information and clinical toxicology by the World Health Organization (WHO), not just within Europe but also globally. In his role as President of EAPCC (later to become EAPCCT), Ad was a strong supporter of the biennial joint scientific meetings in the 1970s and 1980s that took place between EAPCC and the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen, which led to a significant improvement in the quality of the science base for clinical toxicology.

Later, in his "retirement" from Utrecht University, Ad made very substantial contributions to the global work of WHO and the International Programme on Clinical Safety (IPCS), and also to joint work on antidotal therapy between IPCS and the European Commission. The strength of Ad's contributions was the result of a combination of clinical experience (unusually, at that time, in intensive care as well as in clinical toxicology), a wealth of original research, an understanding of analytical toxicology, and a continued willingness to listen to and learn from colleagues throughout the world.

Ad's personal qualities were key to his success - he was highly insightful and intellectually demanding, but when he came to a view he was always determined. As well as being a clinician and scientist, he was a generous host with a sometimes wicked sense of humour, not always evident from his deadpan deliveries. Of an English colleague leaving the table after breakfast, he solemnly observed "He says he is going to wash his hands, but I think he is going to do something else ...". His past and present colleagues at WHO miss him and we offer profound condolences to his wife of many years, Janny, who was so supportive of him through his professional successes and later ill health.

Hans Persson, Past President of the EAPCCT writes:

My first contact with Ad van Heijst - and his charming wife Janny - was on the occasion of the EAPCCT congress in Utrecht in 1978. As, at that time, clinical toxicology and poisons centre work was a quite new discipline to me, this meeting meant a lot and became a kind of turning point in my professional career. Not least, the contact with Ad van Heijst was utterly inspiring and I had the great privilege, during a number of years, to benefit from his vast experience and his generosity in sharing an encyclopaedic knowledge with younger colleagues.

When I, in 1982, took over the responsibility as director of the Swedish PC, the contacts with Ad became even more frequent, not least because of a more and more active involvement in the work of the EAPCCT. With his vast knowledge, his willingness to share it with others, his kind and encouraging attitude, spiced with a sophisticated, and sometimes drastic, humour. Ad became a mentor who never failed to teach and encourage.

When Ad van Heijst, after a long period as EAPCCT President, withdrew from this position in connection with his retirement, circumstances concurred to the fact that I was elected President in 1986. This certainly did not mean that the relations with Ad ceased. He attended some further Board Meetings and continued, for many years, to follow the work of the EAPCCT with interest and he turned up in many EAPCCT Congresses also after his retirement.

Ad van Heijst was a great and inspiring man and colleague, and all who had the privilege to know him and to work with him will retain the brightest memories.

Barry Rumack, Past-President of the American Association of Poisons Control Centers and the American Board of Medical Toxicology, writes:

Prior to the meeting in Brussels in 1986 Ad and Janny invited our family to stay with him in Utrecht. This included my wife Carol and our children Becky and Marc. They had stayed with us in Denver and wanted to share their country with us in return. The first morning at about 6 am we were shaken awake by the sounds of airplanes over their home. These were American F16 aircraft from a nearby airbase about 500 feet above his home and Ad and Janny thought it was extremely funny that they had awakened the visiting Americans.

Breakfast was an incredible array of fish and other delicacies. Ad then insisted after breakfast that we walk to a nearby fish market and taste the Nieuwe Maatjesharing (new maiden herring). The fish vendor cuts the head off and guts the fish but leaves the tail on so that it is possible to hold the fish and dip it in diced onions. It is then tradition to hold it up and pop it into your mouth (see below).



Ad van Heijst and Barry Rumack enjoying herring
© Barry Rumack

Janny provided an incredible Indonesian Rice Table for dinner, which consisted of more than 50 different foods arrayed down the middle of the table to taste. We rented a small van and toured much of the Netherlands including the canals in Amsterdam, the famous dikes, windmills and the hospital and poison center.

He made certain that I saw the carbon dioxide oxygen tanks, which he had used in the past to treat carbon monoxide victims. The concept was that by having carbon dioxide at a slightly higher amount than what was normally in room air the patients would breathe more rapidly and improve oxygen and remove the carbon monoxide. This of course led to the cherry red patient which for many years was misconstrued as having been caused by the carbon monoxide. There are still texts that repeat this inaccuracy long after this treatment has been abandoned. His lesson for me was to be thoughtful about new treatments in toxicology which future colleagues might find scientifically unsupported. He wondered just how many of the "current" treatments would be considered completely wrong in the future and what mistakes we were making. He was truly a pioneer in medical toxicology and early on abandoned analeptics and devised more successful supportive care.

When our four days in Utrecht came to an end, the Rumack and Van Heijst families got into the van and drove to Brussels.

My next visit with Ad was on a much more serious note when I was sent to Utrecht after mustard gas victims of the Iran-Iraq war had been transported to the Netherlands. The depth of his humanity was certainly reflected by his desire for more victims to be sent to him for care regardless of whether they were from Iran or Iraq. He practically lived in the hospital during that time as he desperately tried to save these young soldiers. For most it was just too late by the time they arrived in his facility.

Ad van Heijst was truly one of the giants on whose shoulders all of us stand within our specialty of medical toxicology.

Allister Vale, past-president of the EAPCCT, writes:

At the start of my training as a clinical toxicologist I was fortunate that my Chief, Roy Goulding (the recently demitted President of the EAPCCT), decided that I should visit key European centres of toxicology. Foremost among these was the centre in Utrecht, headed by Professor van Heijst, the EAPCCT President.

Ad and Janny were generous enough to invite me to stay with them in their home. It was during this time that I became aware that clinical toxicologists with a major clinical commitment are likely to have very disturbed nights! Under Ad's tutelage I learned rapidly about the optimal management of severe cases of poisoning, particularly those requiring intensive care support. In particular, I saw many cases of severe thallium poisoning, which I had not encountered previously. My research work at the time involved establishing the role of charcoal haemoperfusion and I was able to collaborate with Ad both experimentally and clinically.

Very generously Ad and Janny invited Elizabeth and I and our 15-month-old daughter to stay with them in their home which must have involved very substantial upheaval for them! They responded magnificently which explains the reason that both our daughters still refer to the van Heijsts as Oom Art and Tante Janny. We were delighted when the van Heijsts agreed to reciprocate by staying with us in London. Subsequently, Ad and I had the opportunity in many parts of Europe of dining together and reflecting on the further development of clinical toxicology. I am proud and fortunate that Ad was a key mentor in guiding my career. He was also involved closely in facilitating my involvement with the European Association. At the time the EAPCCT was run by a small group of founding members and it was only with Ad van Heijst's strong support and intervention that Alex Proudfoot and I were able to become more closely involved. Ad generously agreed in 1981 to write the Foreword of the second book that Tim Meredith and I wrote, which was symbolic of the great support that he gave to many young clinical toxicologists.

Many members of the EAPCCT were aware only of Ad's more serious side at meetings when he objected to anecdote and championed evidence-based toxicology. In contrast, with friends and colleagues whom he knew well, he was often extremely humorous and was something of a teaser! I recall on one occasion that he convinced me that the eels which he had wrapped in newspaper were alive, whereas they were in fact smoked! Ad even tried to convince our daughters that The Netherlands had hills! While trying to convince them of this fallacy, we were able to see so many interesting places, beautiful pottery and the amazing bulb fields of the Kukenhof. Although Ad and Janny took us to many superb restaurants, we remember even more the superb three course meals which Janny prepared! While staying with Ad and Janny I enjoyed for the

first time Aquavit in an iced glass and the outstanding Château Haut-Brion. Ad and I did not agree on the temperature at which top quality red wine should be served! Ad was critical of my practice of serving red Bordeaux wine (claret to the Brits!) at a higher temperature than he thought appropriate or wise!

A special dinner at *De Hoefslag*, Bosch en Duin, in January 2000 to celebrate Ad van Heijst's contributions to toxicology



Ad van Heijst speaking at dinner



Left to right

Hans Persson, Albert Jaeger, Jan Meulenbelt, Ed Krenzelok, Ad van Heijst, Allister Vale, Janny van Heijst
© Allister Vale

On one of my first visits to Utrecht, Ad generously took me for a meal at the famous De Hoefslag restaurant in Bosch en Duin. As this restaurant had many happy memories for the van Heijsts (and me!), it was the setting for a special dinner in January 2000 to which the van Heijsts were invited by the current and past presidents of the EAPCCT. It was at this dinner that the American Academy presented Ad with a special award (see Ed Krenzelock's eulogy). Subsequently, after Ad had been very ill, we were able to entertain the van Heijsts at De Hoefslag again; Ad was in sparkling form!

In conclusion, what are my recollections of Ad over four decades? During his time as President, Ad played a major role in encouraging scientific endeavour in clinical toxicology generally and more specifically in the EAPCCT. He was a great mentor to younger clinical toxicologists. In my own case he was still corresponding with me and encouraging me until the time of his death. The great generosity of Ad and Janny will never be forgotten; they were amazing hosts and friends.

Forthcoming EAPCCT Congresses and co-sponsored Meetings

XXX EAPCCT International Congress 11-14

May 2010 Bordeaux, France.

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IUTOX 2010: Barcelona, Spain, July 19-23,
2010. <http://www.iutox.org/>

**North American Congress of Clinical
Toxicology October 7-12, 2010,** Denver, CO.
<http://www.clintox.org/>

XXX EAPCCT International Congress 11-14 May 2010 Bordeaux, France

Plenary talks will include: Jack Hinson (Update on mechanisms of paracetamol toxicity); Anthony Daniels (the psychiatrist's view on opioid withdrawal); and Jean-Hilaire Saurat (the Yushchenko case). **More information will be available on the website www.eapcct.org**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Action</i>
27 November 2009 - 7 December 2009	Electronic abstract reviewing
28 January 2010	Notification of abstract outcomes.
12 February 2010	Circulation of final congress announcement and provisional programme
19 February 2010	Reduced registration ends Final programme produced
11-14 May 2010	EAPCCT Annual Congress, Bordeaux



Clinical Toxicology

Members will be aware that as part of their membership they have free access to the journal *Clinical Toxicology* (online and in print). We would like to remind members that the Association strongly encourages them to submit research to the journal that it sponsors. In February 2009 the editorial structure changed, and the journal has very significantly reduced its lead times from submission to publication. Articles receive initial decisions quickly, and once accepted are quickly published online before going into the print version.

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<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/lct>

This is a reminder to members that they can submit articles on all aspects of clinical toxicology, including basic research, clinical studies in man, unusual case reports, poisons centre activities and commentaries on areas of interest. The journal also publishes reviews. Members interested in submitting reviews to the journal are strongly encouraged to contact the Editor in Chief to discuss their intended subject. Contacts for the Editor and Associate Editor are provided below, together with a link to the journal submission site. Review Editors are Professor Allister Vale and Dr Michael Mullins.

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Contributions to the Newsletter

Important news or information for other members of the EAPCCT is always welcome. Your contribution to the Newsletter should preferably not exceed 500 words and be sent to the EAPCCT Secretariat:

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