

## ASCEPT - IUPHAR 2006 TRAVEL GRANT REPORT

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank ASCEPT for the generous travel grant I received which enabled me to travel to Beijing in July to attend both the 15<sup>th</sup> IUPHAR World Congress in Pharmacology and also the Pharmacology of Adrenoceptors satellite meeting.

Both IUPHAR and the adrenoceptor satellite meeting provided me with a fantastic opportunity to discuss my research with prominent pharmacologists from around the globe.

The diversity of IUPHAR made it possible for me to attend sessions which were both specifically related to my research such as the plenary lecture on adrenoceptor trafficking in living cells and also of general interest to me such as the plenary lecture by Bevyn Jarrott on why pharmacology teaching and research are inextricably linked. The poster sessions also provided a wonderful opportunity to discuss research ideas with pharmacologists from all over the globe.

The highlight of my trip was the Pharmacology of Adrenoceptors satellite meeting. The venue chosen provided us with some spectacular views of the Great Wall, and the organising committee had gone to great lengths to ensure our limited time was filled with presentations from some of the world leaders in adrenoceptor pharmacology. Being such a small meeting, there were plenty of opportunities, both formal and informal, to meet with and discuss research ideas with world-renowned adrenoceptor pharmacologists. Luckily it was not all hard work, the organising committee organised a trip to the Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way, along with a night walk up a section of the Great Wall. These social events were a unique opportunity to interact with fellow pharmacologists in a very relaxed and social setting.

At the conclusion of the conference I took the time to enjoy the sights that China had to offer before heading back home to apply the knowledge I gained to my own research. I would once again like to thank ASCEPT for their financial assistance which made this trip possible.