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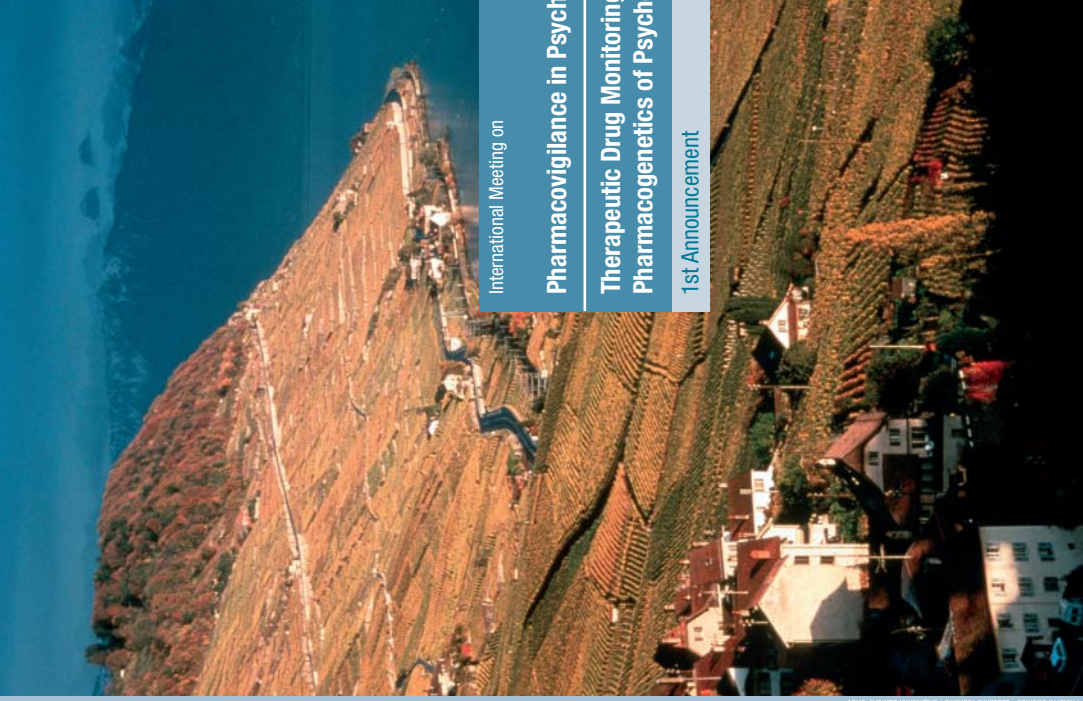


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Dear colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to this scientific meeting, which will be centered on therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) and pharmacogenetics of psychotropic drugs (September 1 and 2) and to pharmacovigilance in psychiatry (September 2 and 3). Many common sessions of September 2 will be devoted to pharmacokinetic and pharmacogenetic aspects in pharmacovigilance in psychiatry.

Therefore, this congress will be of interest for psychiatrists, clinical psychopharmacologists, clinical pharmacists, psychologists, analytical chemists, clinical biochemists personnel working in pharmacovigilance and laboratory practitioners.

Pharmacovigilance in psychiatry has gained much importance since in many countries the reporting and assessment of adverse drug reactions (ADR) to a governmental organization is now mandatory. In some countries, societies were created in the aim to examine on a scientific basis the epidemiology and causes of ADRs. Such pharmacovigilance projects (AMSP projects) were eventually introduced in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Both pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic factors codetermine the clinical effectiveness of psychotropic drugs. Therapeutic drug monitoring and pharmacogenetic tests allow examining the influence of the environment and of the genetic constitution of the patient on the fate of the drug in the organism.

These methods are not only useful for research but also for clinical purposes, in situations where medication needs to be adapted in order to obtain an optimal clinical effectiveness and to avoid ADRs. They also help to determine the contribution of pharmacokinetic and pharmacogenetic factors in the apparition of ADRs. Pharmacogenetic factors comprise both those related to drug metabolism (cytochrome P-450) and drug transport, as well as those related to their dynamics (receptor polymorphisms, etc).

There will be symposia, workshops and poster sessions at this meeting, and you are encouraged to submit proposals. There will be an exhibition by companies working in the field of psychopharmacology or in drug analysis, and by equipment and reactant providers.

Venue of the congress is the university campus at the Lake of Geneva shore, only 10 – 15 minutes away from the center of Lausanne by public transportation. The airport of Geneva may be reached within 45 min, either by car or by train.

Prof. Dr. Pierre Baumann

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