Third John Vane Memorial Symposium on Prostacyclin Science and Pulmonary Vascular Disease

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Session Chairs

Professor Sheila G Haworth, CBE, London, UK Professor Robert Naeije, Brussels, Belgium Professor Andrew Peacock, Glasgow, UK Professor Christoph Thiemermann, London, UK

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7 March 2008

9-10am Registration, tea and coffee

10am Welcome by Professor Chris Thiemermann, FMedSci

Basic Science I: Pharmacology of Prostacyclin and New Therapeutic Approaches

Chair: Chris Thiemermann, William Harvey Research Institute, London, UK

10.10am PPARy as a Cellular Target for Prostacyclin Analogues in PAH

Lucie Clapp, UCL, London, UK

10.40am Roles of IP and PPAR-β Receptors in the Sensing of Prostacyclin in Vessels and Blood

Jane Mitchell, Imperial College, London, UK

11.10am Prostacyclin Analogues and Red Blood Cell Function in Pulmonary Hypertension

Randy Sprague, St Louis University, Saint Louis, USA

11.40am Molecular Genetic Basis of PAH

Richard Trembath, Kings College London, London, UK

12.10pm Potential of Nitrate/Nitrite as a Vasodilator Therapy

Amrita Ahluwalia, William Harvey Research Institute, London, UK

12.40pm Lunch

Clinical Science I: Clinical Developments in PAH

Chair: Sheila G Haworth, CBE, University of London, London UK

1.40pm Paediatric Experience with Prostacyclins

Sheila G Haworth, CBE, Institute of Child Health, UCL, London, UK

2.10pm Inhaled Prostacyclins and PAH

Lewis Rubin, University of California, San Diego, USA

2.40pm Parenteral use of Treprostinil

Joanna Pepke-Zaba, Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, UK

3.10pm Refreshments

3.30pm Relevance of Short Term Therapeutic Studies of Clinical Management of PAH

Nazzareno Galie, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

4pm Debate: Treatment Guidelines are Advancing the Management of PAH?

Moderator: Nick Ross Panel: Helder Mota-Filipe, Inframed, Lisbon, Portugal;

Sheila G Haworth, CBE, London, UK; Simon Gibbs, London, UK; Nazzareno Galie, Bologna, Italy

5pm Adjournment

7.30pm Conference Dinner

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Basic Science II: Pathophysiology and Therapy of PAH

Chair: Robert Naeije, Erasme University Hopsital, Brussels, Belgium

9.30am Tissue Factor Inhibitors as a Novel Therapeutic Strategy in Severe PAH

Jim White, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, USA

10am Extreme Altitude as a Model of Human PAH

Robert Naeije, Erasme University Hopsital, Brussels, Belgium

10.30am BMPR-II Signalling and PAH

Nick Morrell, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

11am Refreshments

11.20am Therapeutic Targets within the Serotonin System

Mandy MacLean, Glasgow University, Glasgow, Scotland

11.50am Imatinib Treatment for PAH

Robert Voswinckel, University of Giessen, Giessen, Germany

12.20pm Lunch

Clinical Science II: Clinical Developments in PAH

Chair: Andrew Peacock, Scottish Pulmonary Vascular Unit, Glasgow, Scotland

1.20pm 2008 Consensus Document from the UK PAH Treatment Centres

Simon Gibbs, Imperial College, University of London, London, UK

1.50pm A Strategy for Combination Therapy in PAH

Ardeschir Ghofrani, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Giessen, Germany

2.20pm Refreshments

2.50pm MRI as a Tool to Assess PAH

Anton Vonk-Noordegraaf, VU Medical Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands

3.20pm New Imaging Techniques to Assess PAH and the RV: Echocardiography

John Sanderson, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK

3.50pm Summary and Outlook

Andrew Peacock, Scottish Pulmonary Vascular Unit, Glasgow, Scotland

4.20pm Close