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THE “SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI FARMACOLOGIA” (SIF)

The Italian Society of Pharmacology was founded in 1939. In 1996 it was recognized as a non-profit scientific association by the Ministry of the University, Scientific and Technological Research. It is a member of IUPHAR and EPHAR (Federation of the European Pharmacological Societies). The present membership of SIF consists of 1169 ordinary members, 12 honorary members and 30 supporting members. The Society has a permanent office in Milan and is managed by a President, a President-elect and a Steering Committee of 8 members. The Society includes a Section of Clinical Pharmacology, which is managed by a Co-ordinator and a Steering Committee reporting to the President. The Society holds a National Meeting every two years. Next year the meeting will be held in Bologna, in September 14-17th, 2011. In the alternative years a Joint Meeting is held together with a European Society in Italy or abroad. This tradition began in Florence on 1968 with the first joint meeting with the British Pharmacological Society. Since fourteen years, the Society organises in Siena a yearly Seminar for PhD students in Pharmacology and related disciplines with the participation of their tutors.

The publications of the Society are Pharmacological Research, an Elsevier international journal; a newsletter called “Quaderni della SIF” in Italian, (published every three months) reporting the activity of the Society and its members, political and academical news which may be of interest to them, official position papers and documents prepared by the Society on issues concerning clinical pharmacological problems of general public interest; SIF-Infarma, SIF-Farmaci in evidenza, and SIF-Farmacogenetica, three electronic newsletters. SIF is an active and lively society which has gradually changed from a typical society devoted mostly to the exchange of scientific information among its members to a professional society aimed to promote pharmacology in Italy by fostering pharmacological education within the University, the National Health System and the general public, by supporting young pharmacologists and by collaborating with public authorities and private organisations in disseminating expert opinions on drug efficacy and side-effects.

MISSION

SIF aims **to promote and disseminate pharmacology and its applications in Italy and abroad.**

SIF promotes:

- “drug value” for human health through basic and clinical research
- scientific, social, cultural developments in drugs
- training of pharmacologists
- conferences and meetings

SIF aims to give its scientific and cultural skills to health authorities and to contribute to drug policies based on scientific choices.