

GP-TCM Newsletter December 2011 Special Issue – Sue Watson



Special tribute to Professor Sue Watson: This special issue of GP-TCM Newsletter is released in honour of Professor Sue Watson (University of Nottingham, UK), who passed away peacefully on Tuesday 29th November 2011, after a eight-month battle with cancer. Sue was a beloved Deputy Coordinator of the *In Vivo* Pharmacology work package (WP5) of the GP-TCM consortium funded under EU's Seventh Framework Program. She led an excellent review project on Chinese herbal medicine and cancer, leading to a manuscript currently under review for the special GP-TCM Issue of *Journal of Ethnopharmacology*. In recognition to her invaluable contribution to the consortium as an invaluable non-beneficiary member and a beloved WP leader, the consortium and the WP5 have jointly decided to dedicate the paper to Sue. Professor Sue Watson will be fondly remembered by her GP-TCM colleagues as a lovely person, a valued colleague, an outstanding WP leader and an excellent scientist. Please allow us to extend our best wishes to Sue's family!



A special message about donations from Donna Cannon, Division of Pre-Clinical Oncology, University of Nottingham:

We would like to confirm that Sue's family would like donations as opposed to flowers. With this in mind we have set up a donation page in Sue's honour at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/profsuewatson>

If you do not want your name to be publicly associated with your donation, please enter your name as "Anonymous" when filling out the donation. Your name then will not appear on the fundraiser's JustGiving page, nor will it appear in any online search results. Your name will always be passed on to the fundraiser but, if you have made an anonymous donation, your name will only appear in their secure account area. We will also have a book of remembrance, if you would like to send your message electronically to be included please do so to myself. Once the book is complete we will pass this to the family.

On behalf of the GP-TCM consortium, Qihe has written to extend our sincere condolences to Sue's family.

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Dr Qihe Xu, King's College London Coordinator, the Good Practice in Traditional Chinese Medicine in the Post-genomic Era consortium



This photo of King's College Cambridge is from Tai-Ping Fan's collection, dedicated in celebration of Sue's achievements.

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Features of the issue:

1. Horizon 2020: Proposal Published

On 30 November, the European Commission adopted and published the proposal for Horizon 2020. Horizon 2020, Framework Programme for Research and Innovation will be the successor to FP7, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and will run from 2014-2020. These legislative proposals will be discussed by the European Parliament and Council of the EU during the forthcoming months so it is likely that key details within the proposal are still subject to change until their adoption before the end of 2013.

To mark the publication of the proposal for Horizon 2020, the Commission has launched a new website, giving the background to the development of the proposal for Horizon 2020, and a timeline to outline key milestones in the forthcoming discussions as well as more details on each of the proposed areas and links to key documentation. The Horizon 2020 website also includes a page where a new video will be added each day in the run up to the launch of Horizon 2020.

The Communication which provides an overview of the entire proposal for Horizon 2020 is accompanied by a package of legislative proposals including:

- Proposal for Horizon 2020, setting out the general objectives, rationale, budget information and details on how Horizon 2020 might be monitored and evaluated;
- Proposal for the single Specific Programme under Horizon 2020, which provides detailed information about the structure and broad scope of the activities to be funded under Horizon 2020;
- Proposal for the Rules of Participation and Dissemination;
- A separate proposal for the part of Horizon 2020, which corresponds to the Euratom treaty.

The proposal for the revision to the EIT's Regulation and its Specific Innovation Agenda also accompany the package of proposals.

It is expected that the Commission will be required to subsequently revise the proposals so that they can be discussed under a second reading prior to their final adoption by the end of 2013.

The Commission has proposed a budget of EUR 80 million for Horizon 2020, 2014-2020 at 2011 prices. A single Specific Programme has been proposed, based on three specific objectives:

- **Excellent Science** (EUR 24.6 billion) which will include:
 - European Research Council (EUR 13.2 billion;

77% increase compared to FP7 funding for ERC);

- Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) (EUR 3.1 billion);
- Marie Curie Actions (EUR 5.75 billion); and
- Research Infrastructures (EUR 2.4 billion).
- **Industrial Leadership** (EUR 17.9 billion)
 - Key industrial technologies: nanotechnologies, information communication technologies, biotechnologies and space (EUR 13.7 billion);
 - Access to risk finance (EUR 3.5 billion); and
 - Support to SMEs with high growth potential.
- **Societal Challenges** (EUR 31.7 billion)
 - Health, demographic change and well-being;
 - Food security, sustainable agricultures, marine and maritime research and the bio-based economy;
 - Secure, clean and efficient energy;
 - Smart, green and integrated transport;
 - Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials; and
 - Inclusive, innovative and secure societies

The EIT has a proposed budget of EUR 2.8 billion to fund six new Knowledge Innovation Communities. The first call is proposed for 2014 and will include the KIC themes: innovation for healthy living and active ageing; food4future; and raw materials. A second wave will be published in 2018 with proposed topics of added value manufacturing), smart secure societies and urban mobility.

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/pdf/proposals/com\(2011\)_809_final.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none](http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/pdf/proposals/com(2011)_809_final.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none)

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http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=home

2. The European Patent Office and Chinese patent office strengthen their cooperation

The European Patent Office and the Chinese Patent Office strengthen their cooperation for the benefit of the users of the global patent system. Both offices have agreed on interesting measures, such as the implementation of a Chinese-English machine translation, to be made available to the public next year.

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/press/releases/archive/2011/20111201.html>

3. Health Sciences Authority in Singapore warns of four adulterated herbal products

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Generalsafetyinformation/advice/Herbalmedicines/Herbalsafetyupdates/Allherbalsafetyupdates/CON137663>

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