

Museum of Pharmacology: Foundation, Aims, Support and Perspectives

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FOUNDATION

The Museum of Pharmacology belongs to the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. It was founded by the Department of Experimental Pharmacology (Medical School of Athens) on September 8th 2003.

AIMS

The Museum of Pharmacology is a non-profit institution serving the society and aiming: a) to support the academic pre- and postgraduate training of the Medical School of Athens, b) to upgrade scientific research and c) to enhance the diffusion of the academically developing knowledge in both the university and the society. In order to fulfill its aims, the Museum: a) creates educational and scientific collections of research apparatus and minor equipment, biochemicals, books, and of any other relative to the pharmacological research materials (collected from the country or abroad); which are then exposed in exhibitory showcases or kept in special stores, b) accepts items owned by other collections, on temporary or permanent lending, c) co-operates with relative domestic or foreign institutions, d) promotes activities aiming in the maintenance and repairing of its material in the appropriate laboratories, e) is used for the educational purposes of the Medical and other Schools or Departments of relevant interest, f) conducts scientific research in accordance to the national and E.U. legislation, g) allows the guided visiting of its exhibits, upon approval of its Administration and h) organizes lectures, exhibitions, and other educational, scientific, local or regional activities, in order to enhance the diffusion of the knowledge

arising by the Museum's exhibits and to appoint the Science of Medical Pharmacology.

SUPPORT

The Museum is funded by the University of Athens and by other occurring sources. Donations and sponsorships are welcome. Its earnings (no matter the source), are deposited to the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Special Account for Research Grants (NKUA/SARG), from which are then absorbed for the Museum's purposes. Due to its beneficial to the public character, the Museum is exempted by any state tax. Moreover, the items kept in it are also exempted by any restricting or tax arrangement regarding items of historical, archeological or artistic importance owned by privates. The Museum's Administration co-operates (for the fulfillment of its aims) with the *Museum of Pharmacology Friends Society*, which exists as an independent society and functions according to its own constitution.

PERSPECTIVES

The Museum of Pharmacology is a challenging effort to: a) encourage postgraduate research and learning on relative topics, b) provide knowledge and innovative ideas on how laboratory technology develops or becomes useless, c) inform younger students on pharmacological research topics and experimental philosophy, d) provide through the net a wide variety of information concerning its belongings (by simultaneously functioning as a virtual museum) and e) participate in a future effort of uniting all the existing Museums in the Medical School of Athens, into an entity (Museum of Basic Medical Sciences).