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**1-Editorial**

Dear ISE members

While I hope that you all enjoyed the fruitful 11th ISE congress in Albacete last year, I am now happy that the 12th International Congress of Ethnopharmacology will be held in Kolkata (West Bengal - India) 17th – 19th February 2012.

The congress' title "Traditional Medicines and Globalization – The Future of Ancient Systems of Medicine" provides the perfect frame and leaves ample space for a wide range of philosophical as well as more utilitarian practice-oriented contributions and discussions. I wish that the ISE Congress as well as the broad field of ethnopharmacology is seen as a great opportunity to connect people, peoples, culture and science. The study of indigenous medical systems in primary health care is an integrated scope of ethnopharmacology and core topics "Traditional medicines and neglected diseases" as well as "Traditional medicines and biomedicine: common or conflicting interests?" aim at contributions in this respect. However, we should be realistic and acknowledge that the health problems of people and cultures worldwide can't be solved exclusively by the scientific academic field whatsoever. If we work hard and take "interdisciplinarity" seriously we can make a significant contribution to science and its applications.

Having said this, I am very pleased to announce "The Nina Etkin Young Researcher Award". The purpose is firstly to honour the memory of Nina Etkin and her work in ethnopharmacology and secondly to support graduate students doing field-work in ethnopharmacology. Details on the award schedule and proposals are available on the ISE website soon.

I hope that the preliminary list of core-topics for the upcoming 12th ISE Congress (available on the ISE website) will arouse your interest and that Dr. Pulok Mukherjee and the ISE can welcome you in Kolkata 2012. (Please note that VISA is mandatory for the travelling to India). Lastly, let me thank Pulok and his co-workers for accepting this exciting and important challenge.

With best regards & Saluti dalla Sardegna

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## **2-Congress Report: 11th Congress of the International Society of Ethnopharmacology (ISE) (2010) and First Spanish-Portuguese Ethnobiological Symposium (EHPE), September 20 - 24, 2010, Albacete, Spain**

The 11th Congress of the International Society of Ethnopharmacology (ISE) as well as the 1st Hispano-Portuguese Meeting of Ethnobiology (EHPE) took place in Albacete (Spain) at the "Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha" from September 20th - 24th, 2010. The honorary presidency of this event, attended by more than 350 delegates from 40 countries, was held by Felipe de Borbón, Prince of Asturias.

### **Meeting organizers**

The two meetings were organized by the ISE and the "Research Group for Ethnobiology and Vegetation in south-eastern Iberia" in collaboration with the University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM) and the University of Alicante, Miguel Hernández de Elche, Autonomous University of Madrid, Technological Institute of Braunschweig, University of London. The meetings took place in several locations of the UCLM, generously provided by the University, as well as in the newly established Botanical Garden of Castilla La Mancha.

### **Scientific program**

Dr. Robert Bye and Dr. Edelmira Linares inaugurated the EHPE with a lecture on the American perspective on ethnobotany. Dr. Vernon Heywood held the ISE inaugural lecture evidencing the interface between ethnopharmacology and biodiversity in the context of a sustainable future for indigenous peoples. Dr. Ramón Buxó, Dr. Elaine Elisabetzky, Dr. Marco Leonti, Dr. Will C. McClatchey, Dr. Pulok K. Mukherjee, Reyes Garcia, Dr. Johannes Van Staden, Dr. Caroline Weckerle and Dr. Zhongzhen Zhao gave further presentations. The different contributions emphasized and discussed the impact of TCM on "Western" as well as on traditional medicine, the cross-cultural exchange of medicinal plant knowledge, archaeological evidences for medicinal plant use, the importance of text in the transmission and development of local medicinal plant knowledge, development of safe and effective treatment options in local and global medicinal plant use, the future of medicinal systems in a globalized world, the consideration of anthropological and ecological concepts and methodologies, the continuum of food, medicine and poison and the importance of defining a clear methodology whatever bias the study has. Apart from that, there were another ca. 100 interesting oral presentations (see: [www.ISE2010.org](http://www.ISE2010.org)) interspersed with rich discussions, addressing a plethora of topics as well as ca. 200 posters.

### **New network and new society**

A students' network for the ISE coordinated by Sol Christians has been formed (see: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=152104628155964>), while a roundtable established the Hispano-Portuguese Society of Ethnobiology ([http://www.ise2010.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=88&Itemid=135](http://www.ise2010.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=88&Itemid=135)) coordinated by the general secretary of the congress Dr. Alonso Verde.

### **ISE business assembly**

The ISE business assembly was held in a pleasant atmosphere on one of the first evenings of the congress. The members of ISE followed the agenda under the direction of the president Michael Heinrich. In the absence of the Secretary of the ISE, Peter Houghton was elected to take the minutes of the meeting. Michael Heinrich, the group at Albacete who had organized the conference, and remarked that it was a special occasion to pay tribute to the late Nina Etkin. Caroline Weckerle, the ISE webmaster reported that most important changes and renewings (e.g. online registration, members' area) have been implemented on the website during the congress and welcomes more contributions from the members, e.g. in the form of a photo-essay. Peter Houghton presented the accounts. A surplus had risen steadily over the past three years. Although membership fees during the surplus from the meeting in Sao Paulo had helped keep the accounts healthy. Barbara Frei Haller, Newsletter editor reported that she had edited the newsletter now for 9 years and that it had become a web-based publication over the past 18 months. The special issue to commemorate Nina Etkin had been published well. Barbara appealed for more contributions from members. Thanks for the hard work put in by Caroline Weckerle. Barbara was carried unanimously. The assembly then moved to the election of Officers (2010-2012). The standing as officers were elected nem con. A. Jäger was confirmed as President Elect and Marco Leonti as Secretary. The detailed list of newly elected and confirmed board members and their affiliation is listed on [http://www.ethnopharmacology.org/ISE\\_board.htm](http://www.ethnopharmacology.org/ISE_board.htm). Other board members, who had not attended the congress, according to the rules, were no longer eligible to be board members.

Two proposals for the venue of the next conference had been received for a meeting in September 2011.

Prof R Bauer for a meeting in Graz/Austria and one from Dr P Mukherjee for Kolkata/India. Both gave presentations to back up their proposals and considerable discussion took place without a final decision was referred to a small group of the Committee under the new president Marco Leonti for resolution. It was decided that one meeting to be held in Kolkata in Feb 2012 and one in Graz in Sept 2012.

Michael Heinrich was thanked for his work as president over the last two years.

### **Memorial to three reputable scientists**

A particularly emotional moment of the congress took place at the Botanical Garden of Castilla la Mar memorial ceremony to honour three well-respected scientists: the recently deceased Spanish botanist Gómez Campo, and Dr. D. Pedro Montserrat, distinguished Botanist and Professor Emeritus of research Instituto Pirenaico de Ecología de Jaca/Spain, as well as the American anthropologist Prof. Dr. Nina Etkin away two years ago and who was committed to ethnopharmacology and deeply involved in the Society for Ethnopharmacology. The event was accompanied by the performance of a musical quartet, with voice ceremony was completed by two guided tours of the Botanical Garden plantations in Castilian and English. Scientific Director, Prof. Esteban Hernández Bermejo and Dr. José Fajardo respectively.

### **Awards**

At the end of the congress "Nina Etkin" prizes were awarded to a selection of outstanding posters presented.

E1-P03: Aplicacion de algunos metodos y conceptos de la investigacion en ciencias sociales a un estudio realizado en Mallorca (Islas Baleares)

E. Carrio, J. Valles

ISE-P15: Sustainable use of wild medicinal plants: a case study in Nabanhe National Nature Reserve, S.F. Bucher, B. Ghorbani, G. Langenberger, J. Sauerborn

ISE-P57: Traditional Cree medicines modulate apoptosis and antioxidant activity, but not insulin sensitivity in H4IIE liver cells

A. Afshar, P.L. Owen, L. Martineau, T. Johns, J.T. Arnason, P.S. Haddad

### **Further information**

For more info, photo galleries and press releases of this fantastic event go to "Press" at [www.ise2010.org](http://www.ise2010.org) "ISE 2010 Congresses" at [www.ethnopharmacology.org](http://www.ethnopharmacology.org)

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### **3-Nina Etkin Award: \$5000 for Ethnopharmacological Research!**

Dear ISE members

With this exciting announcement, I bring to a close my work as chair of the Nina Etkin Award steering committee. The final version of the founding document is attached below. The first Award will be made at the meeting in India in February 2012. Due to changes in the ordinary meeting schedules in 2012 (two meetings: Kolkata and Graz) the proposals will be due by October 1, 2011. For all further details please visit the society's home page at [www.ethnopharmacology.org](http://www.ethnopharmacology.org).

Speaking for the committee, we hope you are all pleased with the way the award is designed. We hope to announce the award to colleagues and friends throughout the field of ethnopharmacology, and that we have a significant pool of exciting proposals to consider.

With all best regards

**Dan Moerman**

Past Past President, ISE

### **Founding Documents Nina Etkin Award**

**The Nina Etkin Young Researcher Award of the International Society for Ethnopharmacology**

**1. Purpose:** The purpose of the Etkin Award has two parts. First, it is to honour the memory of Nina Etkin's work in ethnopharmacology. Second, it is to support the work of graduate students doing field work in ethnopharmacology.

**2. International dimension:** Members of the ISE are well aware of the broadly international membership of the Society, and the international interest in ethnopharmacology. Therefore, the rules stated below will be

by the award committee so as not ever to exclude some worthy student because his or her education somehow differently that they do in North America or Europe. It is our hope that, in time, this award given to people from all over the world.

**3. Award schedule and proposals:** Ordinarily, one award will be made every two years (even number of years and the amount of \$5000). The inner board of the ISE may sanction variation in this rule (changing years and the amount). The inner board will, at every ISE meeting in an even numbered year, appoint an award committee made up of 3 or 4 ISE members (one as chair) who will evaluate and rank proposals. [In the year of the award to be made in 2012, the selection committee will consist of ISE members Dan Moerman, Elisabethsky, Paul Ross and Marco Leonti]. Ideally, at least one member of the committee will have served on the previous committee, to provide for continuity. Proposals will ordinarily be due by February 1 [Due to the change in ordinary meeting schedules in 2012, the first award will be made at the ISE Meeting in Kolkata in February 2011, therefore, the proposals will, therefore, be due by October 1, 2011] of even numbered years for consideration by the award committee. Details of where proposals should be sent, and the deadlines for that year, will be available on the ISE web site. The committee should report a decision to the President by April 1. Applicants must be in residence in the programs working toward the PhD degree in ethnopharmacology or a closely related field (pharmacology, anthropology, pharmacy, etc.). People with PhD degree in hand for less than two years who are Post Doctoral Fellows in these fields are also eligible to apply. Proposals will have several necessary components. The proposal should describe a scientific project with a rich theoretical foundation, and one which will easily meet the requirements of the "Five" of the Journal of Ethnopharmacology (<http://ees.elsevier.com/jep/img/rulesof5.pdf>). It is possible that the award will be for gathering preliminary data (that is, research which would lead to subsequent funding); or for pursuing exploratory research in a novel area with limited evidence, but with well-founded concepts. In any case the proposal should lead to a project of exceptional scientific interest. The proposal shall not be longer than 4 double spaced pages, and shall be supplemented by a supporting letter from the student's major professor; the letter shall describe any departmental support being provided for the student's progress he or she is making toward the degree. Post Docs shall provide a supporting letter from the program or laboratory where they are working.

**4. Award requirements:** Award winners should be members of the ISE when they submit their proposal. This requirement may be lifted by the chair of the Awards Committee if it is an undue hardship. The award winners must provide the ISE President with a progress report 12 months after the award is made; the report will be published in the next ISE Newsletter. When the research is completed, the recipient is encouraged to submit a manuscript for publication by the Journal of Ethnopharmacology. If accepted for publication, it will be designated as a Nina Etkin Young Researcher Award Winning Paper. In any other subsequent publication of the results of the research, the author shall appropriately acknowledge the Nina Etkin Award.

Nina Etkin Award steering committee, Fall 2010

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#### **4-Announcement: 12th congress of International Society for Ethnopharmacology ISE. February 2012. Kolkata, India. "Traditional Medicines and Globalization – The Future of Ancient Systems of Medicine".**

This conference will focus on some crucial and contemporary issues on the scientific study, development and evaluation of ancient systems of medicines and will center on the theme of globalization. Everybody in the field is welcome, particularly researchers; manufacturers of medicines, phytomedicines, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, as well as food supplements; those who work with raw materials; representatives of conventional and complementary health care systems; regulatory authorities; standard-setting organizations; contract laboratories and organizations; NGOs, academics, scientists, health care professionals and students from all parts of the world. Please give us your suggestions and ideas regarding how we can make this event successful. If you feel any organization or institution can be a collaborator/sponsor for this event, we encourage you to involve in this esteemed event.

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For further information:

[http://www.ethnopharmacology.org/downloads/flyer/ISE\\_2012\\_Announcement\\_leaflet\\_India.pdf](http://www.ethnopharmacology.org/downloads/flyer/ISE_2012_Announcement_leaflet_India.pdf)  
<http://www.ise-snpjsu.org/>

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#### **5-Announcement: 13th International Congress of the International Society of Ethnopharmacology September 2-5, 2012 in Graz, Austria**

Co-Sponsor: Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research

<http://www.ga-online.org/>

Organizer: Prof. Dr. Rudolf Bauer, Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences Karl-Franzens-Universitaet Gr

<http://www.kfunigraz.ac.at/phgwww/>

### **Main Topics:**

Ethnomedicine along the Silk Road

Intercultural ethnopharmacology (East meets West)

Traditional herbal medicinal products in modern societies

Holistic approach and systems biology in medicinal plant research

Traditional herbal medicinal products in age related diseases

More info to follow!

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### **6-More Upcoming Conferences**

**April 18-20-2011** – Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**Pharma-Nutrition – Discussing the interface between pharma and nutrition**

**Conference Organizer: Elsevier**

<http://www.pharma-nutrition.com/index.asp>

**May 4-7-2011** – Columbus, Ohio, USA

**The 34th Annual Meeting of the Society of Ethnobiology “Historical and Archaeological Perspectives on Ethnobiology”**

Department of Anthropology at the Ohio State University

<http://ethnobiology.org/conference/upcoming>

**June 21-24-2011** – Brasov, Romania

**4th Ethnopharmacological Symposium Ethnopharmacology, interface between biofoods and phytomedicines**

Transilvania University, Faculty of Food and Tourism

<http://etnofarma.99k.org/en/symposium2011.php>

**July 6-9-2011** - Saas-Fee, Switzerland

**ISHS MAP Mountain 1st Int. Symposium on Medicinal, Aromatic and Nutraceutical Plants from Mountainous Areas**

International Society for Horticultural Sciences ISHS

<http://www.agroscope.admin.ch/mapmountain>

**July 9-13-2011** – St. Louis, Missouri, USA

**The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Botany**

William L. Brown Center, Missouri Botanical Garden

<http://www.econbot.org/>

**July 25-27-2011** – Nuremberg, Germany

**15th International Congress PHYTOPHARM**

Interregional Center "Adaptogen", Russia; Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research (University of Regensburg, Department of Pharmaceutical Biology, Germany; Institute of Nutrition of the Academy of Medical Science, Russia; Saint-Petersburg Institute of Pharmacy, Russia

<http://www.adaptogen.ru/phyto2011.html>

**May 21-25-2012** – Montpellier, France

**13th Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology**

Center for Functional and Evolutionary Ecology (CEFE)

<http://congress-ise2012.agropolis.fr/>

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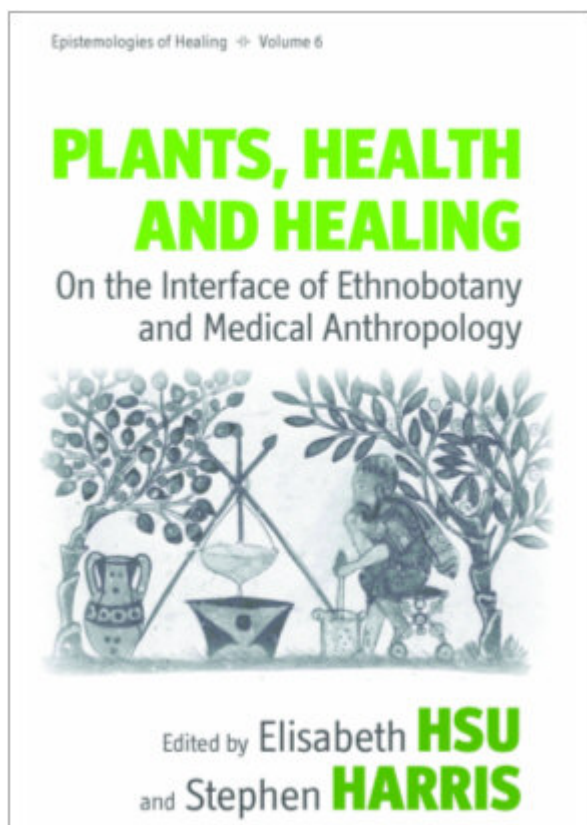
### **7-New Book**

**From Berghahn Books:**

The publisher is offering a 30% discount to ISE Newsletter readers on the following book. For orders attached order from.

**Hsu, Elisabeth; Harris, Stephen (2010) Plants, Health and Healing  
On the Interface of Ethnobotany and Medical Anthropology**

316 pp., 21 b/w ills., 4 tbls, bibliography, indexes, 16cm x 23.5cm, Hardback (ISBN 978-1-84545-06  
\$95.00/£56.00, for ISE £40.00 (30% discount)



Finally, with this book a longstanding void in the literature filled! Although the uses of medicinal plants and their history have always attracted lay and scientific communities there has been very little research done on the interface and medical anthropology. The authors ((ethno-)botanists, anthropologists, clinician) link these disciplines with outstanding contributions by digging through historical aspects (chap non-native plants and medicinal uses; *A. annua* and *Chin Medica*) and anthropological aspects (Shamanic plants a Childhood illness) and through plant portraits (*G. biloba* the use of caffeine-containing plants as medicinals, stim rituals). A remarkable part of the book is the introduction by E. Hsu where she explores the interface between the two depths.

The book all in all “emphasises that plant knowledge arises situationally of social relationships, that herbs need to be enticed if not seduced by their uses with them, that herbal remedies are cultural artefacts, and that bioprospecting plant discovery can be viewed as the epitome of a long history of borrowing and exchanging plants”

For other books in the series “Epistemologies of Healing” see:  
[http://www.berghahnbooks.com/series.php?pg=world\\_heal](http://www.berghahnbooks.com/series.php?pg=world_heal)

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**8-Interesting Links**

- <http://www.theplantlist.org/>
- <http://www.tropicos.org/>
- <http://www.ipni.org/>
- <http://www.plantasmedicinales.org/>
- <https://sites.google.com/site/osntechtalk/>
- <http://www.agem-ethnomedizin.de/>
- [http://www.medicusmundi.org/en?set\\_language=en](http://www.medicusmundi.org/en?set_language=en)
- <http://www.globaldiversityfund.org>
- <http://www.tangleoflife.org/>
- <http://www.scidev.net/en/>

<http://www.scidev.net/en/health/traditional-medicine/>  
<http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=ethnobotany>  
<http://musee-de-salagon.com/fichier/Programmeculturel2011.pdf>

<http://www.frontiersin.org/ethnopharmacology>

As described on <http://www.frontiersin.org/about>: Frontiers is not just an open-access publisher of science, it is a pioneering approach to the world of academia, radically improving the way scholarly research is done. The grand vision of Frontiers is a world where all people have an equal opportunity of seeking, sharing and creating new knowledge. As a first active measure in this direction, Frontiers provides immediate and permanent access to all of its publications, but this alone is not enough to realize our grand goals. The Frontiers solution is based around two main concepts, mutually integrating each other within the innovative Frontiers' platform: 1) the *Journal Series*, and 2) the *Frontiers Community*.

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### **9-News from Elsevier and Journal of Ethnopharmacology (JEP)**

We recently published a Special Thematic Issue on **The Use and Misuse of Khat (Catha Edulis) in the World: Tradition, Trade and Tragedy**, Edited by Michael Odenwald, Nasir Warfa and Axel Klein [*Journal of Ethnopharmacology*, Volume 132, Issue 3, Pages 537-620 (1 December 2010)]

Access to this issue has been sponsored (to be available also to non-subscribers); link: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-ethnopharmacology>

We are happy to let you know that thanks to the continued efforts of the Editorial team and the Reviewers we have been able to further reduce the turnover time for articles submitted to the JEP. We thank everybody who has helped us to achieve this.

We are taking the saying "A picture says more than a thousand words" to the next level and encourage you to submit multimedia content (like video files) to complement the written article.

**Irene Kanter-Schlifke, PhD**

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### **10-Membership Renewal Form/Membership Application Form 2011**

If you would like to join the ISE or want to renew your membership for 2011 then visit the ISE website at <http://www.ethnopharmacology.org> and click on "Membership" where you will be able to join/renew your membership online by credit card or download the application/renewal form to pay by check or transfer.

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### **11-Impressum/About**

ISE Newsletter, email bulletin of the International Society for Ethnopharmacology

[www.ethnopharmacology.org](http://www.ethnopharmacology.org)

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### **Dead line for Next Issue: April 30, 2011**

As part of the Newsletter's general policy we want to share the personal views of the authors with our readers. However, otherwise stated the opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the ISE, its board or the editors of the newsletter.

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