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## Third International Conference on Diagnostic Immunology

The third International Conference on Diagnostic Immunology will be held from August 16 through August 21, 1981 at New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire. The conference, which is sponsored by the Engineering Foundation, will focus on the Immunologic Aspects of Cancer. Sessions will be divided into seven major topics of interest including: Tumor Specific Antigens, T Cell Subsets, Interferon, and Monoclonal Antibodies in disease diagnosis.

The symposium is primarily reserved for invited principal contributors. However, sessions have been set aside for unsolicited papers. English will be the language used for all presentations. The symposium will be limited to 150 participants. Selection of participants will be based on their participation in the conference and on maintenance of a balance for hospital, industry, and the academic community. Applications may be obtained from the Engineering Foundation, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, USA. For further information concerning the conference program, contact:

Dr. Albert A. Luderer Conference Co-chairman Biosciences Research Department Corning Glass Works Sullivan Science Park FR-64 Corning, NY 14830 USA

## Sixth International Enzyme Engineering Conference

Information for the 6th International Enzyme Engineering Conference to be held September 20 to 25, 1981 at Kashikojima, Japan may be obtained from the Engineering Foundation Conferences, 345 East 47th Street, New York, New York 10017 or from Dr. L. B. Wingard, Jr., Department of Pharmacology, 620 Scaife Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15261.

The conference will be directed to studies in enzyme technology, genetic engineering, fermentation, and the industrial application of these technologies.

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The Plant Molecular Biology Association was formed in 1980 with the following purposes: to distribute information and genetic material to provide standard reference plant genotypes; to provide information to help scientists evaluate what experimental plant systems are best suited for studying a particular biological problem; to foster communication between applied and basic researchers; and to provide a forum for exchange of preliminary results, detailed technical protocols, bibliographies, translations, and news through publication of an informal newsletter.

The first year of the PMBA-sponsored Plant Molecular Biology Newsletter has included articles on chloroplast and nuclear DNA preparation methods, tomato and petunia genetics, plant cell culture laboratory procedures, genome structure and tissue culture of cereals, an English translation of a major German protoplast culture paper, and bibliographies of tissue culture, protoplast fusion, and somatic hybridization.

Individuals may become Associates of the PMBA in 1981 for a U.S. \$12.00 fee payable to the Plant Molecular Biology Association. Associates receive the newsletter and directory of Associates. Correspondence may be sent to Dr. Maureen Hanson, Treasurer, PMBA, P.O. Box 5502, Charlottesville, VA 22905 U.S.A.