

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### INTERNATIONAL PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM

The Intramural Program of the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke will sponsor an International Symposium entitled "The Role of Peptides in Neuronal Function" to be held May 7-9, 1979 at the National Institutes of Health reservation in Bethesda, Maryland. The three-day meeting will draw together investigators from diverse disciplines for a comprehensive review of peptide research as it relates to the field of neurobiology.

The first day will include presentations on the anatomy and physiology of peptidergic neurons, as well as the synthesis and secretion of peptides. The second day will begin with a discussion of peptide-mediated communication in the nervous system, followed by reviews of the neurobiology of specific peptides, including angiotensin, neurotensin, somatostatin, substance P, vasoactive intestinal peptide, luteinizing hormone releasing hormone, thyrotropin releasing hormone, olfactory system peptide, bag cell hormone and neurodepressing hormone. The final day will be devoted entirely to the pharmacology, physiology and potential clinical application of opioid peptides. Among invited participants are: H. Kosterlitz (Aberdeen, Scotland), S. Snyder (Baltimore, MD), R. Walter (Chicago, IL), J. Martin (Boston, MA), J. Phillis (Saskatchewan), J. McKelvy (Dallas, TX), J. J. Dreifuss (Geneva, Switzerland), F. Margolis (Hoffmann-LaRoche, NJ), and S. Said (Dallas, TX).

The Symposium is being organized by Drs. Jeffery Barker and Thomas Smith of the NINCDS Laboratory of Neurophysiology. Those interested in attending should contact either Dr. Barker or Dr. Smith, Bldg. 36, Room 2C02, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20014, U.S.A. Tel: 301-496-2414.