

CONGRESSUS

Federal Republic of Germany**First International Congress for Research on Medicinal Plants***in München, 6–10 September 1976*

Organized under the auspices of Gesellschaft für Arzneipflanzenforschung, the Phytochemical Society of England and the International Association for Plant Tissue Culture the Congress will be devoted to the following topics: A) New natural products and plant drugs with pharmacological or therapeutical activity. B) Plant tissue culture and its bio-technological application. Further information for section A: Dr. P. Wolff or Prof. H. Wagner, Institut für Pharmazeutische Arzneimittellehre, Karlstrasse 29, D-8000 München 2, Federal Republic of Germany. For Section B: Prof. E. Reinhard, Pharmazeutisches Institut, Auf der Morgenstelle 8, D-74 Tübingen, Federal Republic of Germany.

Italy**International Symposium on Mass Spectrometry in Drug Metabolism***in Milan, 21–23 June 1976*

The Symposium will be devoted to topics such as gas chromatography, mass spectrometry, mass fragmentography, stable isotope measurements, field ionization, field desorption, chemical ionization, high resolution studies and data acquisition and processing. The preferred topics will include: Detection and identification of drug metabolites, mass fragmentography techniques in drug metabolism studies and improvements in the methodology of drug metabolite measurements.

Title and abstract of no more than 200 words should be submitted before 28th February 1976.

Further information by: Dr. A. Frigerio, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche 'Mario Negri', Via Eritrea 62, I-20157 Milano, Italy.

USA**The 8th Stadler Genetics Symposium***in Columbia (Missouri), 9–10 April 1976*

Further information and detailed program can be obtained from Conferences and Short Courses, University of Missouri, 347 Hearn Building, Columbia, Missouri 65201, USA.

Switzerland**The 11th EUCHEM Conference on Stereochemistry***at the Bürgenstock, near Lucerne, 9–15 May 1976*

The number of participants will be limited. Inquiries and applications (no special forms are required) should be addressed before January 15, 1976 to the Chairman: Prof. A. R. Battersby, F. R. S., University Chemical Laboratory, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1EW, England.

USA**3rd International Symposium on Detection and Prevention of Cancer***in New York City, 26 April to 1 May 1976*

The Symposium includes 12 Conferences on general topics and 18 Panels on specific and organ-oriented subjects.

Approximately 22 Symposia will be arranged by groupings of proffered papers. There will be 14 Short Courses and 20 Practical Workshops.

Further information by H. E. Nieburgs, Secretary General, Mount Sinai School of Medicine of the City University of New York, Fifth Avenue and 100th Street, New York, N.Y. 10029 USA.

ACTUALITAS

International Cell Research Organization (ICRO)

1. *Training Courses.* One of the main activities of ICRO is the organization of training courses on topics of high novelty and on modern techniques in cellular and molecular biology: Principles and techniques of tissue and organ culture; Genetics and Physiology of Bacterial viruses; Energy transducing systems on the sub-cellular level; Methods in mammalian cytogenetics; Membrane Biophysics; DNA-RNA Hybridization; Biogenesis of Mitochondria; Embryology and Epigenetics; Interaction between Animal Viruses and host cells, application of computers to experimental work in biology and chemistry; Methods in molecular biology, etc. The courses generally last 3–5 weeks, and include 16–20 young participants (sometimes more). The ICRO courses are fully inter-

national, both the teaching staff and the participants coming from the largest possible number of countries.

2. *The Problem of Developing Countries.* Most of the past ICRO courses have been organizing in European countries – east and west – but the demand from developing countries is increasing steadily. ICRO activities in developing countries may tend to give preference to topics of potential economic usefulness, such as applied microbiology, microbial protein production, fermentation industries, soil microbiology, plant genetics, etc.

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