

## Announcements

### France

#### **18th IUPAC International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Products**

*Strasbourg, France, 30 August–4 September 1992*

The programme of the above Symposium is now ready. It includes a series of plenary lectures on topics ranging from prebiotic chemistry to chemical communication between organisms, with a heavy emphasis on synthesis and on the organic chemistry of biochemical processes. Posters are invited on every aspect of Natural Products Chemistry. The following plenary lecturers have confirmed their participation:

P. Albrecht, A. R. Battersby, D. Bogner, W. Boland, A. Brack, D. P. Curran, P. Deslongchamps, D. L. Bai, A. Eschenmoser, S. Hanessian, G. Joyce, O. Kennard, H. Kunz, S. Ley, G. Q. Lin, D. Lynn, A. Marquet, K. Martinek, S. V. Moroz, Y. Naya, K. C. Nicolaou, D. Oesterheldt, J. Reisse, M. Rohmer, A. I. Scott, Chr. Tamm, D. Tanner, P. F. Vlad, V. Vlassov, G. Wächtershäuser, M. J. Wyvratt, J. S. Yadav.

Three related meetings will be organized in conjunction with the main IUPAC Symposium, during the same week and in the same premises: the 3rd International Symposium on "Iron Transport, Storage and Metabolism", a Rhône-Poulenc-Rorer Satellite Symposium on "Taxol and Taxoids, from Chemistry to the Clinic", and a Marion-Merrell-Dow Post-Symposium on "Natural Products as Drugs". Attendance to the last two events will be by invitation and by application.

A limited number of bursaries, covering living expenses and registration fees, will be available for young chemists (Ph.D. –1 yr to +4 yrs approximately) presenting a poster on their work and coming from universities or research centres of Eastern and Southern Europe and of developing countries. Also, cheap accommodation will be available in the Student residences.

The Second Circular, now in preparation, will be sent to all those who have already answered the first one. If you plan to present a poster, or simply to participate, please request to be put on the mailing list by sending your name and full postal address to

Mrs M. C. Dillenseger, General Secretariat, IUPAC Symposium, 5 rue Blaise Pascal, F-67084 Strasbourg (France).

### Switzerland

#### **Ruzicka-Prize 1992**

Every year, a prize from the Ruzicka-Prize Fund is awarded to a young research worker for an outstanding work in the field of general chemistry that has already been published and achieved in Switzerland or by a Swiss national abroad. Proposals for candidates (under 40 years) may be submitted before 31 March 1992 at the latest to the President of the Board of the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, ETH-Zentrum, CH-8092 Zürich, Switzerland.

#### **ESF/EUCHEM Conference on Stereochemistry**

The 27th ESF/EUCHEM Conference on Stereochemistry, covering a wide range of topics in chemistry with emphasis on its interdisciplinary character in natural sciences, will be held at the Bürgenstock near Luzern, Switzerland, from 26 April–2 May 1992.

Inquiries and applications (no special forms are required) should be addressed to the President: Prof. G. Ourisson (Center of Neurochemistry 5, rue Blaise Pascal, F-67084 Strasbourg, France) or to the Secretariat: Prof. A. Pfaltz (Inst. Org. Chemistry, University Basel, St. Johannsring 19, CH-4056 Basel, Switzerland).

#### **Global Warming – a Call for International Coordination**

*Third International Conferences on the Scientific and Policy Issues Facing All Governments*

*Chicago, USA, 6–9 April 1992*

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