

## Announcements

### Prizes

#### 1996 Innovation Prize for Soya Applications

On the occasion of the next *Hamburg Soya Days*, the DM 10,000 Lucas Meyer Award for young scientists will be presented for the third time. The prize honors outstanding achievement in the field of applied – that is, practically oriented – research on the use of soya proteins, lecithins or soya bran substances in food.

The aim of the award is to promote young scientists from academia and industry. The age limit is 35 years. Work or publications to be considered should date from 1994, 1995 or 1996.

The prize will be awarded during the *Hamburg Soya Days*, which takes place in Hamburg on 26 September 1996. The closing date for applications is 30 June 1996. Entries can be in the form of dissertations or published research papers or reviews.

Entries should be sent to:

Prof. Dr. Dr. Hans Steinhart  
Lucas Meyer Award Committee  
Institut für Biochemie und Lebensmittelchemie  
der Universität Hamburg  
Grindelallee 117  
D-20146 Hamburg  
Germany

The award committee includes Prof. Dr. Meuser (Technical University of Berlin), Prof. Dr. Dr. Steinhart (Hamburg University) and Mr. Ehrbus-Doblet (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Fettforschung). All decisions of the committee are final.

### Meetings

#### Postgraduate Course in Applied Statistics

University of Bern  
*October 1996 to September 1997*

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics and Actuarial Sciences (IMSV) of the University of Bern, together with the coordination office of postgraduate studies, will offer a postgraduate course in applied statistics for the second time in the academic year 1996–97. This course is intended for graduates in the natural and social sciences, economics, engineering and medicine.

The course aims to help participants to master a variety of statistical methods. Training in the principles of probability will enable them to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of alternative statistical methods and to apply them appropriately in the analysis of experimental data.

The course consists of an introduction to statistical methods as well as individual modules that cover computer applications, regression, time series, analysis of variance, multivariate analysis, medical statistics, non-parametrical methods, sampling techniques and stochastic models.

The lectures will be given by specialists in applications, and students are expected to be well motivated. Exercises deal with applied problems and will be carried out in a computer laboratory of the university using SAS software. Seminar time will be scheduled for discussions and complementary contributions, and instructors will be available to help students with their assignments. An examination will follow completion of the modules. Participants will receive a certificate of their performance.

The course will take 200 hours and covers 36 days from October 1996 to September 1997. The course fee is SFr 3300. A detailed program and entry form can be obtained from the secretary's office of the

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## **Fourth International Dermatology Symposium Berlin**

### **Sebaceous Gland and Its Disorders**

Basic and Clinical Research, Clinical Entities and Treatment

Date: 13–15 September 1996

Venue: University Medical Center Benjamin Franklin

Secretary: Docent Dr. Ch. C. Zouboulis

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## **ICRO/UNESCO Training Courses 1996**

*Please apply directly to Course Organizers for information.*

### **1) Antioxidants: Physiology, Biochemistry and Biophysics**

Buenos Aires, Argentina

10–19 March

*Organizer:* Prof. A. Boveris, Fisicoquímica, Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica, Junin 956, 1113 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Fax: 54-1 9627928

### **2) Medical Genetics**

Genoa, Italy

24–31 March

*Organizer:* Prof. G. Romeo, Lab. of Molecular Genetics, Istituto G. Gaslini, Largo G. Gaslini 5, 16148 Genova, Italy.

Fax: 39 10 3779797

E-Mail: [genetica@igecuniv.cisi.unige.it](mailto:genetica@igecuniv.cisi.unige.it)

**3) Genetic Engineering**

Enugu, Nigeria

14–27 April

*Organizer:* Prof. N. Okafor, FADIB, P.O. Box 1457, Enugu, Nigeria.

Fax: 234 42 453202 or 250611

E-Mail: fadib@rcl.dircon.co.uk

**4) Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology**

Gödöllő, Hungary

7–19 July

*Organizer:* Prof. E. Balasz, Agricultural Biotechnology Centre, Szent-Györgyi, Albert Street 4, P.O. Box 411, H-2100 Gödöllő, Hungary.

Fax: 36-28 320096

**5) Plant Biotechnology**

Pretoria, South Africa

25 August–6 September

*Organizer:* Dr. J. A. Brink, Vegetable & Ornamental Plant Institute, Private Bag X293, Pretoria 0001, Rep. of South Africa.

Fax: 27 12 808 0844

E-Mail: biojab@vopi.agric.za

**6) Fixation Biologique de l'Azote**

Borj-Cedria, Tunisia

4–19 October

*Organizer:* Prof. R. Ghir, Inst. Nat de Recherche Scientifique et Technique, B.P. 95, 2050 Hammam-Lif, Tunisia.

Fax: 216-1 430 917

**7) Non-Coding DNA and DNA Computer Analysis**

San José & Guanacaste, Costa Rica

4–12 December

*Organizer:* Dr. G. Macaya, Universidad de Costa Rica, Ciudad Universitaria, Rodrigo Facio, San José, Costa Rica.

Fax: 506 224 6158 or 6749

**8) Molecular Techniques of Genome Mapping and Screening**

Santiago, Chile

January 1997

*Organizer:* Prof. J. E. Allende, Depto. de Bioquímica, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Chile, Casilla 70086, Santiago 7, Chile.

Fax: 56 2 737 6320

**9) Long-term Training Course on Selected Topics of Modern Biology**

Szeged, Hungary

October 95–August 96

*Organizer:* Prof. P. Venetianer, Biological Research Center, Hungarian Acad. of Sciences, Szeged, Hungary.

Fax: 62 432 576 or 433 188

*Proposals for 1997 Training Courses are welcome.*

Applications should include: detailed scientific programme including laboratory sessions, teaching staff & provisional budget and should be sent before May 31st, 1996 to:

Prof. Georges N. Cohen

Executive Secretary

International Cell Research Organization (ICRO)

UNESCO House, SC/BSC, 1, rue Miollis, 75105 Paris, France

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## European Research Conferences – Programme 1996

The Programme of European Research Conferences is run by the European Science Foundation, in association with several learned societies, and with funding from the Euroconferences Activity of the European Union, except those conferences marked by \*\*. Each Conference consists of a series of meetings, held typically every other year. There are neither written contributions nor proceedings. Unconventional ideas and new approaches, not yet fully explored, are encouraged.

### Life Sciences

#### **Biophysics of Photosynthesis: Solar Energy Conversion by Pigment Protein Complexes**

G. Renger, Berlin

place and dates open\*\*

#### **Neural Mechanisms of Learning and Memory: Modulation of the Trace**

W. H. Gispen, Utrecht

San Feliu de Guixols, Spain, 16–21 April 1996

#### **Developmental Biology: Pattern Formation in Animals**

H. Jäcke, Göttingen

Lenggries, Germany, 15–20 June 1996

#### **Gene Transcription in Yeast: Role of Chromatin and Transcription Factors**

C. P. Hollenberg, Düsseldorf

Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy, 21–26 June 1996

### **Bioseparation**

C. R. Lowe, Cambridge

Lunteren, The Netherlands, 14–19 September 1996

### **Biomedicine and Health**

#### **Disease Prevention: Scientific Controversies**

R. Saracci, Lyon

Castelvecchio Pascoli, Italy, 1–6 June 1996

#### **Therapeutic Immunomodulation: Therapeutic Induction of Tolerance**

H. Waldmann, Cambridge

Blankenberge, Belgium, 31 August–5 September 1996

#### **Immunology of Infections: Oral and Other Mucosal Vaccines**

J. Holmgren, Göteborg

Giens (near Toulon), France, 11–16 October 1996

**Molecular Pathogenesis of Infectious Diseases: Respiratory Tract Infections**

C. Svanborg, Lund

Obernai, France, 8–12 November 1996\*\*

The conferences are open to all researchers, whether from industry or academia. Attendance is limited to about 100. The emphasis will be on discussion about new developments. The Registration Fee covers full board and lodging. Grants will be available for younger scientists, in particular those from less favoured regions in Europe. Some conferences will also have limited funding for participants from Eastern and Central Europe.

*Deadline for applications: 3–4 months before a conference.*

For information & application forms, contact the Executive Director of the Programme:

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Tel. (33) 88 76 71 35

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on-line information & application on WWW server: <http://www.esf.org>

To provide more comprehensive information about research conferences run in Europe, this announcement also includes the EUCHEM Conferences, the Philippe Laudat Conferences organised by INSERM and the Jacques Monod Conferences run by the CNRS.

**Euchem Conferences**

EUCHEM Conferences are informal meetings intended to stimulate new topics of growth in chemistry. Attendance is limited to 100. There are usually no proceedings. Those who are interested in taking part in a conference should write directly to the appropriate Chairman or to the organiser, as indicated below:

**251 – Stereochemistry**

F. Diederich (Lab. Organic Chemistry, ETH Zentrum, 8092 Zurich, Switzerland)

Bürgenstock, Switzerland, 28 April–4 May 1996

**252 – Design of Protein Structure and Function**

B. Mannervik (Uppsala – Information: A. Sjögren, The Swedish National Committee for Chemistry, Walligatan 24 3Tr, 111 24 Stockholm, Sweden)

Stockholm, Sweden, 23–26 May 1996

**254 – Electron Crystallography**

S. Hövmöller (Stockholm – Information: A. Sjögren, see address above)

Stockholm, Sweden, 8–13 June 1996

**256 – Chemistry and Biology of Carbohydrate Therapeutics**

P. Garegg (Stockholm – Information: A. Sjögren, see address above)

Skepparholmen, Sweden, 23–28 June 1996

**Philippe Laudat Conferences**

These international conferences are organised by I.N.S.E.R.M. (Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale) under the responsibility of a European organising scientific committee. Proceedings are not published. The conferences are open to scientists from all over the world. Attendance being restricted to approximately 100 – speakers included – applicants are selected by the organising scientific committee. Participants will be charged a registration fee covering access to the scientific sessions and full board. All conferences will be held in Aix-les-Bains, France.

Applications must be sent back **prior to 1 May 1996**.

For additional information and application forms, please contact: Conférences Philippe Laudat, Bureau des Colloques et Conférences, I.N.S.E.R.M., 101 rue de Tolbiac, F-75654 Paris Cedex 13.

Phone: 33 (1) 44 23 60 89

Fax: 33 (1) 45 85 68 56

E-mail: [laudat@tolbiac.inserm.fr](mailto:laudat@tolbiac.inserm.fr)

**Trefoil/P-domain peptides: from basic research to molecular medicine**

N. A. Wright (London, United Kingdom), W. Hoffmann (Magdeburg, Germany), M.-C. Rio (Strasbourg, France), L. Thim (Bagsvaerd, Denmark)

29 September–3 October 1996

**V(D)J recombination and other models of DNA repair mutagenesis**

J.-P. de Villartay (Paris, France), S. Jackson (Cambridge, United Kingdom), A. Nicolas (Paris, France), F. Sablitzky (Köln, Germany), J.-C. Weill (Paris, France)

13–17 October 1996

**CFTR (Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator) protein: trafficking, expression and cellular functions**

E. Puchelle (Reims, France), J.-J. Cassiman (Leuven, Belgium), M. Goossens (Créteil, France), P. Roussel (Lille, France), B. Tümmler (Hannover, Germany)

3–7 November 1996

**Environmental impact on male reproductive function**

B. Jégou (Rennes, France), P. Jouannet (Paris, France), R. Sharpe (Edinburgh, United Kingdom), N. Skakkebaek (Copenhagen, Denmark), A. Spira (Le Kremlin-Bicêtre, France)

10–14 November 1996

**Jacques Monod Conferences**

These conferences, organised under the umbrella of C.N.R.S., are devoted to recent advances in the various fields of basic Biology and its applications in the areas of Biotechnology, Health, Agronomy and related industries. No proceedings are published. Attendance is limited to approximately 70 scientists, including speakers. Interested scientists may apply by sending to the Chairperson their curriculum vitae, a one page summary of their research interests and a list of their most relevant publications. Selected participants must present their work during the Conference; they are charged for registration, accommodation and meals. Speakers and selected applications undertake to be present for the whole duration of the meeting.

**Mechanisms of Exocytosis**

B. Goud (Institut Curie, CNRS UMR 144, 26 rue d'Ulm, 75231 Paris Cedex 05, France)

La Londe-les-Maures, France, 5–9 May

Deadline for application: 15 February 1996

**Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms in Protein Processing**

D. Bataille (INSERM U. 376, Bâtiment INSERM, CHU Arnaud-de-Villeneuve, 371 rue du Doyen Gaston Giraud, 34295 Montpellier Cedex 05, France)

La Londe-les-Maures, France, 20–24 May

Deadline for application: 1 March 1996

**Synaptic Plasticity and Cellular Mechanisms of Memory**

T. Bliss (M.R.C., National Institute for Medical Research, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7 1AA, United Kingdom)

Aussois, France, 3–7 June

Deadline for application: 10 March 1996

**Molecular Basis of Vertebrate Nervous System Development**

P. Gruss (Max-Planck-Institute of Biophysical Chemistry, Department of Molecular Cell Biology, P.O. Box 2841, 37018 Göttingen, Germany)

La Londe-les-Maures, France, 10–14 June

Deadline for application: 15 March 1996

**Molecular and Cellular Biology of Ras-Like and Heterotrimeric G Proteins**

M. Lafontan (Institut Louis Bugnard, INSERM U. 317, CHU Rangueil, Bâtiment L3, F-31054 Toulouse Cedex, France)

Aussois, France, 24–28 June

Deadline for application: 25 March 1996

**Protein Phosphorylation: A Universal Cellular Language Spoken with Many Accents**

J. A. Girault (INSERM U. 114, Chaire de Neuropharmacologie, Collège de France, 11 place Marcelin-Berthelot, F-75231 Paris Cedex 05, France)

Aussois, France, 8–12 September

Deadline for application: 20 April 1996

**Genetic Basis of Host-Parasite Relationship and of the Immune Responses**

L. Pereira de Silva (Institut Pasteur, Unité de Parasitologie Expérimentale, CNRS URA 361, 25 rue du Docteur Roux, F-75724 Paris Cedex 15, France)

Aussois, France, 23–27 September

Deadline for application: 1 May 1996

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