

Announcements

Prize

Maison de la Chimie Foundation Prize

Purpose and value

The prize is intended to reward original work in chemistry of benefit to mankind, society or nature.

The 1998 prize, awarded to one or several persons, irrespective of nationality, has a value of 150,000 FF.

Entries

All entries must be presented through a learned society or through a national or international scientific organization. Entry forms, accompanied by a report in English or French and by the most significant publications related to the work presented by the candidate, must be returned before 1 May 1997 to the Secrétariat, Prix de la Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie, 28, rue Saint-Dominique, 75341 Paris Cedex 07, France. Tel.: +33 40 62 27 00 – Telecopy: +33 45 55 98 62.

Jury

Entries are judged by an international jury composed of a chairman and eight members recognized for their work in the different fields of chemistry. The 1998 jury includes the two former laureates. Three members of the jury must be of a nationality other than French. The jury is assisted by a scientific secretary.

The chairman of the jury is the incumbent chairman of the Foundation, the other members being appointed by the board of the Foundation.

Examination of entries

All entries are communicated for examination to the members of the jury who, after due deliberation, choose the laureate by a majority vote.

Prize giving

The laureate will be invited to present a lecture on his work at the prize-giving ceremony on 20 January 1998.

Meetings

European Research Conferences – Programme 1997

The Programme of European Research Conferences (EURESCO) 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

The Molecular Basis of Biological Membrane Protein Structure and Function

B. de Kruijff (Utrecht)

Albufeira, Portugal, 19–24 April

Tetrapyrrole Photoreceptors in Photosynthetic Organisms:

R. J. Cogdell (Glasgow)

Blarney, Ireland 25–30 April

Photoreceptors in Photosynthetic Bacteria

Biology of Molecular Chaperones: Molecular Chaperones in Biology and Medicine

R. Zimmermann (Homburg)

Obernai (near Strasbourg), France, 22–27 May

Control of Metabolic Flux: Approaches for Understanding the Control of Flux in Yeasts and Fungi

J.-M. Gancedo (Madrid)

Giens (near Toulon), France, 14–18 June**

NMR in Molecular Biology: From Theory to Experiment: Opportunities for the Future

C. M. Dobson and C. Redfield (Oxford)

Oxford, United Kingdom, 23–28 August

Plant Cell Biology and Biotechnological Applications: Plants as Producers and Raw Materials for Industry

K. M. Oksman-Caldentey (Helsinki)

Helsinki, Finland, 29 August–3 September

Three-Dimensional Sensory and Motor Space: Polysensory Interaction in the Generation of Eye Movements

V. Henn (Zurich)

Giens (near Toulon), France, 5–10 September

Molecular Biology of RNA: Translation, Stability and Localization of mRNA

L. Kühn (Epalinges s/Lausanne)

Giens (near Toulon), France, 13–18 September

Membrane Dynamics in Endocytosis: Molecular Mechanisms

J. Gruenberg (Geneva)

San Feliu de Guixois, Spain, 13–18 September

Protein Targeting: Protein Translocation across Cellular Membranes

W. Neupert (Munich)

Albufeira, Portugal, 22–27 October

Molecular Biology of Cellular Interactions: Cell Adhesion Molecules and Receptor Cross-Talk

N. Kieffer (Luxembourg)

Granada, Spain, 31 October–5 November

Biomedicine and Health**Functional Status Evaluation: New Methods for Measuring Functional Status in Older People**

A. Hutchinson (Hull)

San Feliu de Guixols, Spain, 5–10 April

Disease Prevention: Scientific Controversies

R. Saracci (Pisa)

Castelvecchio Pascoli, Italy, 24–29 May

Hormones, Blood Cells and Immunity: Prolactin, Growth Hormone and Insulin-like Growth Factor-I in the Immune System

R. Koopman (Brussels)

Obernai (near Strasbourg), France, 3–8 October

Mechanisms in Toxicity: Recent Molecular Advances

S. Orrenius (Stockholm)

Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy, 9–14 October

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 favoured regions in Europe. Some conferences may have limited funding for participants from Eastern and Central Europe.

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

For information and application forms, contact the Head of the EURESCO Unit:

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Philippe Laudat Conferences

These international conferences are organized by I.N.S.E.R.M. (Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale) under the responsibility of a European scientific organizing committee. Proceedings are not published. The conferences are open to scientists worldwide. Attendance being restricted to 100 – speakers included – applicants are selected by the organizing 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 deadline: 28 April 1997.*

Biology and physiopathology of angiogenesis

A. Bikfalvi (Bordeaux), R. Bicknell (Oxford), J.-J. Feige (Grenoble),

J. Plouet (Toulouse), M. Ziche (Firenze)

21–25 September

Neuroactive neurosteroids

E.-E. Baulieu (Le Kremlin-Bicêtre), L. M. Garcia Segura (Madrid), M. Haug (Strasbourg),

F. Hoelsboer (Munich), M. Schumacher (Le Kremlin-Bicêtre)

19–23 October

Activation-induced cell death and peripheral T-cell tolerance: prospects for therapeutic intervention

J.-P. Revillard (Lyons), M. Goldman (Brussels),

D. Kabelitz (Langen), H. Waldmann (Oxford)

2–6 November

Molecular mechanisms of infection and pathology in prion diseases

J.-P. Liautard (Montpellier), J.-Y. Cesbron (Lille), D. Dormont (Fontenay-aux-Roses),

J. Hope (Edinburgh), C. Weissmann (Zurich)

16–20 November

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, 75654 Paris Cedex 13, France.

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Jacques Monod Conferences

These conferences, organized under the umbrella of C.N.R.S. (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) 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 (there is no special application form). Selected participants must present their work during the Conference; they are charged for registration, and meals. Speakers and selected applicants undertake to be present for the whole duration of the meeting.

Post-Transcriptional Regulation: Molecular and functional aspects

D. Morello (Biologie du Développement, CNRS UMR 5547, Univ. Paul Sabatier, 118 route de Narbonne, 31062 Toulouse Cedex, France; morello@cict.fr)

Aussois, 24–28 March

Deadline for application: 15 January

Chemical Communication in Vertebrates and Invertebrates: Evolution, function and perception of communication substances and evoked responses

D. Morgan (Keele Univ., Dept. of Chemistry, Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG, UK; cha25@keele.ac.uk)

La Londe Les Maures, 14–18 April

Deadline for application: 5 February

Structure-Function Relationships in Glycobiology

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La Londe Les Maures, 12–16 May

Deadline for application: 1 March

Cell Lipids: Topology, transport and signaling functions

G. Van Meer (Utrecht University, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Cell Biology, AZU, H02.314, 3584 CX Utrecht, The Netherlands; g.vanmeer@pobox.ruu.nl)

Aussois, 26–30 May

Deadline for application: 1 March

Regulation of DNA Replication in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes: Molecular aspects

A. Falaschi (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Padriciano 99, 34012 Trieste, Italy; falaschi@icgeb.trieste.it)

Aussois, 16–20 June

Deadline for application: 10 March

Actin, Cell Motility and Signalling

J. V. Small (Academy of Austrian Sciences, Institute of Molecular Biology, Billrothstr. 11, 5020 Salzburg, Austria; jvsmall@edvz.sbg.ac.at)

Aussois, 23–27 June

Deadline for application: 20 March

Gene Expression: Basic mechanisms and its control during development and in cancer

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Aussois, 29 September–3 October

Deadline for application: 20 April

The Cell Cycle

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Roskoff, 26–30 October

Deadline for application: 10 May

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