

Announcements

European Research Conferences

Programme 1999 (selected events)

The Programme of European Research Conferences (EURESCO) is run by the *European Science Foundation*, largely with funding from the *Euroconferences Activity* of the European Union. The Programme is open to all researchers, both from industry and academia, and covers all fields, from natural and technical sciences to social sciences and humanities. Grants are available to encourage the attendance of young researchers, in particular those from less favoured regions in Europe. Please note that the deadline for applications is generally about 3 months before a conference.

Life Sciences

Biology of Molecular Chaperones: The Role of Molecular Chaperones in Protein Biogenesis, Transport and Misfolding. *H. R. Saibil (London) – Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy, 22–27 May*

Molecular Bioenergetics of Cyanobacteria: Mechanisms of Energy Conversion and Electron Transfer. *G. A. Peschek (Vienna) – Gmunden, Austria, 5–10 June**

NMR in Molecular Biology: Structure, Binding and Molecular Recognition. *M. Rico (Madrid) – Granada, Spain, 10–15 July**

Tetrapyrrole Photoreceptors in Photosynthetic Organisms: Tetrapyrrole Photoreceptors in Plants and Algae. *R. Bassi (Verona) – Castelvechio Pascoli, Italy, 3–8 September*

Membrane Dynamics in Endocytosis: Structure-Function Relationship. *B. van Deurs (Copenhagen) – Aghia Pelaghia, Crete, Greece, 10–15 September**

Molecular Biology of RNA: Processing of Eukaryotic pre-mRNA and Nucleo-Cytoplasmic Transport. *E. Wahle (Giessen) – Castelvechio Pascoli, Italy, 11–16 September**

Plant Cell Biology and Biotechnological Applications: Signal Recognition, Transduction Mechanisms and Gene Regulation. *W. Barz (Münster) – near Kerkrade, The Netherlands, 17–22 September*

Protein Targeting: Mechanisms and Components of Protein Sorting to Subcellular Compartments. *G. von Heijne (Stockholm) – Obernai (near Strasbourg), France, 1–6 October*

Molecular Biology of Cellular Interactions: Adhesion Networks and Cytoskeletal Organization. *A. Sonnenberg (Amsterdam), J.-L. Duband (Paris) and G. Tarone (Torino) – Castelvechio Pascoli, Italy, 23–28 October*

Biomedicine and Health

Cytokines, Hormones and Immunity: Hormones and Cytokines: Signalling Molecules in the Immune Neuroendocrine Cross-talk. *L. Matera (Torino) – Castelvechio Pascoli, Italy 25–30 September**

The conferences are open to researchers worldwide, whether from industry or academia. Participation will be limited to 100. The registration fee covers full board and lodging. Grants are available for younger scientists, in particular those from less favoured regions in Europe. Conferences marked by * also have grants available for scientists from Central and Eastern Europe.

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Jacques Monod Conferences

These conferences, organised under the umbrella of CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique), are devoted to recent advances in the various fields of basic biology and its application in the areas of biotechnology, health, agronomy and related industries. No proceedings are published. Attendance is limited to approximately 100 scientists, including speakers. Applications (curriculum vitae, summary of the research programme, list of the main publications and abstract of the presentation) must be sent to the Chairman. Selected applicants must present their work at the meeting and undertake to be present for the whole duration of the conference. Cost for participation (including board and lodging): approximately FF 4100 for the Aussois meetings, FF 4300 for the Roscoff meetings.

Protein Phosphorylation: Functional Analysis of Signal Transduction Pathways in Metazoans. *G. Thomas* (Friedrich Miescher Institute, P.O. Box 2543, 4002 Basel, Switzerland, e-mail: george.thomas@fmi.ch), *Aussois*, 5–9 September. *Deadline for application: 15 May*

Gene Transcription: From Basic Mechanisms to Developmental Control. *P. Charnay* (Ecole Normale Supérieure, INSERM U. 368, 48 rue d'Ulm, 75230 Paris Cedex 05, France, e-mail: charnay@wotan.ens.fr), *Roscoff*, 3–6 October. *Deadline for application: 1 June*

Meiosis and Germ Line Differentiation. *A. Nicolas* (Institut Curie, Section de Recherche, CNRS UMR 144, 26 rue d'Ulm, 75231 Paris Cedex 05, France, e-mail: anicolas@curie.fr), *Roscoff*, 17–21 October. *Deadline for application: 1 June*

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NEW DATE AND PLACE

International Symposium on Moderate Alcohol Consumption and Cardiovascular Disease, Venice (Italy), 30–31 October 1999

Scientific Committees

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Purpose of the symposium

Recent scientific data indicate the existence of a possible link between moderate alcohol drinking and the prevention of cardiovascular disease. There is, however, controversy concerning the balance between the positive and negative effects of

alcohol consumption, hence the need of an in-depth analysis of available data to provide a balanced evaluation of this complex topic for the medical community. The aim of the symposium will be to discuss the most recent advances on the health effects of moderate alcohol consumption, with specific attention paid to the prevention of atherosclerotic disease.

Scientific program

The scientific program will include invited lectures, symposia, oral communications and poster sessions for submitted papers.

Preliminary list of topics to be discussed during the symposium:

- Alcohol consumption and cardiovascular diseases: the data from epidemiology
- Effects of alcohol on cardiovascular risk factors
- Animal models in alcohol studies
- Antiatherogenic effects of alcohol: basic and biochemical issues
- Specific populations: aged, pre- and post-menopausal women, young
- National differences in alcohol consumption

The advanced program (with registration and abstract forms) has been mailed in January 1999.

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