

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special issue of *Peptides* (vol 5, no. 2, 1984), is devoted to recent progress in research on the vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (VIP) and related peptides. Many of the papers are based on presentations at the first international symposium on this peptide, held in Brussels, September 13-16, 1983. Topics deal with chemistry, biochemistry, morphology, endocrinology, neuroendocrinology, physiology, pathophysiology and clinical applications, and related to the nervous, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, respiratory and reproductive systems.

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Studies in Canine Olfaction, Taste and Feeding

A special issue of *Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews* (Vol. 8, No. 2, 1984) presents results of studies by Lloyd M. Beidler, Michael E. Rashotte, James C. Smith (Florida State University) and Robert W. Griffin (General Foods Corporation, Tarrytown, NY).

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Developmental Effects of Drug Dependence

This special issue of *Neurobehavioral Toxicology & Teratology* (Vol. 6, No. 4, 1984), includes papers presented at a satellite session of the Meetings of the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence, held on 15 June 1983.

Several overviews discuss aspects of drug dependence, such as perinatal alcohol exposure and methadone and non narcotic effects on infant development. Research papers present results of studies of various substances in both pre- and perinatal exposure.

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