

## Announcements

### Friedrich Miescher-Award 1996

To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the discovery of nucleic acids the Swiss Society for Biochemistry has created the Friedrich Miescher-Award. The prize is intended to honour young biochemists and is donated by the Friedrich Miescher-Institute of Ciba Geigy Inc. in Basel.

The following guidelines apply for nominations:

1. The Friedrich Miescher-Award may be awarded once every year to a young scientist for outstanding achievements in biochemistry.
2. Candidates are eligible who have not yet reached the age of 40 years on January 1st, 1996.
3. Preference will be given to candidates with a documented record of independent research.
4. The scientific work must have been carried out in Switzerland or by Swiss scientists abroad.

Applications or nominations, including a letter stating the relevance of the candidate's scientific work, his CV, list of publications and copies of the four most relevant publications should be submitted by November 1st, 1995 to the secretary of the Swiss Society for Biochemistry:

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## Meetings

### XII Ecdysone Workshop

*July, 22–26, 1996 Barcelona, Spain*

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### The 1996 International Symposium on "Subsurface Microbiology (ISSM '96)

15–21 September 1996, Davos, Switzerland

Scope and Topics of the Symposium:

Much of the current interest in subsurface microbiology is focused on the ecology of microorganisms in the subsurface or their responses to the effects on environmental factors, often toxic substances that contaminate ecologically important subsurface environments such as groundwater zones. Main topics to be addressed at the symposium will be:

- Methodology – recent innovations and current limitations
- Subsurface microbial ecology
- Subsurface microbial geochemistry
- Strategies for bioremediation
- Origin and evolution of subsurface microorganisms

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