

receiving a further annual increase of £500. The total annual cost to the Council will be some £500,000.

#### *Cooperative Studentships*

The Council has introduced a new scheme of cooperative studentships where one sponsor will be an MRC establishment or a higher education institution and the second sponsor an organisation outside those categories but with biomedical research interests. The new scheme will be formally launched in 1990 when it is hoped that at least 30 awards will be available at an annual cost of £200,000.

#### *Account for the year ended 31 March 1989*

The Council's Grant-in-aid for the financial year 1988/89 totalled £149.7 million. Contributions from other Gov-

ernment departments and other bodies brought the total up to £164.2 million. The total expenditure was £163.4 million, of which £65.4 million went to salaries, recurrent expenses, capital equipment and new building for research units and external scientific staff. The National Institute for Medical Research received £15.8 million and the Clinical Research Centre £12.9 million. £7.5 million were allocated to training awards and fellowships.

The full Annual Report can be obtained from the  
Medical Research Council Headquarters Office  
20 Park Crescent  
London W1N 4AL, England

## Announcements

### France

#### **XVth Conference on Hormones & Cell Regulation**

*Mont St. Odile, Alsace, France, 24–27 September 1990*

Main topics: growth factors, transcriptional effects of steroid hormones, novel actions of calcium.

Further information from: Mrs. M. C. Barker, Hormones & Cell Regulation Conference, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, P.O. Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A PX, U.K.

### Austria

#### **2nd International Interdisciplinary Symposium 'Peritoneum and Peritoneal Access'**

*Vienna, 13–16 November 1990*

Please address enquiries to: Vienna Academy of Postgraduate, Medical Education and Research, Alser Straße 4, A-1090 Vienna/Austria, Tel.: (1) 43 13 84, 42 71 65, Fax: (1) 42 13 83 23.

### USA

#### **International Symposium on Multiple Risk Factors in Cardiovascular Disease**

*Washington, 10–12 December 1990*

This Symposium will provide information on the state-of-the-art and on the most recent therapeutic advances to research investigators, cardiologists, internists and geriatricians who are often confronted with selecting either a single risk factor for treatment, or treating several risk factors simultaneously but less aggressively.

The evaluation of risk factors is a critical problem in the treatment of chronic diseases, and especially cardiovascular disorders. In depth knowledge of the physiopathology, pharmacology (including pharmacokinetics) and

therapeutic effectiveness of treatment is necessary. Bioethical considerations may also be required in the decision-making process.

For further information please contact the Organizing Secretariat: c/o Dr. Marjorie G. Horning, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, Houston, Texas 77030 (USA), Phone: (713) 797.0401, Fax (713) 796.88 53.

#### **ICRO International Cell Research Organization Training Courses**

##### **International Laboratory Training Course on Molecular and Cellular Aspects of Immunology**

*Rehovot, Israel, 2–13 December 1990*

Information by: Prof. Zelig Eshhar, Department of Chemical Immunology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot 76100, Israel. Fax 972-8-46 69 66, Electronic mail LIESHHAR @ WEIZMANN

##### **International Training Course on Virus Immunology**

*Instituto Butantan, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1–31 October 1990*

Information by: Dr. Carlos Augusto Pereira, Instituto Butantan, Laboratorio de Immunologia Viral, Av. Vital Brasil 1500, CP 65, 05504 São Paulo, Brazil.

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##### **ICRO Advanced Course on Biological Membranes and Liposomes**

*Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry, 20 August – 1 September 1990*

Information by: Professor Qi-shui Lin, Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry, 320 Yue Yang Road, Shanghai 200031, China. Fax: 86-21-4 33 83 57; Telex: 33 626 SIBAS CN