

Announcements

The Editor realizes that on occasion a number of the reports published in *Calcified Tissue International* may appear controversial to some readers. We wish to remind the readers that a *Letters to the Editor* section is available for appropriate comments. The Editor will then submit comments regarding a published observation to its authors; both the original letter and the authors' response will be published simultaneously.

The Institut National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale (National Institute of Health and Medical Research) will award the André Lichtwitz prize in 1985 to individual investigators or research groups, either French or foreign, who have distinguished themselves by their research in the fields of calcium and phosphorus metabolism related to the physiology and pathology of calcified tissues, or the pathological conditions having a bearing on bony tissues. Candidates should send their applications before Sept. 15, 1985 to The General Director, Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Medicale, 101, rue de Tolbiac, 75654 Paris cedex 13, Attn: Mlle Chirol.

The Volvo Awards for Low Back Pain Research—1986. To encourage research in low back pain, the Volvo Company of Goteborg, Sweden, will sponsor three prizes of US \$6,000 each for papers of scientific merit in the following three areas: clinical studies, bioengineering studies, and studies in other basic science areas. Papers should be submitted no later than January 2, 1986. *For further information please contact:* Professor Alf L. Nachemson, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery I, Sahlgren Hospital, S-413 45 Goteborg, Sweden.

The XIXth European Symposium on Calcified Tissues will be held June 15–19, 1986, outside Stockholm, Sweden. *For further information please contact:* Ulf Selin, Pl 355, S-212 90 Malmö, Sweden, Tel. Int + 46-40 44 78 00. Telex 33514 infpro s.

The XVth Symposium of the European Society of Osteoarthrology on Articular Cartilage and Other Joint Structures in Relation to Loading and Movement will be held June 25–27, 1986, in Kuopio, Finland. *For further information please contact:* Heikki J. Helminen, ScD(Med), Managing Chairman, University of Kuopio, Department of Anatomy, P.O. Box 6, SF-70211 Kuopio, Finland. Telephone: (358) (71)162473.

Ceramics in Clinical Applications. A Satellite Symposium of the World Congress on High-Tech Ceramics, to be held in Milan, Italy, June 24–27, 1986. The deadline for submission of abstracts (in English) is October 31, 1985. All correspondence should be addressed to Dr. P. Vincenzini, Chairman WCHTC, P.O. Box 174, 48018, Faenza, Italy.

World Dental Conference—Jerusalem 1986, Jerusalem, Israel, July 6–11, 1986. *For information:* Prof. Adi A. Garfunkel, Chairman, P.O. Box 983, Jerusalem 91009, Israel.

The Fifth Southern Biomedical Engineering Conference, Louisiana State University Medical Center, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 20–21, 1986. *Forward all abstracts and requests for information to:* Dr. S. Saha, Conference Chairman, Fifth Southern Biomedical Engineering Conference, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Louisiana State University Medical Center, P.O. Box 33932, Shreveport, Louisiana 71130, USA. (318) 674-6187.

The IXth International Conference on Calcium Regulating Hormones and Bone Metabolism (formerly The Parathyroid Conference) will be held in Nice, France, October 25–31, 1986. Lecture and poster sessions will be scheduled on calcitropic glands: biochemistry and secretion; role and regulation of intracellular calcium; calcium regulation and growth; etc. The majority of the oral presentations will be selected from the submitted abstracts. *For details on registration and cost, please write to:* David V. Cohn, PhD, President, International Conferences on Calcium Regulating Hormones, Health Sciences Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292.