Announcements

European Research Conferences

Provisional 1998 Programme

The Programme of European Research Conferences is run by the European Science Foundation, mostly with funding from the Euroconferences Activity of the European Union. Each conference consists of a series of meetings, held typically every other year. There are neither written contributions nor proceedings. Unconventional ideas and new approaches, not yet fully explored, are encouraged. This is a provisional, selected announcement of the 1998 Programme of Conferences.

Life Sciences

Biophysics of Cytoskeleton: E. Sackmann (Garching) - Obernai (near Strasbourg), France, 22-27 April

Neural Mechanisms of Learning and Memory: Dynamics of the Trace: S. J. Sara (Paris) – Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy, 9–14 May**

Developmental Biology: The Genetic Control of Morphogenesis: R. Beddington (London) – Lenggries, Germany, 6–11 June

Gene Transcription in Yeast: Role of Chromatin and Transcription Factors: A. Sentenac (Gif-sur-Yvette) – Granada, Spain, 11–16 September

Exocytosis: Membrane Dynamics in Exocytosis: Molecular Mechanisms: T. Kreis (Genève) – Giens (near Toulon), France, 26 September–1 October

Biomedicine and Health

Brain Development and Cognition in Human Infants: Development and Functional Specialization of the Cortex: M.-S. De Schonen (Marseille) – San Feliu de Guixols, Spain, 23–28 September

B Cells in Health and Disease: B Cells and Autoimmunity: F. K. Stevenson (Southampton) – Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy, 9–14 October

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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Unesco/ICRO Training Courses 1998

Human Molecular Genetics, Sfax, Tunisia, 11-20 April

Organizer: Prof. Hammadi Ayadi, Faculté de Médecine de Sfax, 3028 Sfax, Tunisia, Fax +216 4 246 946 Frontiers in Reproduction: Molecular and Cellular Concepts and Applications, Woods Hole, USA, 28 May-4 July Organizer: Dr. John Burris, Director, Marine Biological Laboratory, 7 MBL Street, Woods Hole, MA 02534-1015, USA, Fax +1 508 457 1924, e-mail: jburris@mbl.edu

Molecular Approach toward Vaccine Development against Viral Infections, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 17–30 June Organizer: Dr. Joedoro Soedarsono, Gadjah Mada University, Interuniversity Center for Biotechnology, Jl. Ternika Utara, Barek, Yogyakarta, Indonesia 56281, Fax +62 274 63974

Molecular Biology of Cancer Cells, Nagoya, Japan, 6-17 July

Organizer: Dr. Shonen Yoshida, Research Institute for Disease, Mechanism and Control, Nagoya University School of Medicine, 65 Tsurumai-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya 466, Japan, Fax +81 52 744 2457, e-mail: syoshida@tsuru.med.nagoya-u.ac.jp

Embryogenesis: Fundamental Aspects and Cryobiological Principles Relating to Assisted Reproduction, Medunsa, South Africa, 27 July-12 August

Organizer: Dr. Johan Brinders, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology, Medical University of Southern Africa, P.O. Box 230, Medunsa, South Africa, Fax +27 12 521 4270, e-mail: brinders@mcd4330.medunsa.ac.za

Biochemistry of Membrane Transport and Signal Transduction, Debrecen, Hungary, 16–29 August Organizer: Prof. Sandor Damjanovich, Dept. of Biophysics & Cell Biology, University Medical School of Debrecen, Nagyerdei krt. 98, H-4012 Debrecen, Hungary, Fax +36 52 412 623, e-mail: dami@jaguar.dote.hu

Molecular and Biotechnological Aspects of Sexual Reproduction in Higher Plants, Martonvasar, Hungary, 23 August-5 September

Organizer: Prof. Beata Barnabas, Agricultural Research Institute, P.O. Box 19, H-2462 Martonvasar, Hungary, Fax +36 22 460 213

Membrane Receptors and Transmembrane Signal Transduction, Shanghai, China, 31 August–12 September Organizer: Prof. Q. S. Lin, Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry, Academia Sinica, 320 Yue-Yang Road, Shanghai 200031, China, Fax +86 21 6433 5474 or 8357, e-mail: qslin@sunm.shcnc.ac.cn

Imaging and Microinjection of Aquatic Oocytes, Mombasa, Kenya, 5–18 September Organizer: Prof. Eliud N. Waindi, Dept. of Zoology, Maseno University College, Private Bag, Maseno, Kenya, Fax +254 (0) 35 51221, e-mail: masenofs@arcc.or.ke

Biomembranes and Molecular Medicine, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 14-26 September Organizer: Prof. Gheorghe Benga, "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Dept. of Cell and Molecular Biology, 6 Pasteur St., 3400 Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Fax +40 64 194373 or 197257

Current Trends in Microbial Technology for a Sustainable Environment, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October Organizer: Dr. Sabaratnam Vikineswary, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research (IPSP), University Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Fax +60 3 756 8940

Long-Term Training Course on Selected Topics of Modern Biology, Szeged, Hungary, September 97-August 98 Organizer: Prof. Denés Dudits, Biological Research Centre, Institute of Genetics, P.O. Box 521, H-6701 Szeged, Hungary, Fax +36 62 433 434, e-mail: dudits@everx.szbk.u-szeged.hu

Please apply directly to course organizers for information.

Proposals for 1999 training courses are welcome. Applications should include: detailed scientific programme including laboratory sessions, teaching staff and provisional budget and should be sent before 30 April 1998 to:

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