

## Introduction to Sponsors

### *The International Society for Antiviral Research (ISAR).*

The society was organized in 1987 as a non-profit scientific organization for the purpose of advancing and disseminating knowledge in all areas of antiviral research. To achieve this objective the society will organize a meeting every other year and is currently exploring the feasibility of entering into an agreement with a journal to be the official publication of the society.

Although the society is still in its first year of existence, we have over 500 members representing 30 countries. For membership application forms or further information please contact *Earl R. Kern, Ph. D., Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, Utah 84132*. The ISAR will also have a desk at the registration area in the Hilton Conference Center.

### *TNO, The Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research.*

TNO is a fully independent non-profit R & D organization with a staff of about 5,200 and an annual research volume of approximately Dfl. 606 million. R & D is performed in 30 branch or discipline oriented institutes for both government and private parties and in particular for trade and industry. The main field of R & D activities are: the environment, health, building and infrastructure, industrial technology, food and nutrition, energy and national defense. These last few years special attention has been devoted to virology, biotechnology and micro-electronics.

### *The Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health.*

The John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences (FIC), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), promotes international cooperation in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. This is accomplished primarily through long and short-term fellowships and scientist exchanges. This compendium of international opportunities is prepared by the FIC with the hope that it will stimulate scientists to seek research-enhancing experiences abroad. The postdoctoral fellowship programs are supported by the FIC or by foreign governments/organizations; the bilateral exchange programs are supported by the FIC and cooperating foreign governments. At a minimum, all provide stipend or per diem and international travel. Except when otherwise noted, applications are reviewed for scientific merit by the Division of Research Grants, and funding decisions are made by the organization that provides financial support.

*The National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.*

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases conducts and supports research to study the causes of allergic, immunologic, and infectious diseases and to develop better means of preventing, diagnosing, and treating illnesses. Basic and clinical research is carried out in intramural laboratories, and an extensive extramural grants and contracts program supports investigators in universities, hospitals, and commercial laboratories throughout the country. To combat the serious health problems of AIDS and other viral infections, all phases of antiviral research, development and evaluation are a high priority of the Institute.