

Nitric Oxide Symposium, National University of Singapore

The *Nitric Oxide Symposium* was organised by the Nitric Oxide Study Group, an interest group in the Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore, that has been formed to explore various aspects of nitric oxide, the free radical gas that has sublimed from the slimy status of a pollutant to the Nobel stage to share the much coveted prize with three humans (Furchgott, Ignarro and

Murad). It took place at the Clinical Research Centre, from 5-9 April 1999. The Symposium examined the chemistry, anatomical distribution, functions and pharmacology of the gas. It also studied its role in diseases, neuronal degeneration and protection and the molecular regulation of its synthesising enzymes, the nitric oxide synthases. In addition to local scientists, Drs. C.C. Chiueh



Photograph taken during a discussion session. Front row (left to right): S.K. Leong, M. Mori, B. Kalyanaraman, D.S. Bredt. Back row (left to right): Y.K. Ng, C.C. Chiueh, S.S.W. Tay, R.S. Ruan, W.Y. Ong, J.F. Yeo, H.P. Liu, C. Kaur.

(NIH, Bethesda), B. Kalyanaraman (Medical College of Wisconsin) and D. Bredt (University of California at San Francisco) were invited to give plenary lectures. There was also time for in-depth interaction between the overseas and local participants to explore areas of collaboration. All the presentations were compiled and published in a proceedings booklet. The articles in the follow-

ing section of the journal are a selection of the material presented at the meeting, and have all been peer-reviewed.

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