

Introduction

The second edition of the International Meeting on Oxidative Stress: Biochemistry and Pathophysiology, was held in Valencia from November 29 to December 2 2000 as the Winter Meeting of the Society for Free Radical Research-Europe. This sponsorship of the Society helped us consolidate the scientific level of the first meeting held in Barcelona 1997. We thank the SFRR-Europe officers, as well as all SFRR members, especially our Spanish colleagues, that attended it, for their excellent contributions to reach and overtake the scientific standards that were established in Barcelona. This meeting had also some features that were in line with the general recommendations of the Society for the general annual meetings, e.g. one scientific session was devoted to neurogenesis and neurodegeneration. Although it is accepted that neurodegeneration may involve free radical generation and oxidative stress, the field of neurogenesis is not yet closely related to the field of oxidative stress, but represents a hot spot of neuroscience research all over the world. Our aim was to bring this and other research areas to the interest of SFRR associates. The Organizing Committee included Drs Lester Packer (California, USA) and Giuseppe Poli (Torino, Italy) that provided their extensive expertise and experience, that have stimulated us to try in the near future the third edition of this "Oxidative Stress: Biochemistry and Pathophysiology". We finally want to thank the International SFRR and its officers, as well as the officers of SFRR-Europe for their help and encouragement, and the local institutions: the University of Valencia, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Conselleria de Educació i Ciència of the Generalitat Valenciana, for their support.

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Note from the Editors

The manuscripts published here are a selection of those presented at the meeting, and have undergone full peer review

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