

Announcements

Structure and Function of Glycoconjugates, Villeneuve d'Ascq, France, 6–19 September, 1992

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Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology – Glycobiology II, Park City, UT, USA, 21–27 March, 1992

Topics

Emerging analytical technologies; Lectins and glycosyltransferases; Pharmaceutical interests in glycobiology; Glycosylation and human disease; Biology of glycosaminoglycans; Glycoconjugates in cellular recognition and adhesion; Glycoconjugates and cellular metabolism.

Information: Keystone Symposia, Drawer 1630, Silverthorne, CO 80498, USA.

XVIth International Carbohydrate Symposium, Paris, France, 5–10 July, 1992

The scientific programme will cover all aspects of the chemistry and biochemistry of carbohydrates. This will include plenary and invited session lectures, and poster sessions. A two-day pre-symposium dealing with the industrial perspectives of carbohydrate chemistry will take place in Lyon (France).

The following headings will be used to group symposium contributions:

Structure: primary structure, conformational analysis, spectrochemical methods and analysis applied to carbohydrates and glycoconjugates.

Synthesis: new methods and synthesis of bio-molecules such as carbohydrates, antibiotics, nucleosides, nucleotides, glycoconjugates, and the use of carbohydrates as chiral synthons.

Biochemistry: various biological and medical aspects of carbohydrates and glycoconjugates.

Applied and industrial aspects: various uses of carbohydrates in industry.

Enquiries should be addressed to: Professor Jean-Claude Depezy, General Secretary, XVIth International Carbohydrate Symposium, Laboratoire de Chimie URA 400, Université René Descartes, 45, rue des Saints-Pères, 75270 Paris, Cedex 06, France

Jacques Monod Conferences of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique

The Life Sciences Department of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in France organizes the 1992 series of the Conferences Jacques Monod, devoted to recent advances in the various fields of basic biology and its applications in the areas of biotechnology, health, agronomy and related industries.

The Jacques Monod Conferences will be held in France, either in Roscoff, a marine laboratory on the Brittany coast operated by the University of Paris VI and by the CNRS, or in Aussois, a CNRS-owned hotel in an alpine ski resort.

Recording and photography, as well as printed references to the papers and discussions, are prohibited. Attendance will be limited to approximately sixty scientists, half of them invited speakers, the other half selected by the Chairperson from among applicants. Travel, accommodation and meals of the invited speakers will be paid for by the CNRS. Selected applicants will pay for their travel and will be charged for registration, accommodation and meals (around FRF 3500). Do not send payment with application, information will be mailed to those selected.

Interested scientists may apply by sending to the Chairperson their curriculum vitae, a one page summary of their research interests and a list of their most relevant publications. It is obligatory for selected candidates to present their work during the conference in the form requested by the Chairperson (poster or short communication).

Heparin Binding Growth Factors: The Fibroblast Growth Factor Family, Roscoff, October 12–16, 1992

Chairperson: Denis Barritault

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Vice-Chairperson: John Heath (Oxford, United Kingdom)

Invited Speakers: K. Alitalo, F. Amalric, A. Baird, D. Barritault, M. Bernfield, D. Birnbaum, B. Boilly, R. Bradshaw, R. Breathnach, Y. Courtois, J. Davidson, C. Dickson, J. J. Feige, R. Halaban, J. Heath, M. Jaye, A. Logan, T. Maciag, G. Mazue, B. Olwin, M. Presta, G. Rodan, L. Schweigerer, M. Sensenbrenner, J. Slack, J. P. Thiery, K. Unsicker, I. Vlodavsky, L. T. Williams.

Deadline for application: June 15.

Glycoconjugates and Lectins: Molecules for Cellular Recognition**Aussois – October 26–31, 1992***Chairperson:* Jean-Pierre ZanettaCNRS, Centre de Neurochimie, 5 rue Blaise Pascal,
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Vice-Chairperson: Ulf Lindahl (Uppsala, Sweden)*Invited speakers:* A. K. Allen, S. H. Barondes, C. Cambillau, J. Carver, B. Delpéch, K. Drickamer, T. Feizi, B. Fournet, H. J. Gabius, H. J. Geuze, R. L. Hill, K. A. Karlsson, T. Kawasaki, C. Kieda, U. Lindahl, K. Meflah, R. Miquelis, M. Monsigny, J. Montreuil, J. R. Neeser, J. C. Prome, S. D. Rosen, J. Roth, H. Schachter, R. Schauer, N. Sharon, G. Spik, G. Vincendon, J. Vliegthart, K. Von Figura, P. M. Wassarman, J. P. Zanetta.*Deadline for application:* June 15.

Personal News

Glycoconjugate researchers are frequently on the move and some have even been known to obtain promotions or receive honours and prizes. This is also of interest to colleagues throughout the world, so news items will be published in this journal. Please send such information to any of the editors.

A. Lundblad (Lund, Sweden) has left BioCarb AB to become Professor of Clinical Chemistry at the University of Linköping and Head of the Department of Clinical Chemistry at the Regional Hospital (Linköping, Sweden).

T. Osawa (Associate Editor of *Glycoconjugate Journal*) has become Professor-Emeritus on his retirement from the University of Tokyo. He has now moved to the Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd, Tokyo, one of the largest companies in the Japanese food industry. He becomes a senior managing director of the company and a general director of the Yakult Central Institute.

Tamara Doering (USA) received the Society for Complex Carbohydrates' Genzyme Award during the XIth Inter-

national Symposium on Glycoconjugates in Toronto. The Society's First Karl Meyer Award was made to Ulf Lindahl (Uppsala, Sweden) and Vince Hascall (Bethesda, MD, USA).

Looking for a home

Collection of carbohydrates and derivatives, compiled by the late Dr Michael Heidelberger. Approximately 1000 individual samples of purified polysaccharides from various sources, including bacteria, yeast, fungi, plants, etc., are available. In addition to this collection of powders, there are many polysaccharides in solution as well as antisera to pneumococcal and other polysaccharides, that could be included. Dr Heidelberger expressed the wish to have this collection made available to the scientific community. Anybody interested in assuming the responsibility for these polysaccharides, please contact: Drs A. R. Amin or G. J. Thorbecke, Dept. of Pathology, New York University School of Medicine, 550 First Ave., NY 10016, USA. Tel: 212-263-5345.