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## Announcements and News

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce the merger of the *Glycoconjugate Journal* with *Glycosylation and Disease*. The editors of both journals and the Publishers, Chapman & Hall, believe that this change will broaden the appeal of the journal and provide the readers with additional quality articles with an increased biological content and increased clinical focus. For further details the reader should consult the Editorial in this issue.

## Meetings

### **Eurocarb VIII, 8th European Carbohydrate Symposium, July 2–7 1995, Seville, Spain**

*Information:* Professor M. Gómez-Guillén, Departamento de Química Orgánica, Facultad de Química, Apartado 553, E-41071 Sevilla, Spain. Fax: +34 54 62 4952.

### **2nd AEP Conference, July 10–12 1995, Copenhagen, Denmark**

*Information:* KVL, 40 Thorvaldsensvej, DK-1871 Frederiksberg C., Copenhagen, Denmark. Fax: +45 3528 2089.

### **Glycobiology Group, The Biochemical Society, July 18–19 1995, University of Manchester, UK**

The topic will be Mucins.

*Information:* Dr John Sheehan, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PT, UK.

### **36th International Conference on the Biochemistry of Lipids (ICBL), August 9–11 1995, Washington, D.C., USA**

The 36th ICBL will be held on the campus of Georgetown University. The theme of the conference is 'Lipids as Modulators of Molecular Events'. The Conference Lecture will be given by Michael S. Brown.

*Sessions:* Lipid-protein interaction. Glycosphingolipids and cell signalling, Newer approaches in the treatment of cardiovascular and glycolipid disorders.

*Information:* Ms Hattie Johnson, Georgetown University Office of Continuing Professional Education, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Suite #333, Washington, D.C. 20007-2197. Tel: (202) 687-8735 (Toll-free: (800) 382-3613). Fax: (202) 687-3019.

*Prenylation, Lipid-Protein Interaction* (John Glomset); *Protein Farnesylation and Biological Activity* (Jay Gibbs); *Myristoylation of Proteins and Biological Activity* (Alan

Aderem); *The Essential Role of Phosphoinositides in Membrane and Protein Trafficking* (Scott Emr); *Lipids as Modulators of Molecular Events* (ICBL Distinguished Scientist Lecture, Michael S. Brown); *Role of Sphingoglycolipids in Signal Transduction* (Subroto Chatterjee); *Sphingolipid Derived Products: Role in Signal Transduction and Cell Regulation* (Yusuf Hannun); *Gangliosides and Sphingolipids as Modulators of Transmembrane Signalling* (Sen-Itiroh Hakomori); *Regulation of Oncogenes by Glycosphingolipids* (Yoshita Nagai); *Biosynthesis of Le X in Colon Cancer* (Subash Basu); *CHD: Lessons from Alcohol Research* (Bill Lands); *Gene Therapy for Hyperlipoproteinemia, FH* (Jayanta Chowdhury); *Mechanism Based Toxicity of Zaragozic Acids—Potent Inhibitors of Squalene Synthase* (James Bergstrom); *Non-Instrumental Measurements of Serum Lipids* (P. Singh/K. Strahs); *Enzyme Replacement and Genetic Therapy for Lipid Storage Disorders* (Roscoe Brady); *Role of Glycolipids and Carbohydrates in Cell Adhesion: Therapeutic Approaches for Anti-inflammatory Drugs* (B. Rao); *Cerezyme: A Recombinant Glucocere-brosidase for Gaucher's Disease* (Francis S. Furbish).

### **23rd Meeting of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies, August 13–18 1995, Basel, Switzerland**

*Information:* FEBS'95, Convention Center Basel, Congress Department, Messeplatz 21, CH-4021 Basel, Switzerland. Fax: +41 61 686 2185.

### **XIIIth International Symposium on Glycoconjugates, August 20–26 1995, Seattle, Washington, USA**

*Organizing Chairman:* Sen-itiroh Hakomori

Abstracts will be published in a special issue of the *Glycoconjugate Journal*.

*Information:* Sen-itiroh Hakomori, The Biomembrane Institute, 201 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 305, Seattle, WA 98119-4237, USA.

**Satellite Conferences**

16–19 August 1995, topics: (1) Lectins, mucins, and glycoprotein transferases and glycosidases; (2) Cell surface proteins and receptors; (3) Evolutionary aspects of protein chemistry. In honour of Bob Hill ('Hillfest '95'). Location: Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, WA. *Contact:* Jim Paulson (fax 619-552-8801) and Ralph Bradshaw (fax 714-856-8036).

18–20 August 1995, Carbohydrate mass spectrometry: Open workshop on methods and techniques. Topics: (1) Derivatization; (2) Collision-induced dissociation; (3) Phosphates and sulfates; (4) Ionization methods and analyzers. Sponsors: Finnigan-MAT and Fisons Instruments. Location: Westin Hotel, Seattle. *Contact:* Vernon Reinhold, Harvard Univ SPH, 665 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115. Fax: 617-432-2435.

18–20 August 1995, Workshops to establish databases of carbohydrate spectra. Closed meeting; limited to invitees. Purpose: Establish databases of the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR and mass spectra of glycolipids, GPI anchors, *N*- and *O*-linked carbohydrate chains of glycoproteins and polysaccharides. Location: Westin Hotel, Seattle. *Contact:* Peter Albersheim (fax 706-542-4412) and Hans Vliegthart (fax 011-31-30-540980).

26–27 August 1995, Sphingo(glyco)lipid function. Topics: (1) Transmembrane signaling; (2) Cell adhesion and recognition; (3) Genes for synthetases and hydrolases; (4) Disease development. In honour of Tamio Yamakawa, and others. Location: Port Ludlow Resort, WA. *Contact:* Steve Anderson (206-281-9893).

**Cellucon 95 International Cellulose Conference, September 10–16 1995, Stresa, Italy**

*Information:* Dr B. Focher, Stazione Sperim Carta Cellulosa, Piazza Leonardo da Vinci, 20133 Milan, Italy. Fax: 39 2236 5039.

**Glycobiology Group, The Biochemical Society, September 13 1995, University College, Dublin, Ireland**

The topic will be carbohydrate recognition proteins.

*Information:* Dr Maureen Taylor, Glycobiology Institute, Department of Biochemistry, University of Oxford, Oxford OX1 3QU, UK.

**The First Electronic Glycoscience Conference (EGC-1) on the Internet, September 18–October 13 1995**

*Subjects:* Glycosyltransferases, Glycoimmunology, Primary Structure Determination, Glycolipids, Organic Synthesis, Molecular Modeling, Design and Informatics, Lectins, Polysaccharides and Cellulose, Proteoglycans and Glycos-

aminoglycans, Glycotherapeutics, Carbohydrate Biotechnology, Glycobiology, Crystallography, NMR, Function of Carbohydrates in Biological Systems.

Papers will be prepared in Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) and will be presented over the World Wide Web. Discussions of papers will take place over E-mail. Registration for participants at a Virtual Conference Center (VCC) is planned.

*Information:* Barry J. Hardy, Oxford University, UK (E-mail: bhardy@convex.ox.ac.uk) or Iain Wilson, Institut für Bodenkultur, Wien, Austria (E-mail: wilson@edv1.boku.ac.at).

**Carbohydrate-mediated cell-cell interactions in inflammation and metastasis. INSERM (Institut National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale) Conferences Philippe Laudat, 8–12 October 1995, Paris, France**

*Preliminary programme:* Involvement of complex glycoconjugates in normal and pathological processes. Specific leukocyte-endothelium interactions: molecular mechanisms for cell invasion. Regulation of sugar-based cell recognitions during invasive processes: expression of glycosyltransferases, selectins, other lectins and their ligands; their control by immunomodulators, oncogenes, cytokines. Oligosaccharides and mimetics as new immunotherapeutic agents and gene therapy recognition signals.

*Organizers:* G. Kraal (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), C. Kieda (Orleans, France), M. Monsigny (Orleans, France), D. H. van den Eijnden (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), D. Vestweber (Freiburg, Germany).

*Speakers:* B. Brandley (USA), P. Crocker (UK), T. Feizi (UK), S. Funderud (Norway), J. Hamman (The Netherlands), R. C. Hughes (UK), D. H. Joziassse (The Netherlands), R. Kannagi (Japan), C. Kieda (France), G. Kraal (The Netherlands), J. B. Lowe (USA), R. P. McEver (USA), M. Monsigny (France), A. C. Roche (France), S. D. Rosen (USA), R. Schwartz-Albiez (Germany), I. Stamenkovic (USA), D. H. van de Eijnden (The Netherlands), M. Fukuda (USA), D. Vestweber (Germany), S. Watson (USA), J. P. Zanetta (France).

*Information:* INSERM, Conferences Philippe Laudat 101, rue de Tolbiac, 75654 Paris Cedex 13, France, Tel: 33(1)44.23.60.89/87. Fax: 33(1)44.23.60.56/45.85.68.56. Email: laudat@tolbiac.inserm.fr

**The Netherlands Glycoconjugates Society Annual Meeting, November 20–21 1995, Hotel Nuland, Rijksweg 25, Nuland, The Netherlands**

*Information:* Dr J. F. G. Vliegthart, Bijvoet Center for Biomolecular Research, Utrecht University, Faculty of Chemistry, Padualaan 8, NL-3584 CH Utrecht, The Netherlands. Phone: +31 30 53 2168/2184. Fax: +31 30 54 0980. Email: vlieg@cc.ruu.nl

**The Third International Glycobiology Symposium,  
November 29–December 1 1995, Loew's Coronado Resort,  
San Diego CA, USA**

Focus will be on analytical methods.

*Chair:* Dr R. Reid Townsend.

*Information:* Conference Manager, Paddy Batchelder, California Separation Science Society, PO Box 370, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Phone: 1 510 426 9601. Fax: 1 510 484 3024.

**XVI International Congress of Clinical Chemistry, July  
8–12 1996, London, UK**

*Contact:* PO Box 227, Buckingham, Bucks MK18 5PN, UK.

**4th IUBMB Conference, The Life and Death of the Cell,  
14–17 July 1996, Edinburgh, UK**

*Themes:* Cell growth, control and developments; Cell death mechanisms; Signal transduction and cellular targeting; Cellular fates of proteins; Cellular stress and protection mechanisms.

Poster contributions are encouraged.

*Contact:* The Conference Assistant, 4th IUBMB Conference, The Biochemical Society, 59 Portland Place, London W1N 3AJ, UK. Tel: +44 171 580 5530. Fax: +44 171 637 7626.

**Satellite Meeting of the XVIII ICS 'Conformational  
Studies of Carbohydrates', July 16–19 1996, Garda Lake,  
Italy**

*Information:* Dr Massimo Ragazzi, Istituto Chimica Macromolecole CNR, via E Bassini 15C, 20133 Milan, Fax: +39 2236 2946.

**18th International Carbohydrate Symposium, July 21–26  
1996, Milan, Italy**

*Information:* Prof B. Casu, G. Ronzoni Inst for Chemical and Biochemical Research, Via G. Colombo 81, 20133 Milan, Italy. Fax: +39 270 633007.

**4th International Workshop on Carcinoma-Associated  
Mucins (Sponsored by EACR), July 27–31 1996,  
Cambridge, UK**

*Contact:* Dr Joyce Taylor-Papadimitrou or Dr Joy Burchell, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX, UK. Tel: +44 171 269 3456/3362. Fax: +44 171 269 3094

**The 4th European Training Course on Carbohydrates,  
July 1996**

In collaboration with the Carbohydrate Group of the Italian Chemical Society.

The course aims at introducing young academica (PhD students, Post-docs) and industrial workers to the modern principles, tools and trends of carbohydrate chemistry and technology.

*Information:* Carbohydrate Research Foundation, PO Box 96988, 2509 J. J. The Hague. The Netherlands. Tel: +31 70 354 0982. Fax: +31 70 354 1851.

**IUBMB 17th International Congress of Biochemistry and  
Molecular Biology, August 24–29 1997, San Francisco,  
USA**

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

*Scientific Programme:* Regulation of the Cell Cycle: DNA Repair, Recombination and Replication; Receptors and the Signals that they Transduce; Extracellular Matrix/Cell Matrix Interactions; Lipid Mediators; Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Sensory Systems; Synaptic Transmission and Neurobiology of Learning; Molecular Basis for Cell Specialisation (Differentiation and Development); Pattern Formation during Development; Regulation of Gene Expression; RNA Processing and Editing; Translational Control; Regulation of Protein Turnover/Degradation; Structural Basis of Macromolecular Functions; Assisted Protein Folding and Chaperones; Prediction of Protein Structure/Function from Sequence; Enzyme Mechanisms and Catalysis; Designing Small and Large Molecules; Intracellular Sorting and Trafficking; Glycobiology; Lipid Modification of Proteins; Membrane Channels and Permeases; Genome Analysis; Gene Therapy; Molecular Basis of Human Diseases; Cancer; Molecular and Biochemical Basis of the Pathogenesis of Infectious Diseases; AIDS – Present and Future; Molecular Biology of Ageing; Mechanical Processes in Biological Systems; Plant Molecular Biology; Bioenergetics; Ribozymes; Metabolic Regulation.

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