

Announcement

We wish to inform about the founding of the “Association for Photosciences in the Tropics (**APT**)” on September 15th, 2002. The **APT** aims at interested and motivated persons and entities to develop and strengthen activities in Photosciences in and for the Tropics.

— All relevant information is posted on the Internet at www.KLWinckler-ck.de/apt (case sensitive!).

Any scientist, institution, company interested to support, promote, pursue and future the aims and goals of the **APT** — the initiation, promotion and strengthening of Photosciences in and for the Tropical region — is invited to join the **APT**.

— An application form is available on the **APT** WEBSITE www.KLWinckler-ck.de/apt.

The **APT** was founded after many years of activities and experiences related to the huge field of “Photosciences in the Tropics”, much input, requests and discussions with colleagues from many disciplines and geografic regions and already two successfully conducted “South-East Asian Workshops on Photobiology in the Tropics (**SEAWPIT**)”. We would like to thank all colleagues who participated actively in the founding process. Several of them are now founding members of the **APT**.

Two points important to know for **APT**-members /-candidates:

First,

due to the positive financial situation at the end of 2002 we decided to collect NO membership fee for at least the year 2003 — temporarily overruling the membership fee regulation stated in the **APT** constitution.

The aim of this measure is to enable as many colleagues as possible especially from tropical countries to join and participate in the aims and goals of the **APT** by supplying and sharing experience, common interests and pressing research and teaching needs — without being restricted by their mostly limited funds.

We are presently working to extend the “membership free regime” by aquisition of sponsors and donations.

The more financial support we secure the more supporting activities we will be able to finance. Every member is called on to be also active in these fund-gaining activities.

Second,

Elsevier BV has agreed already at this early stage to support the **APT**. We are grateful for this commitment.

— Announcements from the **APT** of general interest will be published by Elsevier free of charge in both Journals for Photochemistry and Photobiology (JPP) A:Chemistry and B:Biologiy.

— A special offer *negotiated exclusively for **APT** members* is a **complimentary free-of-charge 6 months electronic full-paper access** period to JPP:B for *one author of every paper finally accepted for publication in JPP A/B* (if the paper has more than one **APT**-member author the authors have to indicate who shall get the free access). In other words, submission of qualified papers from **APT** members to JPP A/B can save at least one author of the paper the subscription-fee for electronic full-paper access to JPP:B for 6 months.

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More infos about photobiological activities in SE-Asia / Indonesia at www.KLWinckler-ck.de.

Active participation, contribution (related news, links etc) and submission of ideas is always welcome.
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Hope to see YOU as the next member joining **APT**.

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