

Association News and Announcements

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON METHODS TO OVERCOME BIOLOGICAL BARRIERS IN DRUG DELIVERY

This symposium, sponsored by the Controlled Release Society, will be held August 26–28, 1993 in Kuopio, Finland. The preliminary program includes the categories: Absorption and Distribution Barriers, Gastrointestinal Route of Drug Delivery, Ocular Drug Delivery, Cellular Drug Delivery, and Techniques for Improvement of Drug Delivery.

Participants are invited to submit a poster paper of original research summarizing recent developments in the general field of drug delivery. The deadline for abstracts will be May 1, 1993. For further information please contact: Ms. Karin Koivisto, University of Kuopio, Center for Training and Development, P.O. Box 1627, SF-70211 Kuopio, Finland; tel. 358 71 163939; fax 358 71 163903.

THE 1993 MONTE VERITA CONFERENCE ON BIOCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS SYSTEMS: KEY PRINCIPLES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND DRUG DELIVERY

The Departments of Materials and of Pharmacy of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich and the School of Pharmacy of the University of Geneva have organized a 3-day scientific conference on key principles and applications of biomaterials. The conference will be held on October 11–14, 1993 at the Monte Verita Conference Center in Ascona, Switzerland. It will be arranged in the form of plenary lectures and poster and discussion sessions. Topics will include: Biocompatibility, Polymers, Drug Delivery, Materials Processing, and Characterization. The preliminary list of invited key-note speakers include: J. Anderson, L. Cima, E. Wintermantel, A. C. Albertsson, J. Kopecek, A. Mikos, R. Duncan, J. Eldridge, R. Langer, E. Semlitsch, L. Hench, and P. T. Cahalan. The organizers are: L. Gauckler (Zurich), R. Gurny (Geneva), H. P. Merkle (Zurich), U. Suter (Zurich), and E. Wintermantel (Zurich). For further information please contact: Professor Hans P. Merkle, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Department of Pharmacy, ETH Zentrum, CH-8092 Zurich, Switzerland; tel. +41-1-256 31 68; +41-1-256 31 69 (Secretariat); fax: +41-1-262 54 59.