

Association News and Announcements

ROCKEFELLER SCIENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT PRIZE

On February 7, the Rockefeller Foundation announced the Rockefeller Science for Development Prize—a U.S. \$1 million prize for the development of new diagnostic tests for chlamydia and gonorrhea. The tests must be low-cost, rapid, easy-to-perform, and appropriate for use in developing countries and other resource-poor areas. The prize will go to the first entrant to develop such tests.

Chlamydia and gonorrhea are widespread, often asymptomatic sexually transmitted disease that have severe, irreversible consequences if left untreated. Worldwide, there are more than 50 million new cases of chlamydia and 25 million of gonorrhea each year. Both infections can be cured easily and inexpensively, but because they are difficult to diagnose, many infected persons go untreated, develop serious complications, and continue to infect others. Complications of chlamydia and gonorrhea include infertility, potentially fatal ectopic (tubal) pregnancy, and infant blindness. In addition, people infected with chlamydia or gonorrhea are 3–5 times more likely to transmit or contract HIV.

CURRENT RESEARCH INTO THERAPIES FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

This Symposium will be held September 28, 1994 in Berlin. For further information please contact: EUFEPS Secretariate, c/o Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Box 1136, 111 81 Stockholm; tel. + 46 8 24 50 85; fax + 46 8 20 55 11.

LEIDEN/AMSTERDAM CENTER FOR DRUG RESEARCH

The following symposia/courses will be held:

- 16–18 March 1994—International Course on (Bio)-analytical Mass Spectrometry
- 17–20 April 1994—International Course on Visualization and Quantification of Biochemical Processes in Living, Individual Cells (fluorescence microscopy, flow cytometry, confocal laser scanning microscopy and video micros-

copy, also introducing atomic force microscopy and Raman spectrometry microscopy)

- 14–16 April 1994—2nd International Symposium on Measurement and Kinetics of *in Vivo* Drug Effects
- 22–25 September 1994—International Symposium on Mechanisms in Nephrotoxicity
- 23–25 October 1994—International Course on Pharmacokinetic-Pharmacodynamic Modeling, Principles and Applications
- 25–28 October 1994—3rd School on Medicinal Chemistry

For more information please contact: Symposium Secretariat, Mrs. F. J. Velthorst, LACDR, P.O. Box 9502, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands; tel. 31 71 274341; fax 31 71 274277.

FOURTH SYMPOSIUM OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPACTION RESEARCH LABORATORY & INFORMATION CENTER

This symposium on the "Tabletability of Multiparticulates: A New Technology" will be held on March 14, 1994 in Piscataway, NJ. It is the fourth of a series in the field of pharmaceutical solid technology. These series of symposia are organized by the Pharmaceutical Compaction Research Laboratory & Information Center of the Rutgers College of Pharmacy and are sponsored by Berlex Laboratories, Inc. The topic of the fourth annual symposium focuses on the fundamentals underlying the design and development of the multiparticulate dosage forms. The symposium consists of lectures given by well-known Invited Speakers worldwide. More than 250 scientists from universities and pharmaceutical companies are expected to attend.

The proceedings will be published by the Drug Development and Industrial Pharmacy soon after the symposium. For further information please contact Metin Çelik, Ph.D. College of Pharmacy, Rutgers University, P.O. Box 789, Piscataway, NJ 08855; tel, 908-932 2669; fax 908-932 5767. For registration, please contact Continuing Education; tel. 908-932 5960; fax 908-932 5767. The graduate students will be registered free of charge.