Announcements

EUROPEAN NEUROENDOCRINE ASSOCIATION (E.N.E.A.)

The European Neuroendocrine Association (E.N.E.A.) has been established and has held its First Symposium in Basel, March 4-7, 1984. The second Symposium of the E.N.E.A. is scheduled to be held in Milan, Fall 1985.

The Meeting will focus especially on Hypothalamic Regulatory Peptides (Chemistry, Biochemistry, Pharmacology and Clinical Applications), but room will be also given to free communication sessions and/or symposia on topics of high interest in neuroendocrine research.

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For information concerning affiliation to E.N.E.A, please contact Dr. A. Gomez-Pan, Dept. Endocrinologia, C.N.E.Q., Pabellön 8, Fac. Medicina, Madrid 3, Spain or Dr. M. F. Scanlon, Welsh National School of Medicine, Health Park, Cardiff, Wales (U.K.).

A special issue of *Peptides* (vol 5, no. 2, 1984), is devoted to recent progress in research on the vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (VIP) and related peptides. Many of the papers are based on presentations at the first international symposium on this peptide, held in Brussels, September 13–16, 1983. Topics deal with chemistry, biochemistry, morphology, endocrinology, neuroendocrinology, physiology, pathophysiology and clinical applications, and related to the nervous, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, respiratory and reproductive systems.

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SIXTH ANNUAL WINTER NEUROPEPTIDE CONFERENCE

The Winter Neuropeptide Conference provides an informal setting for interactions between basic and clinical scientists studying behavioral, biochemical, and physiological actions of neuropeptides. The format includes symposia on topics of broad general interest, and poster presentations of original papers. A prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best paper submitted by a post-doctoral fellow.

The meeting will be held January 23-26, 1985 in Breckenridge, Colorado. A brief abstract of proposed presentation should be received by October 1, 1984. Abstracts and inquiries should be addressed to:

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CURT P. RICHTER PRIZE IN PSYCHONEUROENDOCRINOLOGY

Through the generosity of the Institute of Clinical Pharmacology, Dublin, Ireland, an Annual Prize has been established for meritorious research in the area of Psychoneuroendocrinology. The sum of US \$1,000 will be awarded annually at the International Congress of Psychoneuroendocrinology for the best essay or manuscript (original research or review including original research) submitted by a scientist or physician under 40 years of age by January 1, 1985. In support of the winner's travel to the Congress, a travel grant of max. US \$1,000 is also provided. The winning paper will automatically be considered for publication in the journal Psychoneuroendocrinology and should be prepared according to the journal's instructions to the authors. The aim of the prize is to encourage younger scientists to contribute to this interdisciplinary field.

Manuscripts should be submitted in quadruplicate to: Gerhard Langer, M.D.

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Deadline for submission: November 30, 1984. All submissions will be screened by a broad committee of established psychoneuroendocrinologists. The prize will be awarded at the 1985 meeting of the Society in Kyoto, Japan, April 15–18, 1985.

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