

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN NEUROENDOCRINOLOGY

This is available immediately, to study catecholamine interactions with hypothalamic and pituitary hormones. A number of projects are available for selection by the candidate. These include: (1) electrical recordings and function of ion channels, (2) catecholamine biosynthesis and turnover, and (3) regulation of hormone secretion by hypothalamic fragments and cultured pituitary cells. Candidates should have a strong background in either neurobiology, endocrinology, electrophysiology or biochemistry. Experience with enzyme assays, receptors, HPLC, electrical recordings or tissue culture is desirable. Send curriculum vitae and names of three referees to: Dr Nira Ben-Jonathan, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, Indiana University School of Medicine, 635 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46223. (An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.)

FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BINDING PROTEINS: STEROID HORMONES

The meeting will take place in Lyon, France, on 28–30 April 1986. Topics will include for either TeBG, ABP, CBG, AlphaFP or VitD BP: Purification and physico-chemical properties; the various technical approaches to their measurement; developmental variations and comparative physiology; binding proteins and metabolism of steroid hormones; binding proteins and endocrine functions, immunity or cancer; cellular and tissue distribution and internalisation; physiological roles.

Each session will consist of invited papers and selected posters. The deadline for submitting abstracts is *15 December 1985* (Postmark). Further details may be obtained from Drs M. G. FOREST and M. PUGÉAT, INSERM, U 34, Hopital Debrousse, F-69322, Lyon Cedex 05, FRANCE—Tel: (7) 825 18 08.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON GYNECOLOGICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO (ITALIAN DOLOMITES) (16–22 March 1986)

The scientific programme of the meeting will comprise sections on the physiology, pathology and therapeutical strategies in the different fields of gynecological endocrinology.

Topics: New trends in neuroendocrinology of reproduction; psychoneuroendocrinology; the ovarian function and menstrual cyclicity; gonadal steroids; sources, transport and extraglandular metabolisms; pathophysiological correlates in menstrual cycle disorders; hyperprolactinemic states; the polycystic ovary and hyperandrogenic states; induction of ovulation and superovulation; menopause; endometrial hyperplasia and carcinoma; endometriosis; oral contraception

The meeting will include more than sixty invited lecturers from all over the world and will cover the major part of the discipline. Great importance will be given to free communication and poster sessions which will be organised on the topics of the meeting, arranged as Round Tables or Symposia. The deadline for abstract presentation is *15 December 1985*.

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