**Announcements**

**Fifth International Congress on Hormonal Steroids**

New Delhi, October 29-November 4, 1978


The Program of the Fifth Steroid Congress will consist of: 1) A series of Plenary Lectures; 2) A set of Symposia; 3) A number of Sessions of Free communications. Lecturers for the Plenary Lectures and Speakers for the Symposia will be invited by the Organizing Committee. Free Communications may be submitted by investigators interested in the field. They will be screened by a special Subcommittee which might decide that part of them be ‘read by title’. English will be the official language of the Congress. The deadline for the submission of registration forms and abstracts is March 31, 1978.

For further information please write to: Secretariat of the Fifth International Congress on Hormonal Steroids, Department of Reproductive Biology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi – 110016 (India).

**International Symposium on Central Nervous System Effects of Hypothalamic Hormones and Other Peptides**

An International Symposium on Central Nervous System Effects of Hypothalamic Hormones and Other Peptides will take place on May 1-3, 1978, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada under the sponsorship of the International Society of Neuroendocrinology. Among the topics to be discussed are: behavioral effects of hypothalamic hormones; endocrine extrapituitary effects of hypothalamic hormones; effects of hypothalamic hormones on CNS biogenic amines and neuronal excitability; endogenous opioid peptides; and effects on the CNS of ACTH, MSH and vasopressin. The Symposium will include invited lectures and a limited number of free communications. The official language of the Symposium will be English.

Additional information about the Symposium and applications forms can be obtained from: Dr. Robert Collu, Pediatric Research Center, Ste-Justine Hospital, 3175 Ste-Catherine Road, Montreal. Que. H3T 1C5 (Canada).

**International Society of Neuroendocrinology Notice**

**Sponsorship of Neuroendocrine Meetings**

The Society has given its sponsorship to a number of international meetings on neuroendocrine subjects during the last 4 years. The Council has now considered at length how the Society can best serve the role of promoting the highest standards of research and presentation at such meetings while at the same time reducing overlap and repetition of research material. From now on ISN will adopt the following guidelines in its sponsorship policy:

1. **International meetings**
   (a) Applications for sponsorship will not be considered if the organizers have already prepared a final program and sent out invitations to contributors.
   (b) One or more members of Council (nominated by Council) must be accepted by the local organizers to act as members of the Program Committee.
   (c) If the members of the Program Committee appointed by the Council are dissatisfied with the consideration that has been given by the Committee to their recommendations, they may suggest to the Council that ISN sponsorship be withdrawn.

2. **Regional meetings**

   Where a meeting is organized primarily for neuroendocrinologists from neighboring countries with the addition of only a few distinguished overseas contributors, the ISN will offer sponsorship provided one member of Council agrees to give personal support and to attend the meeting. In such cases it is expected that the Council member will write a brief report of the proceedings for publication in Neuroendocrinology.

**European Pineal Study Group**

An association of European scientists working on, or interested in, the vertebrate pineal organ has been formed. The aims of the European Pineal Study Group are to promote the development of pineal research in Europe and to facilitate the contacts between the different European teams. It will do so especially by organizing small colloquia on pineal research. Application forms and further information can be obtained from: Dr. P. Pevet, Secretary of the EPSG, The Netherlands Institute for Brain Research, Ijal 28, Amsterdam-0 (The Netherlands).