Announcements

7th International Prolactin Symposium, 1997

The Scientific Committee of the 6th International Prolactin Symposium, held in Paris at the beginning of September, 1993, is calling for candidates to organize the 7th meeting of the series foreseen for the year 1997. Applicants should provide an outline of their venue (proposed dates and location, type of conference facility and accommodation scheme for an average attendance of 300-400 participants, sources of funding for an estimated budget of US$ 250,000), indicate the major scientific orientations they would consider for the meeting and address the question of maintaining the specificity of the series with respect to the Gordon Conference Scheme on Prolactin and Growth Hormone, which takes place every 2nd year on even years. Applications should be submitted in duplicate before May 1, 1994, to the following address:

Catherine Rogers Centre Paul-Broca INSERM U. 159 2ter, rue d’Alésia, F-75014 Paris (France)

As on previous occasions, the Scientific Committee of the preceding congress will evaluate the applications and propose an organizer.

14th Joint Meeting of the British Endocrine Societies

Warwick, UK, March 27-30, 1995

Programme Organising Committee Chairman: Prof. J.A.H. Wass (St Bartholomew’s Hospital, London). This meeting is being organised jointly with the European Federation of Endocrine Societies.

Symposia to include: Nuclear receptors; The calcium receptor; Role of growth factors in mammary growth; Global fertility control; Neuroendocrine control by excitatory amino acids and nitrous oxide; The endocrinology of the desperately ill, and Intracellular signalling of metabolic peptides. Clinical Management Workshops to include: Thyroid cancer; Turner’s syndrome, and Hyponatraemia and diabetes insipidus. There will also be Method Updates Sessions and a Molecular Endocrinology Workshop.


Further information from:
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Fondation IPSEIM Postdoctoral Fellowship in Neuroendocrine and Neuroimmune Interactions

A grant of FFr. 100,000 is offered by the foundation to a young MD or PhD (under 35 years of age) to pursue studies in a laboratory outside his country of origin.

Deadline for submission of applications: May 1, 1994 (postmarked).

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Society for Endocrinology,
Royal Society of Medicine Endocrine Section and
British Diabetic Association

Postgraduate Training Course in Endocrinology
St Mary’s Hospital, London, UK, July 6-7, 1994

The course will be organised by Prof. Steve Franks and Prof. Des Johnston.
Topics and speakers: Hypocalcaemia (R. Eastell); Thyroid carcinoma – molecular pathogenesis (speaker tbc); Endocrine cancers -breast (A.J. Howell); The control of folliculogenesis (S. Franks); Metabolic abnormalities early in NIDDM (D.G. Johnston); Sex determining factors (R. Hawkins); Male infertility (F.C.W. Wu); Lipid abnormalities in diabetes (speaker tbc), and MENU (C. Eng).
The course will also include case presentations and discussions.
If you would like to receive further details and a booking form, contact:
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Honorary Doctorate Awarded to Thomas Karger

In November 1993, Thomas Karger, current president of S. Karger Publishers, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Medical Faculty of the University of Basel. In their laudatory address the Faculty acknowledged Dr. Karger’s achievements as founder and publisher of a large number of internationally renowned journals covering a wide range of medical and scientific fields, as well as his generous financial support of young medical scientists. Recognition was also given to his successful organization of international symposia devoted to current interdisciplinary topics in biomedical research, which has enhanced the reputation of Basel and its university as centers of scientific achievement.

As early as 1972 Thomas Karger received his first honorary doctorate from the University of Hamburg in recognition of his efforts on behalf of medical science. On being asked how it felt to receive such an honour for the second time, Dr. Karger replied, “This is certainly a great honour. I am very happy that such high recognition has been accorded to the work I have done. But I must also stress the fact that all this could never have been achieved had it not been for the support of my wife, family and employees and — last but not least — of the scientists all over the world who have collaborated with my company. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone involved.”

In 1990, the publishing house celebrated its 100th anniversary as an independent family-owned company. With the support of his two sons and one of his daughters, the fourth generation of a family of publishers, Thomas Karger is confident that he will be able to maintain this independence and continue his service to the scientific community by providing the vital information link between medical research and clinical practice.