Announcements

Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research Shared between British and German Scientists

The International Association of Gerontology (IAG) has awarded the 1985 Sandoz Prize jointly to Sir Martin Roth, Professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge (UK), and Dr. Karl Esser, Professor of Botany at the University of the Ruhr in Bochum (FRG).

The award to Sir Martin Roth is a tribute to the work through which he and his team have made a fundamental contribution to psychogeriatric research over many years, creating a foundation for the study of dementia and depression in old age.

Prof. Esser has been honoured for the genetic and biochemical work of his team at Bochum, culminating in the development of new models of the ageing process on a molecular basis.

The prize, worth SFr. 20,000 and sponsored by Sandoz, is awarded every second year by the IAG to individuals or teams who have made an outstanding contribution to some aspect of gerontological research. The official presentation will take place during the 13th International Congress of Gerontology, to be held in New York, July 12-17, 1985.

Physical Nature of the Skin:
A Course and Presentation of New Data
University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, November 20-22, 1985

A meeting entitled ‘Physical Nature of the Skin: A Course and Presentation of New Data’ will be held at the University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, November 20-22, 1985. The meeting is being organized by Prof. Ronald Marks, Professor of Dermatology, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff.

The aim of this meeting will be to inform and excite – thus it is hoped to have teaching and ‘new frontier’ components in this event. Although instrumentation will undoubtedly be discussed, the object of the meeting is directed more to the physical nature and properties of the skin rather than to exploring methods used to discover them.

We believe that the meeting will be of interest to consultants and registrars in dermatology, pharmacologists, toxicologists, bioengineers, cosmetic scientists and others interested in skin biology.

For further details and registration forms, please contact:
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Task Group on Reference Man

In 1975 the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) published its Publication 23, the Report of the Task Group on Reference Man. Publication 23 is about 15 years out of date, because the references cited end around 1970. At its 1984 meeting, the ICRP approved the formation of a new task group to revise and update this publication, with completion expected in about 3 years.

The revision will include more emphasis on variations due to age, sex, and other individual differences in anatomical and physiological data and in the gross and elemental composition of tissues. The emphasis in Publication 23 is on data for radiation workers, and the new emphasis
reflects that radiation doses to the whole population are of increasing interest to the ICRP and national bodies interested in radiation protection.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit information from users of ICRP Publication 23, including workers in the medical and biological sciences outside radiation protection who have used the document. In order that the revised document be accurate and complete, it is important that we get advice from as many users as possible. The present task group would appreciate hearing about any errors, omissions of important information, or shortcomings in Publication 23 or of relevant new data not included in Publication 23.

Please write to the task group chairman at the address below:
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