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# THE EUROPEAN PEPTIDE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## **Interim Executive Committee**

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

At their meeting in September 1988, the informal European Peptide Committee asked us to consider whether its activities should be placed on a more formal footing. In February 1989, we recommended that this should be done, and we presented Statutes governing the constitution of a new European Peptide Society. This recommendation was accepted by the representatives of all the 21 countries involved. The Statutes authorised the European Peptide Committee to take the steps necessary to initiate the new Society; our present Committee was appointed as an Interim Executive Committee for this purpose, and enrolment began on 1 June 1989. We now have some 700 members, and the first Council has been constituted, with one representative elected by members in each country; the members of the Council are listed below. The new Council will elect Society Officers and an Executive Committee in September this year, when it will also take over the functions of the European Peptide Committee, which has served the subject so well for over 30 years.

We are glad to report that a number of firms have accepted our invitation to become sponsoring members of the Society; their subscriptions have greatly facilitated the early stages of the Society. A list of sponsors will be published in the first regular Newsletter.

The first symposium to be held under the auspices of the Society will be the 21st European Peptide Symposium, at Platja d'Aro in Spain, on September 2-8 of this year. The Chairman of the Organising Committee is Professor E Giralt, of the University of Barcelona; further details are given on the last page. We have been informed by our international colleagues (with whom we have been in touch throughout) that an American Peptide Society has now been incorporated, and a Japanese Peptide Society will start operations on 1 April 1990. The coordination of the activities of all three Societies, possibly in a formal Federation, is under discussion.

The object of our Society, as stated in the Statutes, is "to promote in Europe and in certain neighbouring countries the scientific study of the chemistry, biochemistry and biology of peptides, by the organisation of scientific meetings and in other appropriate ways". It is hoped that members will suggest further activities which they believe would be useful, by writing either to their representatives on Council or to any member of the undersigned Committee (our addresses are given on the first page). Members wishing to consult the Statutes should contact their national representatives, who have copies.

We felt that the circulation of an introductory Newsletter at this stage would show members that their Society is indeed beginning to function, and in particular would give an opportunity to inform them about the results of the elections to Council, and also to publicise the dates of some forthcoming meetings. We are grateful to Dr JH Jones for agreeing to produce the Newsletter.

January 1990

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## THE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY

The elections of national representatives to form the first Council of the Society have now been completed. The members will be as follows. They will take up office for a period of four years from 1 September 1990.

Austria:- R Reuschel	Italy:- R Rocchi
Belgium:- G Van Binst	Netherlands:- GI Tesser
Bulgaria:- B Aleksiev	Norway:- JH Johansen
Czechoslovakia : - J Hlavacek	Poland:- G Kupryszewski
Denmark:- J Berg	Portugal:- HLS Maia
The Federal Republic of Germany :- G Jung	Spain:- E Giralt
France: - J Martinez	Sweden:- U Ragnarsson
The German Democratic Republic:- H Niedrich	Switzerland:- CH Schneider
Greece:- D Theodoropoulos	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:- VT Ivanov
Hungary:- S Bajusz	United Kingdom:- JS Davies
Israel:- A Patchornik	

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

Membership of the Society is open to people in established positions, academic or industrial, who are pursuing research in the chemistry, biochemistry, or biology of peptides, who have had their names on at least one paper or patent in the subject, and who are resident in a constituent country (i.e. those which are represented on Council). There is no subscription. Anyone who wishes to join should write to the Interim Secretary, Dr A Loffet, whose address is on the first page, asking for an application form.

## SPONSORING MEMBERSHIP

The Society welcomes industrial and other interested bodies as sponsoring members. Dr Loffet will be pleased to supply information on the subscription and privileges of such members.

# CALENDAR OF PEPTIDE MEETINGS AND COURSES

Information has been received about the following scientific meetings and courses which are directly relevant to the interests of members. Organisers are asked to send corrections and updates to the Newsletter Editor (see the bottom of the last page). It would help him if similar information on all relevant meetings could be sent in as a matter of routine from now on.

## BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM ON PROTEIN STRUCTURE, PREDICTION AND DESIGN .

5-6 April 1990, Bath, UK.

*The Meetings Officer, The Biochemical Society,  
7 Warwick Court, London WC1R 5DP, UK .*

## THE PEPTIDE AND PROTEIN GROUP OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY AND THE BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY:

1990 SPRING MEETING.

20-22 April 1990, Gregynog, Wales.

Biologically Active Peptides; Synthesis, Purification and Modification. Numbers are limited .

*Professor CNC Drey, King Alfred's College, Winchester,  
SO22 4NR, UK.*

## 2nd NAPLES WORKSHOP ON BIOACTIVE PEPTIDES.

21-23 May 1990, Capri.

The programme will concentrate on conformations and interactions .

*Professor PA Temussi , Dipartimento di Chimica, via  
Mezzocannone 4, 80134 Napoli, Italy.*

## THE CHINESE PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM 1990.

13-15 August 1990, Shanghai.

An international meeting , with a programme covering a wide range of peptide topics.

*Dr. Yu-cang Du, CPS-90 Secretariat, Shanghai Institute  
of Biochemistry, 320 Yue-yang Road, Shanghai  
200031, People's Republic of China .*

## 20th FEBS MEETING.

19-25 August 1990, Budapest.

The programme will include several topics of interest to peptide scientists, and in particular there will be a Biologically Active Peptides Workshop.

*20th FEBS Meeting Secretariat, Budapest II, Fö u.  
68, MTSZ ,Room314, PO Box 433, 1371 Hungary.*

## 21st EUROPEAN PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM.

2nd-8th September 1990 . See overleaf.

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PEPTIDE INHIBITORS OF PROTEOLYTIC ENZYMES.

21-23 September 1990, Montpellier, France.

The number of participants is limited .

*M-A Colletti-Previero or JP Hors, Centre CNRS  
INSERM de Pharmacologie-Endocrinologie (CCIFE),  
Rue de la Cardonille, 34094 Montpellier Cedex 2,  
France.*

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL: PEPTIDE SYNTHESIS.

17th-21st September 1990, Oxford Polytechnic, UK.

An introduction to all kinds of methodology in peptide synthesis , aimed at newcomers to the field.

*Ms LA Hart, Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington  
House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0BN.*

## 28th JAPANESE PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM.

25th-27nd October 1990, Toyonaka-shi, Osaka.

All are welcome, but all topics will be discussed in Japanese.

*Professor S Sakakibara, Protein Research Foundation,  
4-1-2 Ina, Minoh-shi, Osaka 562, Japan.*

## A LOCAL PEPTIDE MEETING IN SPAIN.

1991, Leon.

Details will be announced later.

*Professor E Giralt, Faculta de Quimica  
Organica, Universitat de Barcelona, Marti 1 Franques ,  
1-E-08028, Barcelona, Spain.*

## SIXIEME REUNION DES PEPTIDES.

11-15 March 1991, Aussois.

The main language will be French .

*Dr JL Morgat, CEN SACLAY, Service Biochemie Bat  
142, F-91191 GIF SUR YVETTE, France.*

## 12th AMERICAN PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM .

16-21 June 1991, MIT , Boston, Massachusetts.

*Dr JA Smith, Department of Molecular Biology,  
Massachusetts General Hospital, Fruit Street, Boston,  
Mass. 02114, USA.*

## 15th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF BIOCHEMISTRY.

4-9 August 1991, Jerusalem.

The programme will include topics of interest to peptide scientists.

*15th IUB Congress Secretariat, PO Box 50006,  
Tel Aviv 615000, Israel.*

## INNOVATION AND PERSPECTIVES IN SOLID PHASE SYNTHESIS ; PEPTIDES , POLYPEPTIDES, AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDES.

27-31 August 1991, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK.

*Professor Roger Epton, School of Applied Sciences,  
Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Wolverhampton,  
WVI 1SB, UK.*

## AN INTERNATIONAL PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM .

1992, Shizuoka, Japan.

The language will be English.

*Professor S Sakakibara, Protein Research Foundation,  
4-1-2 Ina, Minoh-shi, Osaka 562, Japan.*

## 22nd EUROPEAN PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM.

13th-18th September 1992, Interlaken, Switzerland.

*Dr CH Schneider, Institute for Chemical Immunology,  
University of Bern, Inselspital, CH-3010, Bern,  
Switzerland .*

# THE 21st EUROPEAN PEPTIDE SYMPOSIUM

All members are invited to attend the Symposium, which will take place 2-8 September 1990 at the seaside town of Platja d'Aro, 100Km north of Barcelona, on the Costa Brava (Spain). It will be cohosted by the University of Barcelona. The Chairman of the Organising Committee is Professor E Giralt. The programme will cover a variety of peptide topics, including the following:

- Current aspects of synthetic and analytical methodology.
- Structural and conformational studies and their implications for peptide and protein engineering.
- Peptide biology and immunology.
- Novel applications of synthetic peptides in therapy, molecular recognition, materials science, etc.
- Glyco-, lipo-, and nucleo-peptide conjugates; synthetic, structural and biological aspects.

The Programme Committee will consider original contributions in these and related areas, for oral or poster presentation .

The all-in charge for scientific participants will be 90000 pesetas. This covers registration (including the Symposium Proceedings), accommodation (in double rooms; there will be a single room supplement of 25000 pesetas), breakfast, lunch, and the Symposium Banquet.

Those who have already indicated their interest by returning the pre-registration form need take no further action until they receive the call for abstracts and the registration form. Anyone else who might wish to attend should contact the Secretariat as soon as possible: *21st EPS Secretariat, Ms Fina Armengol, BRP, Pau Claris 138, E-08009 Barcelona, Spain [Phone: (34-3)2157214. Fax: (34-3)2157287.]*

## BOOK NOTICES

Future issues of this Newsletter will include brief book notices (in particular bibliographic details for all relevant symposium proceedings). Suggestions for this section, which will have an opening publication date of 1 January 1990, should be sent to the Editor (see below): full data should be given, including the ISBN.

## FUTURE ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER

It is the intention to publish a Newsletter regularly in future, probably twice a year. Number 1 in the regular series will be circulated at the end of the present year, with a nominal publication date of 1 January 1991, and a deadline for material of 1 November 1990. The format, content, and style are by no means fixed yet, and the Editor will welcome suggestions of any kind.

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