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See you in Lyon!

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Geoffrey Harris Prize

The European Federation of Endocrine Societies is pleased to announce the third Geoffrey Harris Prize. This prestigious prize for neuroendocrinologists is worth €12 000 and is generously sponsored by Ipsen. The prize will be presented at the 2003 ECE in Lyon, where the winner will be asked to give one of the main lectures, in addition to two other lectures at future EFES scientific meetings. The winners in 2000 and 2001 were Professor SWJ Lamberts (Rotterdam, Netherlands) and Giovanni Faglia (Milan, Italy) respectively.

Nominations can be made by

any scientific organisational or administrative group but self-proposal is not allowed. Seven hard copies of the files containing the letter of support and CV, list of publications and merits of the candidate should be sent to: Professor Josef Köhrle (EFES Secretary), Medizinische Poliklinik der Universität Würzburg, Klinische Forschergruppe, Röntgenring II, D-97070 Würzburg, Germany by **31 October 2002**.

Further details can be obtained from Professor Köhrle (Tel: +49 931 20171010; Fax: +49 931 2017107; Email: j.koehrle@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de).

Future Activities of EFES

At the end of February the EFES Executive Committee met in Toulouse where we discussed the future activities of EFES.

It was agreed that one of our primary objectives should be to maintain teaching courses sponsored by EFES. We aim to have at least two regional courses a year (in 2002 these are 2-4 May in Minsk, Belarus and 7-9 November in Debracen, Hungary). A clinical course will take place on 17-19 October in Como, Italy.

We also wish to improve research and job opportunities for young endocrinologists by:

- (1) including a discussion facility on the EFES website. This would be in addition to the present facility enabling jobs and other research opportunities throughout Europe to be advertised.
 - (2) developing closer links with the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), thus providing further job opportunities and exchange opportunities for training throughout Europe.
 - (3) continuing to use the website to promote various grant opportunities.
- In order for all of these activities to take place we are in the process of trying to put EFES on a surer financial footing and have already had generous help in this regard from Novartis, Pharmacia and Ipsen.

The next ECE will be on 26-30 April 2003 in Lyon and a very exciting programme has been put together under the chairmanship of Wilmar Wiersinga. Input has been received from a large number of member societies (21 out of 29) and from affiliated endocrine societies in Europe. In addition PubMed was consulted to ensure that speakers of the highest scientific calibre were invited.

If there are other areas in which you would like EFES to take an active part please let us know. Our next Executive Committee meeting is in Frankfurt at the end of September.

JOHN AH WASS (PRESIDENT)

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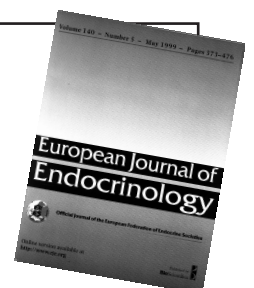
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European Journal of Endocrinology Prize

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Nominations for the prize are invited from individuals or groups. The candidate must be less than 45 years old on 1 January 2003 and be permanently resident in Europe. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations should include:

- (1) seven copies of a statement of no more than 1000 words in English defining the way in which the candidate's published contributions have furthered knowledge in the field of endocrinology;
- (2) seven copies of each of no more than eight relevant publications;

- (3) seven copies of a curriculum vitae of the candidate, including a complete bibliography.

The jury comprises the President of EFES who acts as Chairman, the Chief Editor of the *European Journal of Endocrinology* acting as Vice-Chairman/Secretary, and five members elected at the discretion of the Editorial Board of the *European Journal of Endocrinology* upon the advice of the Executive Committee of EFES.

Nominations should be submitted to the Chief Editor of the *European Journal of Endocrinology*, Professor Paolo Beck-Peccoz, Istituto di Scienze Endocrine, Piano Terra, Padiglione Granelli, Ospedale Maggiore IRCCS, Via Francesco Sforza 35, 20122 Milan, Italy, by **31 October 2002**.

Information also available at www.eje.org or contact the EJE office (eje@nikotron.com).

The EFES web site grows and grows!

The EFES web site (www.euro-endo.org) goes from strength to strength. It received about 40 000 visits during 2001, with visitors from most European countries and also from the USA, Canada, Japan, Taiwan and Brazil, to name but a few.

The services currently available are:

- Details of **European Congresses of Endocrinology**, plus other conferences that EFES is involved with
- Details of **EFES postgraduate training courses**, including programmes and registration forms
- Link to **EJE**
- Lists of **EFES Full and Affiliated Members**, with email links to the Presidents and Secretaries
- **Jobs and grants** forum
- **Discussion** groups
- **Links** to other sites of interest
- Back issues of **EFES News**
- Information on **EFES**

Fuller details of the most recent additions to the site are as follows:

Jobs and grants forum

The jobs and grants forum (www.euro-endo.org/jobs.htm) has three sections: positions offered, positions wanted, and grants. If you have a grant to offer, or if you are looking for a job, you can enter the details **free** on the web site. Whereas, if you are an individual looking for a grant or an organisation looking for bright young endocrinologists, you can browse these two sections for information.

If you are an academic institution with a post on offer, the cost of advertising it is only €100. If you are a commercial organisation, it is still only €200.

Please enter all relevant jobs and grants on this site. It's quick and easy to do, and the more jobs and grants it contains the better it will work.

Discussion groups

We have set up two discussion groups. The first is a General Discussion Group and the second is a Young European Endocrinologists Discussion Group, open to anyone

under 35. You can join and, once you have done so, you can also invite colleagues to join. These discussion groups can be used for making announcements to your colleagues and also for generating discussion on scientific, clinical or professional issues.

The messages are sent out by email to all those in the group and an archive is also kept on the web. We are grateful to SmartGroups for this facility.

To join either group, go to www.euro-endo.org/discuss.htm and follow the instructions.

Links to other sites

This page contains links to most of the major journals, societies and information resources in endocrinology. You no longer need to either search for endocrine information or bookmark lots of journals. Just bookmark the EFES site and you can get almost anywhere else in the world of endocrinology from there. Go to www.euro-endo.org/links.htm to get started.

Forthcoming Meetings and Courses

EFES meetings and courses

EFES Regional Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology

Minsk, Belarus, 2-4 May 2002

Contact: E Kholodova, President of Belarusian Association of Endocrinologists, Ala Katushkina Berestjanskaja 2/77, Minsk 220034, Belarus (Email: alusha71@mail.ru). Preliminary programme available at: www.euro-endo.org/prog020502.pdf.

9th EFES Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology

Como, Italy, 17-19 October 2002

Contact: Organizing Secretary, Centro Culturale A. Volta, Villa Olmo, Via Cantoni 1, 22100 Como, Italy (Tel: +39-03-1579812; Fax: +39-03-1573395; Email: chiara.stefanetti@centrovolta.it).

EFES 2nd Polish-Slovak-Czech-Hungarian Regional Postgraduate Course

Debrecen, Hungary, 7-9 November 2002

Contact: I Gerendai, Dept of Human Morphology and Developmental Biology, Semmelweis University Budapest, H-1094 Budapest, Tüzoltó u.58, Hungary (Tel: +361-2156920; Fax: 361-2153064; Email: gerendai@ana2.sole.hu).

6th European Congress of Endocrinology

Lyon, France, 26-30 April 2003

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10th EFES Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology

Riga, Latvia, 2003

Contact: V Pirags, Faculty of Medicine, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia (Tel: +371-9237760; Fax: +371-7614168; Email: pirags@latnet.lv).

11th EFES Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology

Oxford, UK, 19-21 September 2003

Contact: JAH Wass, Endocrine Unit, Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HE, UK (Tel: +44-1865-224765; Fax: +44-1865-224617; Email: john.wass@noc.anglo.nhs.uk).

EFES Postgraduate Course in Basic Endocrinology

Berlin, Germany, 2003

Contact: J Köhrle, (EFES Secretary), Medizinische Poliklinik der, Universität Würzburg, Klinische Forschergruppe, Röntgenring II, D-97070 Würzburg, Germany (Tel: +49-931-20171010; Fax: +49-931-2017107; Email: j.koehrle@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de).

EFES Regional Postgraduate Course

Poland, 2004

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7th European Congress of Endocrinology

Göteborg, Sweden, 2005

8th European Congress of Endocrinology

Budapest, Hungary, 2007

Other meetings

29th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues

Zagreb, Croatia, 25-29 May 2002

Contact: Janet Crompton, The Old White Hart, North Nibley, Dursley GL11 6DS, UK (Tel: +44-1453-549929; Fax: +44-1453-548919; Email: admin@ectsoc.org; Web: <http://www.ectsoc.org>).

ENDO 2002: 84th Annual Meeting

San Francisco, CA, USA, 19-22 June 2002

Contact: Beverly Glover, Administrative Assistant, Meetings, The Endocrine Society, 4350 East West Highway, Suite 500, Bethesda, MD 20814-4410, USA (Tel: +1-301-9410220; Fax: +1-301-9410259; Email: bglover@endo-society.org; Web: <http://www.endo-society.org>).

Society for Endocrinology Summer School

Reading, UK, 9-12 July 2002

Contact: Society for Endocrinology, 17/18 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4NQ, UK (Tel: +44-1454-642200; Fax: +44-1454-642222; Email: info@endocrinology.org; Web: <http://www.endocrinology.org>).

21st Conference of European Comparative Endocrinologists

Bonn, Germany, 26-31 August 2002

Contact: 21st CECE, c/o Institute of Zoophysiology, Enderlicher Allee 11-13, D-53115 Bonn, Germany (Fax: +49-228-732496; Email: esce2002@uni-bonn.de; Web: <http://www.esce2002.uni-bonn.de>).

5th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology

Bristol, UK, 31 August-4 September 2002

Contact: BioScientifica Ltd, 16 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4NQ, UK (Tel: +44-1454-642200; Fax: +44-1454-642222; Email: icn2002@endocrinology.org; Web: <http://www.bioscientifica.com/icn2002.htm>).

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28th Meeting of the European Thyroid Association

Göteborg, Sweden, 8-11 September 2002

Contact: Dr Ernst Nystrom (Email: euro-thyroid-assoc@cf.ac.uk; Web: www.eurothyroid.com).

10th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association

Munich, Germany, 12-14 September 2002

Contact: Prof AB Grossman, Department of Endocrinology, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC1A 7BE, UK (Email: secretary@ene-assoc.org; Web: <http://www.enea2002.de>).

2nd European Congress of Andrology

Malmö, Sweden, 19-22 September 2002

Contact: Malmö Kongressbyå, Östergatan 3, 21125 Malmö, Sweden (Tel: +46-40-258550; Fax: +46-40-258559; Email: info@malmoo-congress.com; Web: <http://www.malmoo-congress.com>).

10th Congress of the Romanian Society of Endocrinology (RSE), joint meeting with the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE)

Bucharest, Romania, 26-29 September 2002

Contact: General Secretary, Sergiu Bogdan Catrina, University of Medicine and Pharmacy 'Carol Davila' Department of Endocrinology II, 78260 Bucharest, PO Box 41-79, Romania (Tel/Fax: +40-1-2307705; Email: endocrine@uni-davila.ro; Web: <http://www.endocrine.uni-davila.ro>).

26th Congress of Endocrinology of SMEDIAN, the Moroccan Society of Endocrinology

Rabat, Morocco, 3-6 October 2002

Contact: Dr Fouad Rkiouak, 3 Rue Al Achâari, Appt 7, Agdal, Rabat, Morocco (Tel/Fax: +212-37-772436).

1st International Workshop on Anti-Müllerian Hormone/Müllerian Inhibiting Substance

Aix-en Provence, France, 7-8 October 2002

Contact: Dr Nathalie Josso, INSERM, 1 rue Maurice-Arnoux, 92120 Montrouge, France (Fax: +33-4-96151251 or +33-4-91529373; Email: josso@wotan.ens.fr; Web: <http://www.serono-amh-mis.com>).

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