

6th EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF ENDOCRINOLOGY

26-30 APRIL 2003, LYON, FRANCE

An invitation from the chairmen of the Programme and Local Organizing Committees



Undoubtedly by now you will be aware of the upcoming meeting in Lyon. This scientific congress is organized by the European Federation of Endocrine Societies, the umbrella of all national endocrine societies in Europe. That means that its programme has been put together by your European colleagues who are working in the

same field and have your needs in mind so that you get a solid update on what's new and what's best for your research as well as for your patients.

The scheduled programme (available at www.endocrinology2003.com/preliminary/index.html) is an excellent mix of basic and clinical science and covers up-to-date knowledge on topics such as: thyroid, adrenal and pituitary tumours, CRH, ghrelin and selective receptor modulators, endocrinology of bone and adipose tissue, the metabolic syndrome and insulin action, and the pharmacological treatments of type 2 diabetes and lipid disorders. The subtle combination of basic and clinical communications will be presented by speakers carefully selected for their achievements in science and their ability to deliver a good lecture. However, it's still not finished! This is because we are eagerly awaiting submission of your abstracts: much time is devoted to discussing your results in oral sessions, poster viewing sessions and poster discussion groups. So why wait for submission of your abstract till the deadline of 15 November? You can do it very easily electronically via www.endocrinology2003.com/welcome/index.html. Register early and take advantage of the lower early registration fees, and the economic package for people under 35 in training (registration fee and lodging and luncheons for just €520, but available in a limited number).

You may also consider taking advantage of having so many endocrinologists around in Lyon. If you want to discuss a specific problem you can start or join one of our discussion groups on the web (www.euro-endo.org/discuss.htm); we have a

group specifically for young endocrinologists. You may want to meet your discussants on the web in person during the Lyon meeting in order to delineate more precisely difficulties or plans you have in your laboratory research or clinical studies. Please write to me if you want to arrange something in Lyon, and I will see if we can accommodate your specific desires.

So, the possibilities are there, and it is up to you to use them. Hopefully you do, thereby taking further the cause of endocrinology and metabolism in Europe. See you in Lyon!

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Message from the President

The European Federation Society meeting in Lyon is going to be a fabulously productive and scientifically exciting meeting.

The programme has been derived with great care and attention to both the scientific content and balance. We are also encouraging the involvement of young and up-and-coming endocrinologists. Lyon is a great city with much to do in the hours when we are not working.

I do hope you will be able to come.

JAH WASS
PRESIDENT

Prize Deadlines

Geoffrey Harris Prize

Don't forget that the closing deadline for this is 31 October 2002. Further details can be found at: http://www.euro-endo.org/harris_prize.pdf

European Journal of Endocrinology Prize

Don't forget that the closing deadline for this is 31 October 2002. Further details can be found at: <http://www.eje.org/eje/ejeprize.htm>

Introducing the EFES Executive Committee

John Wass (President)



John Wass is a Professor of Endocrinology in the University of Oxford and consultant physician at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. He trained in endocrinology at St Bartholomew's Hospital and moved to Oxford in 1995. He has four main areas of research: the pituitary, in particular acromegaly and the treatment of pituitary tumours; growth hormone replacement therapy; the genetics of osteoporosis; and the genetics of autoimmune thyroid disease.

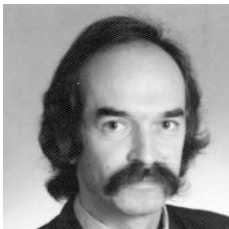
He has published over 230 papers in his career and is co-editing the *Oxford Textbook of Endocrinology* as well as the *Oxford Handbook of Endocrinology*. He is chairman of the Clinical Committee of the Society for Endocrinology and has served on the EFES Executive Committee for 8 years.

Ida Gerendai (Vice President and responsible for regional courses)

Ida Gerendai is Professor of Anatomy at the Department of Human Morphology and Developmental Biology at Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary. Her main fields of interest are neuroendocrinology and the physiology of reproduction. She teaches anatomy, histology and embryology to medical students and lectures in neuroendocrinology for postgraduates.



Josef Köhrle (Secretary)



Josef Köhrle is Full Professor of Molecular Endocrinology and the Director of the Institute of Experimental Endocrinology at the Medical Faculty Charité, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany. His current research interests include: regulation of intracellular hormone metabolism in target tissues, molecular mechanisms of hormone action; pituitary feedback regulation, molecular biology and hormonal regulation of cancer; hormonal regulation of development, growth, and cell differentiation; interactions

between trace elements and hormones; other secondary metabolites of plants and endocrine disrupters; and hormones, oxygen radicals and cancer.

He is involved with several endocrine and biochemical professional societies including the German Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the German Society of Endocrinology, the European Thyroid Association, the Society of Mineral Substances and Trace Elements and the American Thyroid Association. He currently serves on the editorial boards of *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology*, *Thyroid*, *Experimental and Clinical Endocrinology and Diabetes* and *Endocrine Regulations*. He has been Secretary of the EFES Executive Committee since 2001.

Rolf-Christian Gaillard (Treasurer)

Rolf-Christian Gaillard is full Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Lausanne and Head of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetology and Metabolism, University Hospital, Lausanne, Switzerland. His main research interests are in the field of neuroendocrinology (neuroendocrine-immune interactions, regulation of the corticotroph axis, leptin and HPA axis). He is also involved in several clinical research projects in the field of diabetes and growth hormone.



He is a member and treasurer of the Executive Board of the European Neuroendocrine Association (ENEA) and General Secretary-Treasurer of the European Board of Endocrinology and of the Section of Endocrinology of the European Union of Medical Specialists (U.E.M.S.). Professor Gaillard is also the President of the 'Journées Internationales d'Endocrinologie Clinique' in Paris and a member of the Board of the Club Français de l'Hypophyse. He is a member of several editorial boards of international journals and was the President of the Swiss Endocrine Society from 1987 to 1991.

Paolo Beck-Peccoz (Chief Editor, European Journal of Endocrinology)

Paolo Beck-Peccoz was born in Gressoney St. Jean (Valley of Aosta, Italy) and graduated in medicine at the University of Turin. He is currently Full Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Milan, and Director of the Institute of Endocrine Sciences and the School of Specialization in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases at the same university. He is Chief of the Endocrine Unit at the Ospedale Maggiore IRCCS in Milan and Editor-in-Chief of the *European Journal of Endocrinology*. He has published more than 300 papers in peer-reviewed journals, as well as in national and international textbooks of endocrinology.

Francis Bayard

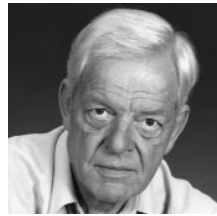
Francis Bayard is currently chief of the Department of Endocrinology at the Centre Hospitalier de Toulouse, Professor Classe Exceptionnelle at the University Paul Sabatier and Director of INSERM Unit 397 (Endocrinology and Cell Communication). In the late sixties, he worked in the Department of Pediatric Endocrinology at Hopkins University in Baltimore with C Migeon, where the first radioimmunoassay for aldosterone was set up. In the mid-seventies, he worked with E.E. Baulieu, in Paris where he described for the first time the estrogen and progesterone receptor concentrations in the human endometrium during the menstrual cycle. After organizing Endocrine and Diabetic Clinics, he came back to research and is now involved in determining the role of estrogens in the pathophysiology of the vascular and inflammatory-immune systems.

Christian Binder

Christian Binder, MD, DMSc, born 1932. Graduated 1960 from Medical School Copenhagen University. Chief physician Steno Diabetes Center since 1972; chairman Steno Diabetes Center 1984-98. Retired from clinical position autumn 1999.

He has published more than 200 original publications majority of which are within the field of endocrinology. Current academic work focuses on learning organisations and on modelling relations between input and outcome parameters in the delivery of care to diabetic patients.

Board member of the Danish Society of Internal Medicine 1969-73; president of the Danish Endocrine Society 1976-78; Editor in Chief of *Acta Endocrinologica* – now *European Journal of Endocrinology* - 1986-92; Vice-president EASD 1980-82; WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Chronic Degenerative Diseases 1979-99; member of the founding committee of European Federation of Endocrine Societies and of the Society of the European Journal of Endocrinology; member of the Medical Scientific Review Committee of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International 1989-93 and of their Medical Science Advisory Board 1994-98; member of the board of DOIT since 1992. Chairman of the Steering Committee of *European Journal of Endocrinology* 2001-



Andrzej Milewicz



Andrzej Milewicz is a Professor of Endocrinology and Internal Medicine and head of Dept. of Endocrinology and Diabetology in the Wrocław Medical University. His main areas of interest include obesity, metabolism, hyperandrogenism and osteoporosis.

He has published over 200 papers in peer reviewed journals. He is chairman of the Polish Society for Pathogenesis and Treatment of Obesity. He became a member of Executive

Committee of the European Federation of Endocrine Societies in 2001.

He is a member of the editorial board on Polish Journal of Endocrinology, Polish Journal of Diabetology and Climacteric and has participated in International Steroid Study Group.

Marcella Motta (Committee member responsible for joint meetings with member societies)

Marcella Motta is currently Full Professor of Physiology and Chairman of the Department of Endocrinology at the University of Milano. Her main research interests are neuroendocrinology, physiology of reproduction, metabolism of sex steroids and endocrine control of cellular replication in normal and pathological tissues.

She has published more than 400 papers in the major journals devoted to endocrinology, neuroendocrinology and cancer research as well as review articles for specialized books and textbooks. She is vice-president of the International Society of Neuroendocrinology, the Italian Society of Endocrinology and the Italian Society of Physiopathology of Reproduction. She is also a council member of different national and international societies and a member of the International Executive Committee of Hormones and Cancer, Steroid Hormones, the European Neuroendocrine Association (ENEA) and EFES.

She is on the editorial board of *Journal of Endocrinological Investigation*, *Journal of Neuroendocrinology* and *Endocrine-Related Cancer*.



Susan Webb (Committee member responsible for postgraduate clinical and basic courses)

Susan M Webb was born in Barcelona, Spain, where she qualified from Medical School in 1975, and completed her residency in Endocrinology in 1979. She spent 1 year (1980) in London at St Bartholomew's Hospital with Prof. GM Besser (Clinical neuroendocrinology and



Somatostatin) and another in San Antonio, Texas (1983-84), thanks to a Fulbright grant, in Prof. RJ Reiter's laboratory (pineal, melatonin). Since 1982 she has worked in the Department of Endocrinology, Hospital Sant Pau, of the Autonomous University of Barcelona, where she runs the Neuroendocrine Clinic. She became Associate Professor in 1988, and was promoted to Full Professor in 2002. She has been President of the Spanish Society for Endocrinology and Nutrition (1996-1999), is Secretary of the European Neuroendocrine Association (ENEA) since 2000, and officer of the Executive Committee of EFES since 2001. She has formed part of the Program Organizing Committees for the 4th EFES meeting (Sevilla, 1998), the ICE (Sydney 2000) and will preside over the POC for the 2004 ENEA meeting in Naples, Italy. She is in charge of coordinating the EFES clinical and basic postgraduate courses.

Professor W M Wiersinga (Webmaster and POC Chairman 6th ECE Lyon 2003)

Wilmar M Wiersinga, MD specialized in internal medicine and wrote his PhD thesis on the extrathyroidal conversion of T4. After further training at the UCLA as a postdoctoral fellow he was appointed as Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Amsterdam in 1991. Since 1996 he has been Chief, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam. He has served in the past as President of the Dutch Endocrine Society and member of the Dutch Medical Research Council and the Executive Committee of the European Thyroid Association. He organized several international thyroid symposia with the Amsterdam Thyroid Club. He chaired the local organizing committees of the 3rd European Congress of Endocrinology in 1994 and of the annual meeting of the European Thyroid Association in 1996. He was the European editor for *Clinical Endocrinology* from 1995 to 2001, and currently he serves as member of the Executive Committee of the European Federation of Endocrine Societies.

Forthcoming Meetings and Courses

EFES meetings and courses

9th EFES Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology

Como, Italy, 17-19 October 2002

Organizer: P Beck-Peccoz, Institute of Endocrine Sciences, Ospedale Maggiore IRCCS, Via F Sforza, 35, 20122 Milano, Italy (Tel: +39 02 550 33331; Fax: +39 02 55195438; Email: paolo.beckpeccoz@unimi.it; or C Stefinatti (Secretariat) (Tel: +39 03 1579812; Fax: +39 03 1573395; Email: congressi@centrovolta.it; Web: <http://web.genie.it/utenti/e/endocrinology/>).

2nd EFES Czech-Hungarian-Polish-Romanian-Slovak Postgraduate Course in Endocrinology

Debrecen, Hungary, 7-10 November 2002

Contact: Endre V Nagy, University of Debrecen Medical and Health Science Center, Dept. I of Medicine, POB 19, H-4012 Debrecen, Hungary (Tel: +36 52 41 42 27 or +36 30 22 88 880; Fax: +36 52 41 49 51; Email: nagy@ibel.dote.hu; Web site: <http://ibel.dote.hu/efesdebrecen/>).

10th EFES Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology

Riga, Latvia, 29-31 May 2003

Contact: V Pirags, P Stradins University Hospital, Pilsonu iela 13, Riga LV-1002, Latvia (Fax: +371 706 9955; Email: pirags@latnet.lv).

11th EFES Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology

Oxford, UK, 26-28 September 2003

Contact: J Wass, Endocrine Unit, Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6HE, UK (Email: john.wass@noc.anglo.nhs.uk).

Other meetings

Peptides and Non-peptides of Neuroendocrine and Oncologic Relevance

Como, Italy, 17-19 October 2002

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Prader-Willi Syndrome as a Model for Obesity. Symposium in memoriam Andra Prader

Zürich, Switzerland, 18-19 October 2002

Contact: Dr Urs Eiholzer, Foundation Growth Puberty Adolescence, Möhrlistrasse 69, 8006 Zürich, Switzerland (Tel: 01 364 37 00; Fax: 01 364 37 01; Email: mail@childgrowth.org; Web: <http://www.childgrowth.org>).

2nd International Conference on Obesity: Obesity: A woman's health problem,

Corfu, Greece, 26 October 2002

Contact: Dr Athanassios Michalopoulos, The Medical Association of Corfu (Tel: +30-66-1037540; Fax: +30-66-1034206; Email: amich@ker.forthnet.gr; Web: <http://www.corfuxenos.gr>)

193rd Meeting of the Society for Endocrinology and Society for Endocrinology joint Endocrinology and Diabetes day in association with Diabetes UK

London, UK, 4-6 November 2002

Contact: Society for Endocrinology, 17/18 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4NQ, UK (Tel: +44-1454-642210; Fax: +44-1454-642222; Email: conferences@endocrinology.org; Web: <http://www.endocrinology.org/sfeconference2002/>).

Workshop on Hormones, Body Composition and Physical Performances

Turin, Italy, 15-17 November 2002

Contact: Organizing Secretariat, CCI - Centro Congressi Internazionale s.r.l., Via Cervino, 60, 10155 Torino, Italy (Tel: +39 011 2446911; Fax: +39 011 2446900; Email: info@congressiefiere.com; Web: <http://www.congressiefiere.com>).

Second International Symposium on Progestins, Progesterone Receptor Modulators and Progesterone Antagonists

Siena, Italy, 20-23 November 2002

Contact: Tzina Lindenberg (Tel: +972-2-6555188; Fax: +972-2-6522018; E-mail: hormones@netmedia.net.il; Web: www.unisi.it/eventi/progestins).

7th International Symposium on Graves' Ophthalmopathy

Pisa, Italy, 6-8 February 2003

Contact: Tre Emme Congressi srl, Via Risorgimento 4, 56126 Pisa, Italy (Tel: +39-05-044154; Fax: +39-05-0500725; Email: tremme@sirius.pisa.it; Web: <http://tremmecongressi.it>).

2nd International Workshop on the Genetics of Bone Metabolism and Disease

Davos, Switzerland, 15-18 February 2003

Contact: European Calcified Tissue Society, PO Box 4, Dursley GL11 6YL, UK (Tel: +44-1453-549929; Fax: +44-1453-548919; Email: admin@ectsoc.org; Web: <http://www.ectsoc.org/>).

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46th Journées Internationales d'Endocrinologie Clinique: Endocrinology of menopause and 'andropause'

Paris, France, 24-25 April 2003

Contact: Dr G Copinschi, Laboratory of Experimental Medicine, Brussels Free University CP 618, 808 Route de Lennik, B-1070 Brussels, Belgium (Fax: +32-2-5556239; Email: klotz@ulb.ac.be).

2nd European Consensus Conference. Menopause: State of the Art Toward Consensus

Athens, Greece, 1-4 May 2003

Contact: CFE/EFMS executive organization, 12 rue du Quatre-Septembre, 75002 Paris, France (Tel: +33-42-865592; Fax: +33-42-604535; Email: eska@club-internet.fr; Web: <http://www.eska.fr>).

30th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues

Rome, Italy, 8-12 May 2003

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>).

FEBS 2003 Meeting on Signal Transduction. Signal transduction: from membrane to gene expression, from structure to disease

Brussels, Belgium, 4-8 July 2003

Contact: V Wouters, ICEO (Tel: +32-2-7795959; Fax: +32-2-7795960; Email: febs@iceo.be; Web: <http://www.febs-signal.be>).

12th Vitamin D Workshop

Maastricht, The Netherlands, 6-10 July 2003

Contact: Dr R Bouillon, LEGENDO, Onderwijs en Navorsing (9e Verd), Gasthuisberg, B-3000, Leuven, Belgium (Tel: +32-16-345971; Fax: +32-16-345934; Email: roger.bouillon@medkuleuven.ac.be).

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