

Announcements

SYMPOSIUM ON MICROTUBULES AND MICROTUBULAR INHIBITORS

A Symposium on Microtubules and Microtubular Inhibitors has been organized by the Janssen Research Foundation under the auspices of the Belgian Society for Cell Biology and will be chaired by Professor P. Dustin of Brussels University. It will be held from September 3 to 5, 1975, at 2340-Beerse, Belgium (near Antwerp). The topics will include fundamental aspects of structure and biochemistry of microtubules, functional aspects of microtubules in mitotic and interphase cells, and applied aspects of microtubular function. Short communications concerning new data in the form of exhibits are welcomed. Information and application forms can be obtained from M. Borgers or M. De Brabander, Janssen Pharmaceutica, Research Laboratories, 2340-Beerse, Belgium. The total attendance at the meeting will be limited to 100 persons.

PROGRAM FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY RESEARCH AND TRAINING

A program for Epidemiology Research and Training with an initial focus in Cancer Epidemiology has been established at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Persons will be trained through concurrent academic course work and practicum at the Fox Chase Cancer Center, Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, and at other local cancer centers or programs. In the supervised field experience, the trainee will participate in the planning, implementation, and analysis of ongoing data systems. Epidemiological biostatistical skills that will be acquired include questionnaire construction and field testing, sample survey design, life table analysis, computer methods, statistical reasoning and advanced statistical methodology, design of research studies, evaluation of new programs of primary prevention, screening, early detection, treatment and rehabilitation, before and after studies, studies of process and of outcome on patient and community. For further details contact Dr. Anita K. Bahn, Department of Community Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, 36th and Hamilton Walk GA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19174, (215) 243-4890.

1974 ALBERT LASKER RESEARCH AWARDS

Five recipients of the 1974 Albert Lasker Research Awards, given to honor and encourage outstanding medical contributions, have been announced. One award for Clinical Medical Research went to Dr. John Charnley for his original, innovative concepts for total prosthetic joint replacement. Four investigators received awards for Basic Medical Research: Dr. Ludwik Gross won the Award for his original discovery of leukemia- and cancer-inducing viruses in mammals; Dr. Howard Earle Skipper for his contributions to biology, biochemistry, cell kinetics, and pharmacology, which have laid the foundations for the chemotherapy of cancer; Dr. Sol Spiegelman for his contributions to molecular biology, including the techniques of molecular hybridization, and the first synthesis of an infectious nucleic acid; and Dr. Howard M. Temin for his contributions to the biology of RNA-containing cancer viruses, and elucidation of the mode of action of viral genes. This year marks the 29th year of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation's presentation of the Albert Lasker Medical Research Awards. Since they were established in 1944, 23 Lasker Award winners later became Nobel Prize winners.