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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM titled

"MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF GENE EXPRESSION"

SECOND EVENT IN THE SANTIAGO SOUTHERN SUMMER SYMPOSIA SERIE

Dates : January 5-7, 1994

Place: Auditorium "Julio Cabello", Faculty of Medicine,
University of Chile, Santiago, Chile

Organized by : Biochemistry Department, Faculty of Medicine,
University of Chile.

President of the Organizing Committee :
Dr. Jorge E. Allende.

Sponsors: International Centre for Genetic Engineering and
Biotechnology, The National Cancer Institute of the
USA, CONICYT, TWAS, RELAB and the University de
Chile.

Lecturers : 23 invited participants from abroad (Argentina,
Belgium, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, France,
Italy, Portugal, United States) as well as 4
Chilean lecturers and 8 distinguished Chilean
Biologists chairing the 8 different sessions were
invited.

Free Communications: 23 works were presented as "Posters" by
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Mexico,
Peru, Spain, United Kingdom, United States,
Uruguay, Venezuela.

Fellowships:- 12 grants were given to young researchers from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela representing partial financing of the airticket expenses and pocket money as well as exemption of registration fees.

- 21 small fellowships were as well given to support travel expenses to Chilean students from regional universities, as well as exemption of registration fees.

- 166 exemption of registration fees were given to students from pre y postgraduate.

Assistance: There was a total of 253 registered participants. An average attendance of 200 persons was daily estimated for the 3 days duration of the Symposium.

Inauguration Ceremony:

The Symposium started with a short ceremony presided by Dr. Jaime Lavados, Rector of the University of Chile; Dr. Aleksandar Goic, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Chile; Dr. Federico Welsch, Director of the National Cancer Institute of USA, International Relations Department; Dr. Norbel Galanti, Academic Director, Faculty of Medicine; Dr. Oscar Grau, Coordinator of the Latin American Regional Biotechnology Program sponsored by UNDP/UNIDO/UNESCO and Dr. Jorge E. Allende, chairman of the organizing committee. Drs. Allende, Welsch, Grau and Dean Goic spoke briefly to welcome the participants and to explain the objectives of the Symposium.

Organizers' Comments

The development of the Symposium was highly satisfactory. The scientific level was the best possible due to the presence of well-known world-class researchers, such as Dr. Robert Weinberg of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research Biology, Drs. Tjian and Yamamoto from the University of California, Drs. Weil, Hélène and Darlix from France and Dr. Arturo Falaschi, Director of the ICGEB-Trieste. Also latinamerican leaders such as Drs. Frasch and Kornblihtt from Argentina, Drs. Armelin from Brazil and Dr. Leon from Costa Rica.

Other noteworthy aspect was the participation of three distinguished Chilean researchers resident in foreign countries: Drs. Simon Litvak (France), Rodrigo Bravo (USA) and Danny Reinberg (USA). Their presence allowed them to take new contacts with Chilean groups working on similar themes.

The Symposium was extremely well received by the Chilean scientific community and especially by the students. It was stimulating to see the interest with which the students attended all the conferences although they were presented in English. It was well noted that foreign professors were dedicating their free moments to talk with latinamerican young researchers presenting posters in a very active workshop discussion.

Based on the positive results of these first two Symposia, we are already starting with optimism the task of organizing the third Symposium of the serie *SANTIAGO SOUTHERN SUMMER SYMPOSIA* which topic will concern "Molecular Biology of Cell Differentiation and Embryonic Development".

Enclosures: Abstracts Book
Program leaflet
Worskhop program
List of Participants

REGISTERED PARTICIPATION

Foreign lecturers	23
Chilean lecturers	4
Chairmen	8

Sub total	35

Registered Students before 31/12/92	154
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Local Academics registered before 31/12/92	5
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Foreign fellowship recipients	12
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Registrations during the Symposium	47

Sub total	218
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Total Registered Participants	253
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A C C O U N T

I. POCKET MONEY PROVIDED TO THE INVITED PARTICIPANTS

1. Dr. Arturo Falaschi - ICGEB - Trieste	400
2. Dr. Claude Hélène - France	400
3. Dr. Joseph Martial - Belgium	400
4. Dr. Hanne Holms Rasmussen - Denmark	400
5. Dr. Jacques-H. Weil - France	400
6. Dr. Jean-Luc Darlix	400

TOTAL

US\$ 2.400

(See enclosure I. - 1 to 6)

II. AIRFLIGHT TICKETS

1. Dr. Rodrigo Bravo - U.S.A.	1000
2. Dr. Claude Hélène - France	1850
3. Dr. Claudio Sunkel - Portugal	1000
4. Dr. Jacques H. Weil - France	1950
5. Dr. Roberto Weinmann - J.S.A.	1000

TOTAL

US\$ 6.800

(See Enclosure II - 1 to 5)

III. COFFEE BREAKS - HOSPITALITY

1. Welcome Reception	688
2. Coffee, Sodas, etc	445

TOTAL

US\$ 1133

(See enclosure III- 1 and 2)

IV. TRANSPORTATION

1. Airport reception	
Bus transportation (Hotel-meeting)	139
Bus Fuel and Oil	
TOTAL	US\$ 139

(See Enclosure IV - 1-2)

V. ORGANIZATION AND OFFICE EXPENSES

1. Bank charges, fees for preparation of reports, etc	494
2. Printing of Abstracts books and triptics	1024
3. Office supplies: xerox paper, photocopies, transparencies, folders, name tags, printer supplies, photos, etc	287
4. International Communications: Faxes, Phone, mail, courier service	1780
5. Projectionists and lecture room attendants (6)	304
6. Posters (100)	391
7. Video tapes of the conferences	248
TOTAL	US\$ 4528

(See Enclosure V. 1 to 7)

GRAN TOTAL	US\$ 15.000
<u>Received</u> - 1st Payment of Contract:	US\$ 12.000
<u>Balance to be received</u>	US\$ 3.000

Jorge E. Allende
President of the Chilean
National Committee of Biotechnology

Santiago, January 26th, 1994