After the very successful RegPep2018 organized by Lee E. Eiden and Limei Zhang in Acapulco (Mexico) from September 22nd to 25th, 2018, which encompassed many facets of current research on bioactive peptides from basic aspects to clinical applications, the next meeting of the IRPS society (23rd Symposium of the International Regulatory Peptide Society) will be organized in Japan, by Hitoshi Hashimoto and his colleagues in spring 2021. It will be a joint meeting with the biennial VIP/PACAP meeting. By the meantime, we will continue to promote the organization of international conferences on bioactive peptides, disseminate information on the activities of our members, establish links with manufacturers working on bioactive peptides, collect funds in order to distribute scholarships and establish awards…. In order to keep in touch with all people working on bioactive peptides, we will publish regularly this IRPS Newsletter (ideally once a month). This letter is yours, so please feel free to send information on meetings, new positions available, call for special issues, recent publications to david.vaudry@univ-rouen.fr.

14th biennial VIP/PACAP meeting

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the VIP/PACAP International Steering Committee, we are pleased to announce the 14th biennial VIP/PACAP meeting entitled “The Akira Arimura Memorial VIP/PACAP and Related Peptides Symposium: 30 years after PACAP Discovery”, to be held on the University of California Los Angeles campus, November 3-6, 2019. Please mark your calendars. The symposium is being co-organized by Drs. James Waschek and Joe Pisegna. A website will be established in the upcoming weeks for registration, abstract submission, lodging, etc. Related announcements will be forthcoming. I sincerely hope you will join us in Los Angeles!

James A. Waschek, Ph.D. & Joseph Pisegna, M.D.

Symposium ‘Development of regenerative strategies for nervous system repair and functional recovery’

On December 10th, 2018, a Symposium supported by IRIB and entitled "Development of Regenerative Strategies for the Repair of the Nervous System and Functional Recovery" will be organized at the University of Rouen. Eight plenary lecture will be given. Short oral presentations by doctoral and post-doctoral students are also planned, followed by discussions around posters during the meal (see program). Participation to the symposium is free but registration is required at the following address: https://primacen.crihan.fr/Event/registration.php?idm=MTA=
PhD students and post-docs wishing to contribute must submit a summary to the following address: https://primacen.crihan.fr/Event/abstract.php?idm=MTA=

Symposium ‘Peptide Therapeutics Foundation’

On October 25-25 2018 was held the 13th Annual Peptide Therapeutics Symposium at The Salk Institute – La Jolla, CA. The Peptide Therapeutics Symposium was established in 2005 to promote research and development on peptide therapeutics. The meeting program (http://www.peptidetherapeutics.org/) covered different new developments on peptides with therapeutic potential presented by pharma companies.

Positions available

Five fully financed postdoc positions in Type 2 diabetes research at Lund University Diabetes Centre in the south of Sweden will soon be announced at https://www.ludc.lu.se/lund-university-diabetes-centre and Nature jobs etc. For more information contact Nils Wierup (nils.wierup@med.lu.se).
**21st GFPP meeting, Amboise, May 2019**

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the next meeting of the French Peptides and Proteins Group will be held in Amboise, from Sunday 12th to Thursday 16th May 2019, in the beautiful and historic Loire Valley area.

Note that 2019 will be the 41st anniversary of the GFPP and also the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo Da Vinci, who spent his last years in Amboise, in the Chateau du Clos-Lucé, located a few kilometers away from the conference center.

We have gathered a rich program of plenary speakers, spanning cutting-edge themes in the peptide and protein science field. A large part of the program will be dedicated to oral communications from young scientists. As usual, around 20 grants will be attributed to young investigators to cover their registration fees. The official language of the congress is English.

More details can be found on the GFPP website: [https://www.gfpp.fr/en/home/](https://www.gfpp.fr/en/home/)

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Looking forward seeing you in Amboise! The GFPP board members