



The Neuroscience Letter

The LARC-Neurosciences network

19th Larc-Neuroscience Annual Meeting



The 19th Annual Meeting of the Teaching and Research network in Neurosciences of the North-west (LARC-Neuroscience Network) will take place on Friday, November 13th, 2015, in Amiens. Organized by Prof **Mickael NAASILA** (INSERM ERI 24), Prof **Olivier PIERREFICHE** (INSERM ERI 24) and their colleagues, this symposium will be held at the Institut de Formation en Soins Infirmiers - IFSI (University Hospital South Amiens - CHU Sud).

Two plenary lectures will be presented by Dr **Florence NOBLE** (Université Paris Descartes) on *'The pharmacological link between two neuropeptides, cholecystokinin and enkephalins. Evidences in models of pain and pharmacodependence in rodents'* and by Dr **Yehezkel BENARI** (INMED) on *'Is child delivery a critical period for autism pathology ?'*

The meeting will also include 12 oral presentations by young researchers working in different laboratories of the network. There will be a poster display session and networking opportunities. Prizes will be awarded for the best oral and poster presentations. For more information, visit: https://www.u-picardie.fr/evenement/site_larc/

RegPep2016, register now for attractive fees !

On behalf of the *International Regulatory Peptide Society*, the *Summer Neuropeptide Conferences*, the *European Neuropeptide Club* and the *Groupe Français des Peptides et des Protéines*, we would like to invite you to participate to RegPep2016 that will be held in Rouen (Normandy, France) from July 12th to 14th, 2016. The venue of RegPep2016 will be the Law Faculty, a beautiful new building located in downtown Rouen, on the bank of the Seine River, within walking distance from the Place du Vieux-Marché (where Joan of Arc was burnt alive in 1431) and the famous Cathedral, painted by Claude Monet.

The scientific program will comprise a Lay-public Lecture, 3 Plenary Lectures, 20 Symposia with 80 State-of-the-Art Lectures, 32 free oral communications selected from the abstracts, 12 communications from young investigators and 2 poster sessions.

Several sessions about the *'Role of neuropeptides in the progression of tumours of the nervous system'*, the *'Therapeutic potential of the PACAP/VIP neuropeptide family and related peptides in neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric diseases'*, the *'Role of peptides in stress-related modulation of visceral pain'*, *'New insights on neuropeptides in obesity and metabolic disorders'*, *'Hypocretins/orexins in arousal, stress, reward and cognition'* and *'Brain circuits underlying stress perception, response, and adaptation mediated and modulated by neuropeptides'* will contribute to a program which should be of broad interest for people working in Neurosciences.

Sessions will address both basic and clinical issues. Participation of clinicians and private companies is encouraged. Basic research will also be well represented with some sessions addressing for instance evolutionary aspects. Attending RegPep2016, you will be able to learn about the most recent advances on peptides that regulate cell, tissue or organ functions in physiological or pathological conditions. For more information regarding the program, please visit the RegPep2016 website (www.regpep2016.fr).

Besides the scientific program, the social events, included in the registration fee of all participants and accompanying persons, will comprise a get-together party on Tuesday July 12th, a visit of Rouen Impressionist Museum and a Banquet Dinner on Wednesday July 13th, and a visit of Rouen plus a firework display on the Seine River on Thursday July 14th. Travel awards for young investigators (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) will be available. Satellite meetings will be organized before the RegPep2016 (July 11th) and an optional excursion to Etretat Alabaster coast will be proposed after the meeting (July 15th). We very much hope that you will be able to join us for this major international meeting on bioactive peptides in Rouen in 2016. During this meeting, you will meet old friends and colleagues, and initiate new relationships with others working in fields similar to your own.



Registrations are now open on the website with an attractive fee until January 31st, 2016 for early registration. If there is anything that we can do to help you attend the congress, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at david.vaudry@univ-rouen.fr





Inauguration of the CURIB

Thursday, September 24th, 2015, Mr **Nicolas MAYER-ROSSIGNOL**, President of the Upper Normandy Region and Mr **Jean-Charles QUIRION**, Regional Delegate for Research and Technology representing the Prefect of the Upper Normandy Region, inaugurated on the Mont-Saint-Aignan campus the University Center for Research and Innovation in Biology (CURIB) alongside Ms **Nicole MENAGER**, Rector of the Academy of Rouen, Chancellor of the Universities and Mr **Cafer ÖZKUL**, President of the University of Rouen, in the presence of the Deputy Ms **Valérie FOURNEYRON**. The new building, with an area of nearly 11 600 m² of which 7 000 m² dedicated to laboratories, is spread over 5 levels. The CURIB hosts 4 laboratories and research teams of the Faculty of Sciences and Technology of the University of Rouen (INSERM 982-DC2N UMRS; EA-4358 Glyco-MEV; EA-4108 LITIS Team TIBS; UMR CNRS 6270 –BRICS Team). It also hosts the proteomic platform PISSARO and cell imaging platform PRIMACEN. Additional surfaces of offices and laboratories have been planned to host possible new teams.

The center's missions, which today encompasses laboratories scattered so far on the Mont-Saint-Aignan campus are:

- Promote scientific excellence in Normandy;
- Irrigate research for all university education levels;
- Develop research contracts with industrial companies in the Biology-Health-Agriculture sector.

These missions are part of the priority areas of the Institute of Research and Biomedical Innovation (IRIB) to which are affiliated the 4 laboratories and teams of the CURIB.



Training

Inserm As part of INSERM life-long training, PRIMACEN organizes a training on laser microdissection and gene expression analysis by quantitative PCR in Rouen from November 18th to 20th, 2015. This course is designed for scientists, engineers and students who wish to acquire necessary knowledge and skills to implement the laser microdissection technique in their laboratories or platforms. Applications under this isolation technique from tissues will be shown and workshops will detail the necessary conditions to perform transcriptomic analyzes. For further information, contact Dr **Magalie BENARD** (magalie.benard@univ-rouen.fr) or Dr **David VAUDRY** (david.vaudry@univ-rouen.fr).



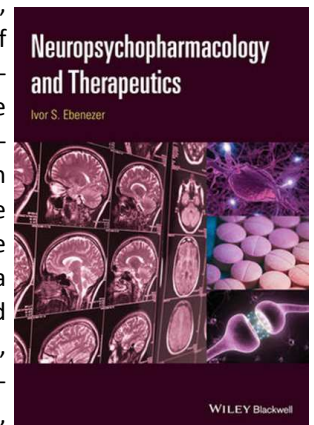
A University training for people wishing to learn about behavioral exploration in pathophysiological models of rodents will be held in Lille (France) from April 25th to 28th, 2016. The objectives are to provide functional neuroanatomy and pharmacological modulation knowledge of the behavior; to describe some behavioral disorders and their experimental models; and propose tools and rodents behavioral evaluation methods. For more information and registration, contact Dr **Thomas HUBERT** (thomas.hubert@univ-lille2.fr).

Conference

On the occasion of the *European Neuropeptide Club's* annual congress which took place in Aberdeen (Scotland) from September 28th to October 1st, 2015, Dr **David VAUDRY** (Inserm U982) was invited to give a lecture entitled 'How to improve PACAP efficiency for neuroprotection and neurorepair?'

Publication

Dr **Ivor EBENEZER** has published a book entitled '*Neuropharmacology and Therapeutics*' (ISBN: 978-1-118-38565-4; Wiley-Blackwell). The principal aims of this book are to provide readers with a clear understanding of CNS disorders, and an appreciation of how basic and clinical research findings can be translated into therapeutics. After an introduction to the subject area, the remaining chapters are focused on reviewing a number of psychiatric and neurological disorders, including Parkinson's disease, Dementias, Epilepsy, Sleep disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, and Drug Addiction. They are discussed in terms of their clinical symptoms, epidemiology, pathology, aetiology, underlying neurobiological and neurochemical mechanisms, pharmacotherapy, adjunctive non-pharmacological treatments, and clinical outcomes. For further information see <http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1118385659,subjectCd-MDN4.html>



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