

**SYMPOSIUM ON BASEMENT MEMBRANE**

Cell and Molecular Biology of Basement Membrane in Health and Disease is a symposium to be held at the Airlie Center, Virginia on September 20–22, 1991. Molecular interactions and cell receptors, regulation of gene expression, development and growth regulation, regulation of degradation of basement membrane, and basement membrane involvement in various disease states will be discussed. Formal presentations, informal discussions, and poster sessions will be included. This symposium will be chaired by Drs. Nicholas Kefalides, Lance Liotta, and Eric Neilson. Attendance is limited. For further information, please contact Dr. Nicholas Kefalides, Connective Tissue Research Institute, University City Science Center, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (215) 387-2255.

**NEPHROLOGY CONFERENCE**

The Third Roma Nephrology Conference will be held September 27–28, 1991, in Fluggi (Rome), Italy, under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology, the Italian Society of Nephrology and the University of Rome "La Sapienza." The main topic will be the Glomerular Mesangium: From Cell Biology to Clinics." The Conference will aim at a wide audience of scientists and physicians concerned with pathophysiology and treatment of renal diseases. For further information, contact Professor Giulio A. Cinotti, Cattedra di Nefrologia, 2a Clinica Medica, Policlinico Umberto I, Viale del Policlinico, 00161 Rome, Italy; Telephone +39 (6) 445-7130; Telefax +39 (6) 445-7735.

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ACUTE RENAL FAILURE**

The International Symposium on Acute Renal Failure will be held October 2–4, 1991, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This meeting will honor Dr. E.G.L. Bywaters at the 50th anniversary of the publication of his observations on crushing injuries and acute renal failure. Topics will include posttraumatic acute renal failure, disaster assistance for acute renal failure, prevention of acute renal failure associated with renal transplantation, ischemic and nephrotoxic renal injury, recovery from renal injury, the molecular biology of renal injury and repair, and acute renal failure in glomerular disease. For further information, contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education, 231 MacNider Building, CB#7000, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7000; (919) 962-2118.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

A meeting on renal biopsy in medical diseases of the kidney will be held October 16 through 19, 1991, at the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University in New York City. Under the direction of Conrad L.