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The 53rd Symposium of the Society:
**“CURRENT ROLE OF
HISTOCHEMISTRY IN
PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL
RESEARCH”**

Munich 12-15 October, 2011

Dear Members of the Society,

in this second Newsletter, you will find further information concerning the next Symposium as well as the list of the most recent members who have joined our Society.

You will also find the contribution by Paul Debbage on **Research funding from the European Union**. In this period, when funding for research is shrinking, it may help to know something of the possibilities available within the European Union.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Board, it is my pleasure to wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Successful 2011 !

Marco Biggiogera

Dear Members of the Society of Histochemistry,
Dear Scientists and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee it is a great pleasure to invite you to the 53rd Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry 2011. Again, the Symposium will bring together leading international experts and provide a critical mass in the field of molecular histology, molecular medicine and cell biology. Join us to enjoy great science and Munich, one of the most beautiful cities in Germany.



The 53rd Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry will provide insight into the *Current role of Histochemistry in Preclinical and Clinical Research* (<http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/histochemistry2011>). The “tissue is the issue” remains an important principle for further progress in a frontier research in molecular medicine, molecular and cell biology and pathology. The conference will focus on latest morphology-based methodological developments as well as state-of-the-art technology and applications in research and diagnostics. Particular emphasis will be on Imaging Mass Spectrometry in biomedical imaging and in life science research.

The conference will start with the Robert Feulgen Lecture at the opening night given by Richard M. Caprioli, the pioneer of Imaging Mass Spectrometry of tissues. The scientific programme includes invited talks, oral presentations, posters, and instrumentation workshops. You will meet international experts from the relevant fields of interest who will share their knowledge and experience. There will be six specialized workshops and informal sessions will help to discuss individual open questions with experts in the field. Scientific sessions with a decent share of presentations selected from submitted abstracts will cover specific thematic areas. A poster session will provide the opportunity to present the latest results from your lab. An industry exhibition will present the latest products in microscopy-based technology and related fields.

You are cordially invited by the Society for Histochemistry, the Klinik und Poliklinik für Frauenheilkunde und Geburtshilfe and the Helmholtz Zentrum München. We look forward to seeing you!

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Research funding from the European Union

During this time when funding for research is shrinking, it may help to know something of the possibilities available within the European Union. For histologists and cell biologists the EU funds research, for example, under the titles "Health" and "Nanomedicine" in the Framework 7 (FP7) program. This brief introduction might help you to enter this world of european funding, with its background of collaboration between teams in different european countries. I will focus here on funding for nanotechnology, which is presently relatively well funded.

You can find a visually interesting statement of what funding has been available for nanotechnology-based research across the world (latest figures: 2005) at:

ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/nanotechnology/docs/nano_funding_data_08122005.pdf

In the FP7 funding program there are available approximately 50 000 million Euros for nanotechnology-based research, as you can check here:

http://cordis.europa.eu/nanotechnology/src/ec_programmes.htm

The EU publishes Calls for research programs, which should be answered by teams of researchers gathered from different european countries. An example of one such recent Call, of interest to scientists with expertise in tissue structure, would be: "*NMP.2011.1.2-2 New targeted therapy using nanotechnology to transport macromolecules across the biological blood-brain barrier*". This Call has recently closed, the deadline to apply for it has passed.

At present there are three open Calls for nanotechnology based research:

[FP7-NMP-2011-EU-RUSSIA](#) with title: *Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies – Coordinated call EU-Russia 2011*. This Call was published: 20th July 2010, and its closing date is: 31st March 2011. Its budget is: €4 500 000.

[FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD](#) with title: *ERA-NET Call 2011*. This Call was published: 20th July, 2010, and its closing date is: 22nd February, 2011. Its budget is: €44 600 000 shared between the following themes: *Energy; General Activities; Health; Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology; Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies; Socio-economic sciences and Humanities; Transport (including Aeronautics)*.

[FP7-NMP-2011-CSA-5](#) with title: *Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies – CSAs*. This Call was published: 20th July 2010, and its closing date is: 1st February, 2011. Its budget is: €12 000 000.

The EU bureaucracy is famously complex, and numerous organisations have grown up to help you navigate it. A good place to start finding help would be the "**National Contact Points**", which in each country of Europe offer support and help. They can put you in contact with other organisations. You can find your national contact point at: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html. Also, the national contact partners have established a team in order to provide help; this team can be found at <http://www.nmpteam.com/>

Wishing you a good beginning with your search for european funding!

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Benefits for members:

1. Prestigious prizes, awards and stipends as well as competitive student packages for attending symposia of the Society.
2. Personal subscription to the Society's official journal "Histochemistry and Cell Biology" *at only ten percent of the regular rate*. Based on the ISI-impact factor, "Histochemistry and Cell Biology" is *the* leading journal in the field.
3. Interactions with senior scientists resulting in multiple career opportunities. Selected top scientists in the field can be met and contacts and discussions with them are encouraged in the informal atmosphere of the symposia.
4. Symposia are conveniently scheduled (usually in September) at reasonable prices.
5. Besides oral presentations by top scientists in the field, the program of the symposia allows for selected presentations on the basis of submitted abstracts.
6. "Free communications" and presentation of posters receive ample attention at the symposia and are considered to be important elements of the symposia.
7. Access to the "members only" section of the Society's highly informative homepage (www.histochemistry.eu).
8. Annual Newsletter for members only.
9. An annual membership fee of only € 25, which includes a € 25 reduction of the registration fee for the symposia of the Society.