Notes and Announcements



The American Epilepsy Society/Milken Family Foundation Research Award

Dr. Frederick Andermann, Professor in Neurology and Pediatrics at McGill University and Director of the Epilepsy Service at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, is the 1995 recipient of the Distinguished Clinical Investigator Award which is sponsored by the Milken Family Foundation in cooperation with

the American Epilepsy Society. The award was presented by Mr. Michael Milken and by Dr. Jim Ferendelli, President of the American Epilepsy Society during the annual meeting of the American Epilepsy Society in Baltimore, December 4, 1995, at a luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Dr. Andermann has done significant work in the area of progressive myoclonus epilepsies, cerebral dysgenesis, indications for epilepsy surgery, and mitochondrial encephalopathies. With his wife, Dr. Eva Andermann, a neurogeneticist at McGill, he has studied agenesis of the corpus callosum with peripheral neuropathy (Andermann Syndrome). His monographs on Alternating Hemiplegia, Rasmussen's Syndrome and Migraine -Epilepsy interactions have deepened understanding of these disorders, and opened up new directions for research. Dr. Andermann is a past President of The Canadian Neurological Society, The Canadian Society for Clinical Neurophysiology, The Canadian Association for Child Neurology and The Eastern Society of Electroencephalographers.

Co-recipient of the Distinguished Clinical Investigator Award is Dr. Jean Aicardi, a friend and colleague in pediatric neurology from France who is currently honourary Professor at the University of London's Institute of Child Neurology and Consultant to the Hospital for Sick Children in London. The Junior Clinical Investigator Award was given to Dr. Samuel Berkovic from Melbourne, Australia, who is active in the field of adult and pediatric epilepsy research. Dr. Berkovic worked with Dr. Andermann for several years on a Wilder Penfield Fellowship in Epilepsy at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital.

Recipient of the 1996 \$50,000 Killam Prize

Dr. Philip Seeman, Professor at the University of Toronto is the winner of the 1996 Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Prize for the Health Sciences. Dr. Seeman's neuropyschopharmacological research has enriched medical and clinical communities worldwide with breakthrough discoveries for over 30 years.

Dr. Seeman has made fundamental contributions to the understanding of dopamine receptor systems in the brain, systems which are now known to be involved in a variety of diseases including Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia. By discovering, through molecular biological approaches, other potential receptors for dopamine and antipsychotic medications, Dr. Seeman has revealed new gateways for drug therapies and for unravelling the multiple planes of dopamine function in the brain.

Dr. Seeman is Canada's most quoted neuroscientist in scientific journals and symposia, and in textbooks as well. His eighteen national and international awards attest to his scientific achievements in neuropharmacology and psychiatry; he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and has received the Lieber Award of the National Alliance for Research in Schizophrenia and Depression, the Stanley Dean Award of the American College of Psychiatrists, the Tanenbaum Award for Schizophrenia Research from the Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation, the first Prix Galien award in North America and the Pasarow Foundation award in Neuropsychiatry.

Dr. Seeman's outstanding scientific contributions have been of a pioneering nature and have shaped the direction of neuroscience and psychiatry.

Epilepsy Canada/Parke-Davis Canada Research Fellowship

The Epilepsy Canada/Parke-Davis Canada Research Fellowship is offered to develop expertise in clinical or basic epilepsy research and to enhance the quality of care for epilepsy patients in Canada. The award of the fellowship is \$35,000 annually. Epilepsy Canada will present the award at the annual meeting of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences.

Research must be carried out at a Canadian facility, with project emphasis on the study of epilepsy itself and not on epilepsy as part of the study of another field. The Fellowship is primarily a training program and is not intended for individuals holding faculty appointments. Applicants must have an M.D. or a Ph.D. Those with an M.D. must have completed residency training.

Application forms will be available September 1, 1996. The deadline for submission is December 1, 1996. For further information, please contact Rebecca Rupp, National Director of Programs, Epilepsy Canada, 1470 Peel St., Suite 745, Montréal, Québec H3A 1T1. Tel: (514) 845-7855; Fax: (514) 845-7866.

Bourse de Recherche Epilepsie Canada/ Parke-Davis Canada

La bourse de recherche d'Epilepsie Canada/Parke-Davis Canada est offerte en vue d'encourager la recherche fondamentale ou clinique sur l'épilepsie et d'améliorer la qualité des soins aux personnes atteintes d'épilepsie au Canada. Le montant de la bourse, accordée annuellement, est de \$35 000. Elle sera présentée à l'assemblée annuelle du Congrès Canadien des Sciences Neurologiques.

La recherche doit être effectuées dans une institution canadienne; la projet doit porter sur l'étude de l'épilepsie proprement dite et non sur l'épilepsie en tant que partie d'une étude sur un autre sujet. It s'agit d'une bourse de perfectionnement et ne s'adresse pas aux chercheurs détenant déjà un poste dans une

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université. Les candidats doivent détenir le titre de M.D. ou de Ph.D. Ceux qui ont un M.D. doivent avoir terminé leur entrainement en spécialité.

Les formulaires de demande seront disponibles à compter du ler septembre 1996. Les demandes devront être soumises au plus

tard le 1^{er} décembre 1996. Pour de plus amples renseignements, s'adressez à Rebecca Rupp, Directrice nationale des programmes, Epilepsie Canada, 1470 rue Peel, bureau 745, Montréal, Québec H3A 1T1. Tél: (514) 845-7855; Fax: (514) 845-7866.

Calendar of Events

- August 18 20, 1996. 35th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Contact: Ms. Lesley Hudson, Co-ordinator IMSOP 96, Shepherd Center, 2020 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia USA 30309. Telephone: (404)350-7580; Fax: (404)355-1826.
- September 1 7, 1996. 2nd World Congress of Cellular and Molecular Biology will be held in Ottawa, Canada. Contact: 2nd World Congress Secretariat, Tel: (613)247-1344; Fax: (613)747-9317/247-2187; E-mail: mhamelin@ottawa.net
- October 2 5, 1996. The American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Contact: American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, 21 Second Street SW, Suite 103, Rochester MN USA 55902. Telephone: (507)288-0100; Fax: (507)288-1225.
- October 13 16, 1996. The American Neurological Association Meeting will be held in Miami, Florida. Contact: American Academy of Neurology, 2221 University Avenue SE, Suite 335, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA 55414. Telephone: (612)623-8115; Fax: (612)623-3504.
- October 20 21, 1996. The International Symposium on Experimental Spinal Cord Repair and Regeneration will be held in Brescia, Italy. Contact: Studio Progress s.n.c., via C. Cattaneo, 51-25121 Brescia, Italia. Telephone: 030-290326; Fax: 030-40164.
- October 27 30, 1996. Fifth International MRI Course will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Contact: Department of Medical Studies, Riyadh Armed Forces Hospital, PO Box 7897, Riyadh 11159, Saudi Arabia. Telephone: 966-1 477-7714 ext 4933 or 4937; Fax: 966-1 476-0853.
- December 12 14, 1996. The American Back Society Diagnosis and Treatment of Back Pain - The Next Level will be held in San Francisco, California, USA. Contact: Aubrey A. Swartz, MD, American Back Society, St. Joseph's Professional Center, 2647 East 14th Street, Suite 401, Oakland, California USA 94601. Tel: (510)536-9929; Fax: (510)536-1812.

- March 16 23, 1997. World Brain Expo and Congress will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Contact: World Brain Expo and Congress, c/o Venue West Conference Services, #645, 375 Water Street, Vancouver, BC Canada V6B 5C6. Telephone: (604)681-5226; Fax: (604)681-2503; E-mail: congress@venuewest.com
- March 12 19, 1997. The American Academy of Neurology will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Contact: American Academy of Neurology, 2221 University Avenue SE, Suite 335, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA 55414. Telephone: (612)623-8115; Fax: (612)623-3504.
- June 24 28, 1997. 32nd Meeting of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Contact: Congress Secretariat, 810, 906 - 12th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2R 1K7. Telephone: (403)229-9544; Fax: (403)229-1661.
- July 6 11, 1997. XIth International Congress of Neurological Surgery will be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Contact: Amsterdam RAI - OBA, PO Box 77777, 1070 MS Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Telephone: +31 (0)20 5491212; Fax: +31 (0)20 6464469.
- September 14 19, 1997. XVI World Congress of Neurology will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: General Secretariat, Congresos Internacionales SA, Moreno 584 - Piso 9, 1091 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Telephone: (54-1)342-3216, 342-3283, 342-3408; Fax: (54-1)331-0223.
- September 28 October 1, 1997. The American Neurological Association Meeting will be held in San Diego, California, USA. Contact: American Academy of Neurology, 2221 University Avenue SE, Suite 335, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA 55414. Telephone: (612)623-8115; Fax: (613)3504.