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## Scientific Meetings and Congresses

**15th Annual International Gravitational Physiology Meeting**, Barcelona, Spain, October 4–7, 1993. *Information:* Lorraine Tucker, APS, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Tel: 301-530-7165; fax: 301-571-8305.

**9th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Gravitational and Space Biology**, Crystal City, VA, October 20–23, 1993. *Information:* Donald R. Beem, AIBS, 730 11th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. Tel: 202-628-1500.

**Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology**, New Orleans, LA, December 11–15, 1993. *Information:* ASCB Meeting Office, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3992. Tel: 301-530-7153; fax: 301-530-7139.

**Coronary Artery Spasm**, New York, NY, February 22–25, 1994. *Information:* Conference Department, New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd Street, New York, NY 10021. Tel: 212-838-0230; fax: 212-838-5640.

**XI Congress of the International Society for Artificial Cells and Immobilization Biotechnology**, Boston, MA, July 23–28, 1994. *Information:* Pamela Brown, MIT, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Room E25-342, Cambridge, MA 02319. Tel: 617-253-3123; fax: 617-258-8827.

## Molecular and Structural Biology of Tissue Repair Workshop

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), is sponsoring a one-and-a half day workshop entitled "Molecular and Structural Biology of Tissue Repair." The meeting will bring together structural biologists, including crystallographers, NMR spectroscopists, and protein chemists; cell biologists; biomedical engineers; and surgeons from academia and the biotechnology industry, for the purpose of establishing a deeper understanding of the basic mechanisms involved in tissue repair. Topics to be covered will focus on the relationship between the high resolution structural studies of growth fac-

tors and other cytokines and the ultimate clinical applications. Some specific presentations will include the biology of growth factors; identification and cloning of relevant receptors; structural and biochemical studies on receptor/ligand interactions; and molecular studies of the transcription factors involved in regulation growth factor/cytokine expression and function.

For further information contact Linda Shein, Biophysics and Physiological Sciences Program, NIGMS, NIH, 5333 Westbard Avenue, Room 907, Bethesda, MD 20892. Tel: 301-594-7800; fax: 301-594-7700.

## Pierre Rijlant Academic Award

The Award of the Professor Pierre Rijlant Academic Foundation of Cardiac Electrophysiology will be awarded again in 1994. The award is designed to recompense a scientist who has made a major contribution to the field of cardiac electrophysiology, particularly in the fields of hybrid computers in electrocardiography, application of computers to electrocardiography, and vectography and analog simulation.

The amount of the prize will reach

500,000 B.F. Applications are due before December 31, 1993, and should include (in triplicate) curriculum vitae, paper presented with a view to obtaining the Award, summary account of scientific production with main references, and list of previous awards. For further information, write to Marc Renard, Secretary of the Foundation, Palais des Academies, Rue Ducale 1, B-1000 Bruxelles (Belgium).