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Dear Colleague,

We cordially invite you to the 11th International Conference on Retinal Proteins. It will be held in Kloster Frauenwoerth from June 20-24 (Sunday through Thursday, 2004). The location is an ancient monastery nicely situated on an island in the lake Chiemsee in upper Bavaria. We have reserved rooms of different categories in the monastery and in the (few) hotels on the island. Expenses for full board range from €500 – 650 for 5 days, including the conference fee (€200.-).

Applications for financial support are underway and we hope to be able to cover part of travel expenses for speakers and chairpersons and to provide some support for students. We have asked some of our German colleagues to serve as a local organizing committee. They include Norbert Dencher, Martin Engelhard, Peter Hegemann and Fritz Siebert.

In setting up the program, we were especially interested to have younger scientists as speakers. In line with this, several leaders in the field agreed to be replaced as speakers by younger members of their lab. See below a preliminary list of speakers, with some empty space to be filled by upcoming hot topics. Wednesday morning is reserved for a general (hopefully lively) discussion, where everybody is invited to give his/ her view, how retinal proteins work and how current controversies may be solved.

The current list of speakers and chairpersons (confirmed) includes:

Bauer, C. E., Bloomington	Nagel, G., Frankfurt
Birge, R.R., Storrs, CT	Nakanishi, K., New York
Crouch, R., Charleston	Oesterheld, D., Martinsried
DeGrip, W.J., Nijmegen	Okada, T., Kyoto
Dencher, N.A., Darmstadt	Oprian, D., Waltham
Ebrey, T., Seattle	Ormos, P., Szeged
Engelhard, M., Dortmund	Ottolenghi, M., Jerusalem
Ernst, O.P., Berlin	Palczewski, K., Seattle
Friedrich, T., Frankfurt	Pomès, R., Toronto
Foster, R.G., London	Sakmar, T.P., New York
Gordeliy, V., Jülich	Schertler, G., Cambridge
Gerwert, K., Bochum	Schobert, B., Irvine
Griffin, R.G., Cambridge	Schulten, K., Urbana-Champaign
Gunner, M.R., New York	Sheves, M., Rehovot
Hayashi, S., Kyoto	Shichida, Y., Kyoto
Heberle, J., Jülich	Siebert, F., Freiburg
Hegemann, P., Regensburg	Sineshchekov, O., Houston
Herzfeld, J., Waltham	Song, Pill-Soon, Lincoln
Kamo, N., Sapporo	Spudich, J.L., Houston
Keszthelyi, L., Szeged	Sullivan, J.M., Syracuse
Klare, J., Dortmund	Tavan, P., München
Landau, E.M., Galveston	Tsuda, M., Himeji
Lanyi, J.K., Irvine	Vogel, R., Freiburg
Lohse, M., Würzburg	Wachtveitl, J., Frankfurt
Lücke, H., Irvine	Watanabe, M., Okazaki
Maeda, A., Urbana-Champaign	Yau, King-Wai, Baltimore
Mathies, R.A., Berkeley	

A second circular with the final program and housing info will follow on February 15. We are now setting up a web site for the meeting, which will be available at the end of December 2003 under the following address: www.mpibp-frankfurt.mpg.de/ret-prot-o4

The deadline for registration will be March 1st 2004. After this date we will do our best to accept later registration, in this case, housing might be outside, directly in the neighborhood of the island. Registration is possible from now on, by Fax, by e-mail to this address, or through the website, when it is available.

Please distribute this information to other interested colleagues.