

Report on FEMS Meetings

Fifth Symposium on Coronaviruses

Chantilly, France, 14–18 September 1992

This Symposium was held in Chantilly from 14th to 18th September, 1992. Fourteen students who were in receipt of FEMS support grants attended the meeting. All were offered the opportunity to present the results of their own research and to discuss these with senior virologists in what the organizers, Professors H. Laude and J.F. Vautherot, described as a “nice atmosphere”.

FEMS Laboratory Course on Biology of Actinomycetes

Osnabrück, Germany, 31 August–13 September 1992

This very successful Workshop was held between 31st August and 13th September, 1992. It was attended by 21 delegates from the following countries: Germany, Brazil, Spain, Denmark, Greece, Latvia, Eire, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Netherlands, Finland, Bulgaria and France. In addition to the major input by the Course organizer, Prof. H. Schrempf, the following made important contributions: Prof. A. Akkermans, Netherlands; Dr. P. Herron, Netherlands; Dr. I.S. Hunter, Scotland; Prof. A. Kämpfer, Germany; Prof. P. Liras, Spain; Dr. D. Noack, Germany; Dr. J. Pigac, Croatia; Prof. K.P. Schaal, Germany, and Dr. C. Thompson, France. Their efforts were supported by the following instructors: Dr. M. Betzler, F. Niemeyer, J. Schnellmann, B. von der Haar, D. Müller, Dr. M. Roth and S. Walter. Experiments were prepared by B. Stumpe and D. Müller. According to Prof. H. Schrempf: “The course helped a great deal to transfer knowledge and to establish fertile interactions between different laboratories of many countries”. It is hoped that articles based on some of the contributions will be published in *FEMS Microbiology Reviews*.

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