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# UPDATE – 19<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

## Toronto July 20-24 2003

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2003 International  
Congress of  
Biochemistry and  
Molecular Biology



Although the July 2003 International Congress of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology may seem a long way away, the organizing committee has been busy with many aspects of the planning. We want to insure the success of this meeting and we are already working on the program, the advertising and marketing campaign to heighten awareness and interest in the Congress.

The program committee under the leadership of Dr. Michael Walsh is hard at work and a large international advisory committee is being organized to insure that the very best science from all geographic areas is represented in the program. The local arrangements committee under the leadership of Dr. Peter Lewis is working closely with Tourism Toronto on many aspects of the Congress. Hotel and university dorm rooms are blocked and the social program is being planned. Our col-

leagues at NRC are busily planning our marketing activities in Birmingham to coincide with the 2000 Congress.

Some area that I would like to highlight at this time are:

### Young Scientists Program

Dr. F. Palmer of Dalhousie University is organizing a pre-Congress meeting for Canadian and international young travel awardees. This two and one half-day meeting will be held at Scarborough College near downtown Toronto and will include an outstanding scientific program. This meeting will be hosted by IUBMB, PABMB and CSBMCB and details about the application process will be available approximately one year before the Con-



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gress. CSBMCB has committed \$20,000 to allow young Canadian researchers to attend this meeting.

### Activities in Birmingham

As you are aware the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is being held in Birmingham, UK this July. This is our first opportunity to alert the international research community to the Toronto Congress and we will have a strong presence. A combination of people from NRC, Tourism Toronto and the Organizing Committee will be in Birmingham to “sell” the Toronto Congress. We will have a booth in the Exhibit area with a video, preliminary Congress announcement brochures and lapel pins featuring the 2003 logo advertising Toronto 2003. We will make presentations at the closing ceremonies and at the IUBMB General Assembly on the exciting things planned for Toronto. Tourism Toronto will host a gala reception on Wednesday July 19 for the national delegates and other invited guests.

### What can you do?

To find out more about the Congress keep an eye on our web site: <[www.nrc.ca/confserv/iubmb2003](http://www.nrc.ca/confserv/iubmb2003)>. We want the Toronto meeting to be a showcase of excellent Canadian and international science and so if you have ideas about symposia topics or speakers please contact Dr. Michael Walsh <[walsh@ucalgary.ca](mailto:walsh@ucalgary.ca)>. Let your friends and colleagues know that the meeting is coming up so they can plan to attend. Think about organizing a satellite meeting either before or after the congress to focus on your research area. If you would like more information on satellite meetings contact Dr. Claude Lazure <[lazurec@ircm.qc.ca](mailto:lazurec@ircm.qc.ca)>. If you would like a supply of the preliminary announcement brochure please contact Dr. Peter Lewis <[peter.lewis@utoronto.ca](mailto:peter.lewis@utoronto.ca)>. We have a slide available that you can include in your seminar presentations to advertise the Congress. If you would like one please contact me or Peter Lewis.

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