

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FORENSIC HAEMOGENETICS

Internationale Gesellschaft für Forensische Hämogenetik e.V.

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Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

herewith, we are sending you some informations about our Society.

1. Alterations of the Statutes

The alterations which have been adopted by the General Assembly in Wien on August 27, 1987 have been accepted by the Amtsgericht Mainz. The name of our Society is now "International Society for Forensic Haemogenetics ISFH", and a new paragraph has been included in §7 of the statutes (see Newsletter 1987/2).

2. Congress 1989

The 13th Congress of the ISFH will be held in New Orleans, October 19 - 21, 1989 (see enclosure). For informations, contact: Dr. H.F. Polesky, Memorial Blood Center of Minneapolis, 2304 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404, USA.

3. Biennial Scientific Prize of the ISFH

The prize is awarded for outstanding scientific work in the field of forensic haemogenetics (see statutes of the prize). The prize amounting a sum between DM 5.000,- and 10.000,- could be awarded to a scientist not being over 40 years old and being member of the ISFH. It is possible to distribute the prize to the members of a team.

Applications should be sent with 5 copies of the article <u>before</u> <u>March 31, 1989</u> to the Secretary of the ISFH.

4. Alterations in the Register of Members

Admissions:

H. Schmitter, Wiesbaden, FRG

M.D. Rodrigo Moreno, Granada, Spain

E. Villanueva-Canadas, Granada, Spain

L.R. Bryant jr, New Orleans, USA

J.L. Gottschall, Milwaukee, USA

B. Lindblom, Linköping, Sweden

I. Balasz, Valhalla, USA

M. Baird, Valhalla, USA A.H. Freislederer, Tübingen, FRG

V. Schneider, Berlin, FRG

G. Sudmeyer, Bremen, FRG

V. Mezulic, Zagreb, Yugoslavia

F. Canale, Genova, Italy

W. Bonte, Düsseldorf, FRG

C. Suther, Redding, USA

K.L. Belschner, Eureka, USA

W. Huckenbeck, Düsseldorf, FRG

D. Seifert-Knezevic, Basel, Switzerland

D.B. Klarkowski, Sydney, Australia

M.D. Stolorow, Joliet, USA

E. Riley, Turlock, USA

B. Markham, Fresno, USA

M. Hochmeister, Basel, Switzerland

D.L. Dowden, Hoston, USA

B. Ludes, Strasbourg, France

A.A. Lugnier, Strasbourg, France

P. Mangin, Strasbourg, France

C. Ferec, Brest, France

R. Bauer, Linz, Austria

R. Schuster, Giessen, FRG

A. Teyssier, Geneva, Switzerland

Withdrawals:

J. Alt, Würzburg, FRG

L. Macey, Ottawa, Canada

F.W. Bube, Köln, FRG

L. Gramer, Saarbrücken, FRG

T.J. Rothwell, Huntingdon, UK

R. Knuβmann, Hamburg, FRG

W. Fritzsche, Schwalbach, FRG

F. Heiss, Hamburg, FRG

All members are invited to take part in the recruitment of new members!

5. Register of Members

A new register of members has been printed with the help of Biotest (D-6072 Dreieich, FRG); see enclosure. All members are requested to inform the Secretary of the ISFH of errors, changes of addresses, ...

6. Collaborative Laboratories

Two laboratories offer their help for resolving problematic cases:

- Dr. G. de Lange, Central Laboratory of the Netherlands Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, Plesmanlaan 125, NL-1066 CX Amsterdam, The Netherlands, for immunoglobulin polymorphisms and
- Prof. Dr. G. Mauff, Hygiene Institut, Goldenfelsstraβe 21, D-5000 Köln 41, FRG, for Bf, C6 and PLG.

7. DNA Probes

DNA probes are available from:

- Collaborative Research Inc., Two Oak Park, Bedford, MA 01730, USA (contact Dr. S.D. Rose) and
- Amersham International, Amersham Place, Little Chalfont, Bucks HP7 9NA, England (contact Mr. T. Newton).

8. DNA Recommendation

A recommendation concerning the use of DNA polymorphisms in forensic sciences has been elaborated by the DNA commission of the ISFH (enclosure).

9. German Speaking Working Party

The German speaking working party met in Baden-Baden on October 20 and 21, 1988. The Executive Committe of this working party has been reelected: President: H.H. Hoppe, Hamburg, Secretary: D. Kasulke, Baden-Baden and Treasurer: W. Martin, Berlin.

In the name of the Executive Committee of the ISFH, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 1989

Wolfgang R. Mayr Secretary

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