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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ROUSSEL PRIZE 1982

In view of the ever growing importance of steroids in therapeutic medicine, the late Mr. J. C. ROUSSEL, Chairman of the well known French Pharmaceutical Company, created in 1968 an international Prize intended to stimulate further new research in this particular area.

The Prize is given every two years to a chemist or a biochemist whose work has been chosen as the most outstanding by an International Committee of distinguished scientists in the field.

The preceding Roussel Prize were awarded:

- in 1970, to Pr. W. S. JOHNSON for his work on non-enzymatic biogeneticlike steroid synthesis,
- in 1972, to Pr. J. W. CORNFORTH for his work on enzymes of cholesterol biosynthesis,
- in 1974, to Pr. E. KODICEK and H. F. DeLUCA for their work on metabolites and mechanism of action of cholecalciferol,
- in 1976, to Pr. E. E. BAULIEU and E. V. JENSEN for their work on hormone receptors,
- in 1978, to Pr. R. BRESLOW and G. STORK for their work of chemistry and synthesis in the steroid series,
- in 1980, to Pr. K. ARIMA and C. J. SIH for their work on the microbiological degradation of the sterol side chain.

The next Prize (\$ 20.000) which is scheduled for April 1982 will be concerned with outstanding work on Chemistry and Biochemistry of Steroids and other squalenoids published before September 1st, 1981.

The composition of the Award Committee for the year 1982 is as follows:

President: Sir Derek BARTON

Members: Pr. A. CRASTES DE PAULET, A. ESCHENMOSER, V. H. T. JAMES, W. S. JOHNSON, L. MARTINI, K. NAKANISHI

Secretary: Pr. J. MATHIEU

Candidates for the Prize may be of any nationality and from any laboratory.

Nominations should be presented and supported by a personality of high scientific level, on the appropriate form with the names of two referees, to the President or the Secretary of the Jury, before October 1st, 1981.

Forms and additional information are available from the Secretary on request.

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ATOMIC WEIGHTS

The report Atomic Weights of the Elements 1979 has now been published in Pure and Applied Chemistry 52 (1980) 2349—2384. The changes in the atomic weight and/or uncertainty for twelve elements are detailed. The report includes a new definition of atomic weight, a complete review of the natural isotopic composition of the elements and a review of stable isotopic abundances of elements from non-terrestrial sources.

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