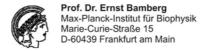
## 11th International Conference on Retinal Proteins

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## Dear Colleague,

We cordially invite you to the  $11^{th}$  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  $\leq 500 - 650$  for 5 days, including the conference fee ( $\leq 200$ .-).

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 Birge, R.R., Storrs, CT Crouch, R., Charleston DeGrip, W.J., Nijmegen Dencher, N.A., Darmstadt Ebrey, T., Seattle Engelhard, M., Dortmund Ernst, O.P., Berlin Friedrich, T., Frankfurt Foster, R.G., London Gordeliy, V., Jülich Gerwert, K., Bochum Griffin, R.G., Cambridge Gunner, M.R., New York Hayashi, S., Kyoto Heberle, J., Jülich Hegemann, P., Regensburg Herzfeld, J., Waltham Kamo, N., Sapporo Keszthelyi, L., Szeged Klare, J., Dortmund Landau, E.M., Galveston Lanyi, J.K., Irvine Lohse, M., Würzburg Lücke, H., Irvine Maeda, A., Urbana-Champaign Mathies, R.A., Berkeley

Nagel, G., Frankfurt Nakanishi, K., New York Oesterhelt, D., Martinsried Okada, T., Kyoto Oprian, D., Waltham Ormos, P., Szeged Ottolenghi, M., Jerusalem Palczewski, K., Seattle Pomès, R., Toronto Sakmar, T.P., New York Schertler, G., Cambridge Schobert, B., Irvine Schulten, K., Urbana-Champaign Sheves, M., Rehovot Shichida, Y., Kyoto Siebert, F., Freiburg Sineshchekov, O., Houston Song, Pill-Soon, Lincoln Spudich, J.L., Houston Sullivan, J.M, Syracuse Tavan, P., München Tsuda, M., Himeii Vogel, R., Freiburg Wachtveitl, J., Frankfurt Watanabe, M., Okazaki Yau, King-Wai, Baltimore

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: <a href="https://www.mpibp-frankfurt.mpg.de/ret-prot-o4">www.mpibp-frankfurt.mpg.de/ret-prot-o4</a>

The deadline for registration will be March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.