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1. Greetings

Dear member,

Happy New Year 2011! There is a lot to be happening within the Biobio society during the early 2011 - Science Forum in January, Peptide division organized symposium FIPS2011 in February, Biobio symposium at the ChemBio 2011 exhibition in March. Many of our international head organizations are organizing conferences and courses with shortly approaching deadlines. More information below!

Biobio Society (Societas biochemica, biophysica et microbiologica Fenniae) is a scientific society promoting experimental biological research in Finland. Member benefits include the numerous grants (<http://www.biobio.org/grants>) that are available from the international head organisations, and subscription of the journal "Kemia - Kemi" for a discount rate.

Remember that Biobio society has active subdivisions in the fields of Proteomics, Peptide and Glycobiology research as well as the Oulu subdivision, see [http://www.biobio.org/Biobio\\_divisions.html](http://www.biobio.org/Biobio_divisions.html)

If you are interested in becoming a member and receiving more information of their activities, as well as in all other membership issues, or if you wish not to receive these email circulars, please do not hesitate to contact the secretary.

Kind regards,

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## 2. 10th biannual FIPS meeting

This is the final reminder of 10th biannual FIPS meeting. I want to remind, that we've done preliminary bookings for the rooms at hotel Tahkavuori which will be released for common reservations at next week!

The Finnish Peptide Society FIPS is organizing 10th a biannual peptide symposium (FIPS10) in TAHKO 17. – 18.2.2011. Symposium is intended for young and senior scientist from different disciplines interested in peptide/ peptidomimetic chemistry and use of peptides in biological and biomedical research. We invite all the scientists to send their abstracts for oral and poster sessions. There is also a young scientist competition in which the best oral and poster presentation will be rewarded (500 €).

Invited speakers (confirmed):

Prof. Kristina Luthman, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Design, synthesis and use of scaffold-based peptidomimetics.

Pirjo Laakkonen, University of Eastern Finland and University of Helsinki. From homing peptides to novel biomarkers.

Prof. Rob M.J. Liskamp, Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Tools for conformational control of peptides and mimicry of proteins: ring closing metathesis and scaffolding.

Prof. Knud J. Jensen IGM - Bioorganic Chemistry, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Re-designed peptide hormones as drug candidates.

Prof. Ülo Langel, Department of Neurochemistry, University of Stockholm, Sweden. Applications of oligonucleotide delivery by cell-penetrating peptides.

Dr. Erik Wallen, Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Helsinki, Finland. Pseudopeptides with disulfide bridge mimicking structures.

Dr. Perttu Permi, University of Helsinki Novel modes of SH3 ligand recognition.

For more information, registration and the preliminary program, please visit:

<http://www.biobio.org/peptide/symp2011.html>

On behalf of the Finnish Peptide Society,

Ale Närvänen, Chairman

Tuulia Huhtala, Secretary, Local organizer

### 3. FinnProt student day May 27th 2011.

FinnProt will organize a student day on May 27th 2011 in the Hanasaari Swedish-Finnish cultural center. The preliminary topic is "Publishing in Proteomics".

### 4. Upcoming FEBS and FEMS deadlines for organizing meetings/courses

Wish to organise a FEBS or FEMS course or meeting? Deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup> for both. More information about FEBS grants at

<http://www.febs.org/index.php?id=385>

and about FEMS grants at

<http://www.fems-microbiology.org/website/nl/page19.asp>

### 5. Science Forum (Tieteen päivät) 12.–16.1.2011 in Helsinki.

The Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (Tieteellisten seurain valtuuskunta, TSV) is organizing the Science Forum (Tieteen päivät) 12.–16.1.2011 in Helsinki with the theme 'Science and Everyday life - Arjen arvoitus – Vardagens under'. The Forum's mandate is to communicate to the curious public the newest, up-to-date research and the elements of a rational worldview, and to discuss the possibilities as well as the limits of science more broadly. This is where leading scholars from various fields have a chance to introduce their branch of scholarship and the latest research results to a wide audience.

<http://www.tieteenpaivat.fi/engl/index.html>

### 6. European / International conferences in 2011

Biochemistry/Molecular Biology: 36<sup>th</sup> FEBS Congress, Torino, Italy: 25-30 June 2011,  
<http://www.febs2011.it/>

Abstract submission deadline **March 31, 2011.**

Microbiology: 4th FEMS Congress of European Microbiologists Geneva, Switzerland: 25- 30 June 2011, <http://www2.kenes.com/fems2011/Pages/Home.aspx>

Abstract submission deadline **January 14, 2011.**

Biophysics: 8th European Biophysics Congress, Budapest, Hungary: 23-27 August 2011, <http://www.ebsa2011.org/>

Abstract submission deadline **March 31, 2011.**

Microbiology: International Congress of Bacteriology and Applied Microbiology 6-10 September 2011, International Congress of Mycology 6-10 September 2011, International Congress of Virology 11-16 September 2011, Sapporo, Japan, <http://www.congre.co.jp/iums2011sapporo/data/general.html>

Abstract submission deadline **February 28, 2011.**

#### 7. Links to international parent organizations

Check the websites of the parent organizations of Biobio society for upcoming courses / conferences / grants:

<http://www.febs.org/index.php?id=135>

<http://www.fems-microbiology.org/website/nl/default.asp>

<http://www.iubmb.org/index.php?id=4>

<http://www.iums.org/>

<http://iupab.org/>

<http://www.ebsa.org/>