

# 23rd International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides

## RegPep2020

Biennial  
Meeting



September 18 – 22, 2020, Acapulco Diamante, Mexico

## IRPS news alert - March 16th, 2020

Dear IRPS membership and fans,

As Co-Presidents and President-Elect of IRPS, we are writing to wish safety, well-being for all our community, family, and friends in this difficult time, and kindness and responsibility for all around us, as well as to share some very good news about our society.

### [RegPep2020](#) is still on!

We want all colleagues and friends who are interested in the RegPep meetings to know that we still plan to continue with our **September 18-22 date for [RegPep2020](#), in Acapulco Diamante, México**, but also wish to say we are monitoring the situation of COVID19 closely, in terms of not exposing our members to travel and social gathering risks. Therefore, we have a plan B arranged with our venue, the Princess Hotel and Conference Center, for a two-month postponement *only if this should become necessary*.

We have extended the early bird registration deadline for RegPep2020 to **May 18th, 2020**, for speaker's confirmation and travel awards applications, and have amended the cancelation policy in case we have to postpone the event to November 18-22, 2020, and some of our colleagues will not be able to make the new date.

### [Journal of Neuroendocrinology](#) has become the Official Journal of IRPS

We are very pleased to announce that the IRPS Council (2018-2020) has approved unanimously the co-proposal made by the IRPS Presidents and the EIC of JOURNAL OF NEUROENDOCRINOLOGY (JNE) that JNE becomes the Official Journal of the IRPS, and as such will publish the proceedings of the Biennial RegPep World Congress (the proceedings of RegPep2016 and RegPep2020 have been published in Frontiers in Neuroendocrine Sciences and Annals of New York Academy of Science).

For RegPep2020, the proceedings is planned to comprise two Special Issues, so that we are accepting submissions beginning now for any manuscripts describing work to be presented at RegPep2020, and will continue to accept manuscripts up until two months following RegPep2020.

We take a moment here to share our Council's articulation of the role of a *Society* journal in the mission of the IRPS: "We anticipate that publication of the proceedings of RegPep2020, and RegPeps in following years will be avidly supported by IRPS membership through i) fair, impartial and rigorous review of proceedings when members are called upon as reviewers, ii) featuring of proceedings articles on our website, written by members who, without conflicts of interest, truly feel that the article featured merits to the attention of the Society membership at large, and iii) support of members' work and contributions to the literature by frank and constructive criticism and suggestions

during RegPep itself, and hopefully during periods between meetings, by the relationships of scholarship and collegiality built up during the biennial RegPep meeting.

## Viktor Mutt Lectureship for RegPep2020 awardee announcement

We also continue the tradition of the Mutt Lectureship and are quite proud to announce [Diego Bohorquez](#) of [Duke University School of Medicine](#) as the 2020 Mutt Lecturer.

## Become an IRPS council member / officer to better serve our international community

On September 25th 2018, the IRPS General Assembly resolved that the democratically elected Steering Committee should lead the legal incorporation of the Society as a rule-driven nonprofit International Scientific Society that organizes the Biennial RegPep World Conference, on a non-profit basis, and other activities according to the Aims of the IRPS.

The incorporated Statutes state that the IRPS Council (currently comprising the Steering Committee members elected in 2018) should be elected every two years and are themselves chosen by self-nomination and election at RegPep General Assembly, for a four-year term. This year, the Council will be elected in toto. Nominations are warmly welcomed (detailed instructions to follow). We anticipate that elections will yield a mix of experienced, seasoned individuals to carry out the work of Council from 2020-2022, and some new members who will bring fresh energy and creativity to the IRPS.

With best wishes and best regards to all,

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