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I’m glad to inform you that the preparations of the FEPS 2012 Congress are in full swing. The meeting will be held in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in the North-Western part of Spain. The meeting starts on September 8 with, among others, the traditional European Young Physiologists Symposium (EYPS) and ends on September 11. Our Spanish colleagues succeeded organizing at least 18 scientific symposia with well-esteemed international speakers. Each day a renowned scientist will present a plenary key-note lecture on a top-notch physiological subject. You will find more information on the Congress in this FEPS Newsletter and on the We site of the Congress: www.FEPS2012.org.

Please note that the final date for submitting abstracts is set at May 7. The city of Santiago the Compostela is located in a wonderful region of Spain, not far from the border with Portugal. When you decide to attend this meeting, don’t hesitate to spend a couple of days longer to experience the beauty of Galicia and surroundings.

Ger van der Vusse
Secretary General of FEPS
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Dear FEPS members:

The 2012 FEPS congress will take place from Saturday, September 8 through Tuesday, September 11, at the School of Medicine, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

At this year’s congress we will have a very exciting and stimulating scientific program. The agenda is well balanced in terms of different types of learning environments; we will have Plenary Lectures, Symposia, and Oral and Poster Sessions on a variety of timely topics. We will also be able to gather for formal and informal scientific discussions and share our valuable experiences. This opportunity to learn from each other in such a beautiful setting is not to be missed. Rekindling old friendships and making new friends is one of the high points of every FEPS meeting.

The Scientific Committee invites authors to submit abstracts for selection and inclusion in the Scientific Programme. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **7th of May, 2012**. Please visit our web page (www.feps2012.org)

**HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **Pre-meeting symposium:**

  *Sensory physiology, a window to the brain.* (September 8, 10.00-14.00h)

- **Plenary Lectures**

  *Dendritic Spines and Distributed Circuits.* Rafael Yuste (New York, EEUU)

  *The neurobiology of food intake and food addiction.* Suzanne Dickson (Gothenburg, Sweden)

  *Spying the molecular workings of ion channels using fluorescence.* Ramón Latorre (Valparaiso, Chile)

  *ATP-sensitive K channels, from molecule to disease.* Frances Ashcroft (Oxford, UK)

- **18 Symposia**

  Including the Joint American Physiological Society and FEPS/Spanish Physiological Society Symposium and The Physiological Society Symposia.

- **FEPS Young Investigator Symposium** (September 8, 13.00-18.10h)

  Including two Keynote Speakers:
Cellular sensors and mTOR. Daniela Cota (Bordeaux, France)

Physiological aspects of gastrointestinal hormones. Matthias Tschop (Munich, Germany)

Santiago de Compostela is a city with many attractive features for visitors and usually excellent weather conditions at the date the Congress will be held. We sincerely hope that you will come to join the physiologists of the world at this most important event for international physiology. See you soon in Spain.

Prof. Carlos Diéguez
Congress President
Programme of the FEPS2012 Congress to be held in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, September 8–11, 2012

The emphasis of the Congress will be on developing a highly attractive Program with a Transdisciplinary approach, high in Translational value and being representative of the Transnational activity developed in Europe. The Congress starts with the traditional EYPS: the European Young Physiologists Symposium Tentative programme of EYPS on Saterday September 8:

13:00–13:45      Registration / Refreshments (lunch/sandwich)
13:45–14:00      Welcome and Introduction

Session 1: 14:00–15:30

14:00–14:30      Keynote Speaker 1:
                  Dr Daniela Cota, Université de Bordeaux, France
                  "Cellular sensors and mTOR"

14:30–15:30      Young Investigator Award Competition
                  (4 x 15 min oral presentations of HOT TOPIC awardees)
15:30–16:00      Coffee Break

Session 2: 16:00–17:30

16:00–16:30      Keynote Speaker 2:
                  Dr Matthias Tschöp, Technical University of Munich, Germany
                  "Physiological aspects of gastrointestinal hormones"

16:30–17:30      Young Investigator Award Competition
                  (4 x 15 min oral presentations of HOT TOPIC awardees)

Opening Ceremony  17:40–18:10  Main Meeting + FEPS Young Investigator Award Ceremony
Keynote Lecture    18:10–19:00  Plenary Lecture (main meeting)
Welcome reception  19:30–22:00  All invited
the Young FEPS Symposium is included in the registration fees (no additional fee will be charged).

- Registration and abstract submission dates and procedures are the same as the FEPS 2012 Congress; please refer to the main page.
- When submitting your abstract, please indicate that you would like to compete for the FEPS Awards (oral, poster or both).

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### Additional activities are:

**Sensory physiology: a window to the brain** (Organizers: Javier Cudeiro. NEUROcom (Neuroscience and Motor Control group). University of A Coruña, Spain; Adam M. Sillito. Institute of Ophthalmology. UCL, London. UK)
GENERAL LAY-OUT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

An Opening Ceremony will be organized for the evening of the same day. The main programme will take 3 days and consists of:

- **Plenary Lectures**
- **Symposia** (mornings and afternoons)
- Oral and Poster Communications
- Special (thematic / methodological) workshops.

**Dendritic Spines and Distributed Circuits**

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**The neurobiology of food intake and food addiction**

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**JUAN NEGRÍN LECTURE**

**Spying the molecular workings of ion channels using fluorescence**

**Ramón Latorre**
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Profesor Titular del CINV y del Departamento de Neurociencia
Associate Scholar, University of Chicago
Profesor Adjunto, University of California, Los Angeles

**FEPS LECTURE**

**ATP-sensitive K channels, from molecule to disease**

**Frances Ashcroft**
GlaxoSmithKline Royal Society Research Professor
University Laboratory of Physiology, Oxford
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For further information please visit the website of the Congress: www.FEPS2012.org
Famous European Physiologists: Kemal Djenap Berksoy, Turkey

KEMAL DJENAP BERKSOY, A TURKISH NOBEL PRIZE NOMINEE

Kemal Djenap was born in Üsküdar, an old district of Istanbul at the Asian side of the Bosporus, in 1876. He studied Medicine in Istanbul and obtained his medical degree in 1897.

In the same year he started his scientific career as research assistant in the Department of Physiology of the Istanbul Universitesi. Two years later he was promoted to assistant-instructor and in 1903 to vice-instructor.

Kemal Djenap went to France in 1909 and joined the research group of Jean Pierre Morat in Lyon and Eugène Émile Gley at Collège de France in Paris. After his return to Turkey, he constructed a well-equipped physiology laboratory.

After Şakir Paşa passed away in 1909, Kemal Djenap became the head of Physiology Institute and remained at this position for 24 years.

During the Balkan War (1912-1913), he was sent to Edirne at the border with Bulgaria to organize the medical and health services of the Ottoman army. Thereafter, he went to Germany in 1917 and, as visiting professor in Berlin, he cooperated with Adolf Bickel at the Institute of Pathological Physiology, with William Cramer at the Institute of Veterinary Physiology, with Carl Neuberg at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, and with Heinrich Johannes Boruttan at the Friedrichshain Hospital mainly on the fields of the electrocardiography and electrophysiology.

In 1932, he was nominated for the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine for his scientific work on the endocrine system by Hamdi Suat (Aknar). Pre-evaluation of Kemal Djenap was performed by Hans Gertz and Kemal Djenap became one of the nominees in 1932.

In that year, however, the prize was awarded to Edgar D. Adrian and Charles S. Sherrington for their studies on the nervous system.

Kemal Djenap experienced both the privilege to be a Nobel Prize nominee as well the opportunity to nominate other scientists for this prize. Every year, the Noble Price Institute selects prominent scientists with the request to nominate candidates for the most prestigious price in medical and physiological sciences. In 1942, Kemal Cenap Berksoy received a letter from the Nobel Prize Institute and he proposed German scientist Adolf Bickel as the nominee of that year.

During the University Reform in 1933, Kemal Djenap Berksoy quitted the university a short period of time for unknown reasons, but resumed his academic work shortly thereafter. During his absence, Prof.Dr. Hans Winterstein was appointed as director of the Physiology Institute. After Kemal Djenap’s return, the institute was divided into two separate departments: General Physiology under the directorate of Hans Winterstein and Human Physiology under the directorate of Kemal Djenap Berksoy.

Kemal Djenap attended the XVth International Physiology Congress in Moscow in 1935 and presented a study on gastroduodenal reflex. He suddenly became ill in Moscow and had to undergo brain surgery. Two years later, he was able to attend the XVII International Physiology Congress in Zurich.
In 1943, he retired due to age-limit and one year later he was elected as the Istanbul deputy. He continued as the Yozgat deputy. He passed away on 28 November 1949 in Ankara and his remains were buried in this city.

Kemal Djenap Berksoy made important contributions to digestive physiology and circulatory physiology. His studies on secretin have drawn international attention. Kemal Djenap Berksoy was in particular interested in medical terminology and in the Turkish translation of medical terms. He offered the word “göze” for “hücre” which means cell. He was preparing a medical dictionary with Hüseyinzade Ali Bey, but this work was not completed.

Kemal Djenap was a good teacher: he really loved teaching. He always updated his lecture notes and books. In particular, Kemal Djenap made important contributions to stimulate female students to enter the medical school. His assistant and co-worker Sadi Irmak wrote that Berksoy was an excellent teacher under difficult conditions. Teaching was his life. I still remember his lectures given with 38 degrees fever and lung edema due to a liter of water in his chest.

According to Prof. Irmak, he was a gentle, kind and sensitive man; in his private life he was unhappy, but within the walls of his laboratory he was able to forget all his troubles. According to Prof. Winterstein, Kemal Djenap was active and somewhat irritated. “He was usually very charming, making jokes and sometimes became nervous for small things. A gesture of a student could bereave him of a whole night sleep.”

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Kemal Djenap (at the left) and his colleagues measuring venous pressure in a horse (1910)  
Kemal Djenap with colleagues at the Istanbul 
Universiti in 1943
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