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**Deadline Symposia Proposals of
the Joint Slovak Physiological society,
the Physiological Society and FEPS in
Bratislava, September 11-14, 2007**

February 15, 2006

Letter of the Secretary General of FEPS

Dear colleagues,

The February issue of the Newsletter contains important information about the upcoming joint German Physiological Society - FEPS meeting in Munich. The scientific program of the meeting is really excellent : 6 plenary lectures and more than 25 symposia and workshops organized by the experts in the field presenting cutting-edge science. You are cordially invited to participate in the joint meeting as well.

The European Young Physiologist Symposia, devoted to "Molecular Biology as a tool in Physiological Research" preceding the joint German Physiological Society - FEPS meeting will be a great success : more than 350 young Physiologists from almost all European countries registered already to attend the EYPSymposium.

Please note that the deadline to submit proposals for Symposia at the joint Slovak Physiology Society, the Physiological Society and FEPS is February 15. Information about the symposia proposals is included in this newsletter.

Furthermore I would like to draw your attention for a meeting on "Neuroendocrinological regulation of food intake", to be held in Finland on May 11-12, 2006.

Ger J. van der Vusse
Secretary General of FEPS



Joint Meeting of The German Physiological Society and The Federation of European Physiological Societies (FEPS)

Munich, March 26 - 29, 2006

Program

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Program Scheme

Time	Saturday, March 25th	Sunday, March 26th	Monday, March 27th	Tuesday, March 28th	Wednesday, March 29th
8:15-10:30	10:00 Satellite Symposium New and Emerging Techniques in Electrophysiology	Young FEPS See special schedule	Symposia (SM1-SM6)	Symposia (ST1-ST6)	Symposia (SW1-SW6)
Pause					
10:45-11:45		Young FEPS See special schedule	Plenary Lecture (1)	Plenary Lecture (2)	Plenary Lecture (5)
11:45-12:30			Poster	Poster	Poster
Pause					
13:30-15:00	Satellite Symposium	5 Symposia (SS1-SS5) 4 Workshops for young physiologists (W1-W4)	Orals (7x)	Orals (7x)	Orals (7x)
15:00-15:45		See special schedule	Poster	Poster	Poster
Pause					
16:00-17:30		Young investigators	Orals (7x)	Orals (7x)	Orals (7x)
Pause					
17:45-18:45		Young investigators	Plenary Lecture (2)	Plenary Lecture (4)	Plenary Lecture (6)
18:45		Opening/Welcome	Member's Assemblies	Congress Dinner	
20:30		Party for young FEPS			

Plenary lectures: speakers and topics

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Plenary lecture (1) <i>Prof. Hannah Monyer, Heidelberg, Germany</i> Gabaergic interneurons and the role of inhibition in the brain	Plenary lecture (3) FEPS Lecture <i>Prof. Francois Verrey, Zurich, Switzerland</i> New epithelial amino acid transporters	Plenary lecture (5) <i>Prof. Ferdinand LeNoble, Maastricht/Paris, the Netherlands, France</i> Neural genes in branching morphogenesis and vascular development
Plenary lecture (2) <i>Prof. Avril Somlyo, Charlottesville, USA</i> Signaling by G-proteins, Rho-kinase and protein phosphatase to smooth and non-muscle myosin II	Plenary lecture (4) <i>Prof. López-Barneo, Seville, Spain</i> Oxygen sensing and ion channel function	Plenary lecture (6) Winner of the Dubois-Reymond Award (tba)

List of Symposia and Symposia speakers Munich 26-29, 2006

Sunday, March 26, 2006

	<i>Symposia Titles</i>	<i>Chairmen/ Proposers</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Title Topic</i>
SS1	Innovative methods in Teaching Physiology - Experiences with Problem Based Learning (FEPS)	Snoeckx	Luc Snoeckx Carlo di Benedetta Gillian Maudsley Anne Custers To be confirmed Mascha Verheggen	Teaching Physiology via Problem Based Learning. An introduction The pros and contras in our experience for implementing the PBL and COE methodology in traditional Medical Schools Tutoring medical students in a problem-based curriculum : roles and realities How do students experience PBL as a vehicle for learning Physiology The relation between computer technology and PBL How can we reliably evaluate knowledge acquired via PBL
SS2	Purinergic mechanisms in muscle nociception	Ellrich	Alan North Ulrich Hoheisel Eike D. Schomburg Jens Ellrich	Purinergics and peripheral pain mechanisms Excitatory effects of ATP on muscle afferents Spinal sensorimotor control and purinergics P2X receptors and neck muscle pain
SS3	New insights in cerebellar physiology	Kolb	Christopher H. Yeo Steve A. Edgley Dagmar Timmann Matthias Maschke Hans-Peter Thier	Cerebellar function in motor memory formation Information processing in cerebellar cortex Cerebellum and Cognition Influence of cerebellar dysfunction on motor learning. The cerebellar basis of motor learning
SS4	Gas channels in membranes	Gros	WF Boron R Kaldenhoff H Ehmke/ME Blank JP Cartron G Gros/ V Endeward	Role of aquaporin 1 for CO ₂ permeation across the luminal membrane of the rat kidney proximal tubule The tobacco aquaporin NtAQP1 is a membrane CO ₂ pore with physiological functions Evidence for transport of molecular CO ₂ across the red cell membrane by aquaporin 1 and AE1 Rhesus proteins constitute a pathway for gaseous NH ₃ Contribution of aquaporin 1 and Rh proteins to the CO ₂ permeability of the human red cell membrane
SS5	Cardiovascular Genomics	Raizada	Andrew Baker Robin Davisson Julian Paton David Paterson Mohan Raizada	Viral vectors for cardiovascular gene therapy Physiological genomics of the cardiovascular system Central cardiovascular control and neural gene transfer NO and cardiac functions Gene therapy for hypertension
W1	Quantitative PCR			To be announced
W2	RNA Interference			To be announced
W3	Stem Cells			To be announced
W4	Career Planning			To be announced

Monday, March 27, 2006

	Symposia Titles	Chairmen/ Proposers	Speakers	Title Topic
SM1	Purinergic transmission in the nervous system	Verkhatsky	A. North, A. Verkhatsky H. Zimmermann Peter Illes O. Krishtal A. Nistri	Unitary purinergic EPSCs in cortical neurones Nucleotide signalling in adult neurogenesis Purinoreceptors in neuropathology P2X receptors as targets for opiates and cannabinoids Molecular physiology of P2X receptors
SM2	The mouse model for investigation of motor control in health and disease	Schomburg	Jens Ellrich Bror Alstermark Ole Kiehn Eike D. Schomburg	Long term depression of nociceptive reflexes in mice In vivo recordings of bulbospinal excitation in adult mouse forelimb motoneurons Physiological, anatomical, and genetic identification of CPG neurones in the developing spinal cord of the mouse Fatigability of spinal motor reflexes in the SOD1-G93A mouse – a model for ALS
SM3	The hypoxia response : from mussel to man	Gassmann	Doris Abele Thomas A. Gorr Roland Wenger Max Gassmann Joachim Fandrey Patrick Maxwell	The hypoxia response in mud clam and fish Drosophila and Daphnia in hypoxia The molecular response to hypoxia in mammals Hypoxia, HIF, Epo and excessive erythrocytosis Imaging hypoxia in mammalian cells The impact of HIF and CAIX in tumorigenesis
SM4	Cardio-mechano electric feedback: from pipette to patient	Kohl	Gerrit Isenberg Jean-Luc Balligand André Klebér Uli Schotten Peter Kohl	Effects of different modalities of mechanical stimulation (stretch, compression) on ion handling in cardiac myocytes and non-myocytes Endogenous Nitric Oxide mediates regulation of cardiac contractility and Ca ²⁺ responses to stretch Mechanical effects on cardiac action potential propagation Role of mechanical factors in initiation and sustenance of atrial fibrillation Mechanical interventions for initiation and termination of ventricular tachyarrhythmia
SM5	Alveolar fluid transport: new insights into lung edema and injury	Kübler / Mairbäurl	Heimo Mairbäurl Stuart Wilson Thomas Jonassen Ardeschir Ghofrani	Alveolar fluid transport and the resolution of pulmonary edema Ion channels regulating alveolar fluid transport Adaptation of alveolar fluid transport in congestive heart failure Impaired alveolar fluid clearance in acute lung injury
SM6	Development of the cardio-vasc. system: plasticity through genetic and environmental factors	Dragon	Rob Poelmann Carlos E. Blanco Bernd Pelster Bernd Fleischmann	Development-related changes in the expression of shear stress responsive genes in the developing cardiovascular system of chicken embryos. Effect of prenatal hypoxia on cardiovascular function of the adult Developmental plasticity of the cardiovascular system; blood distribution of the zebrafish incubated under hypoxic conditions in vivo. Embryonic stem cell-derived pacemaker and cardiomyocytes.

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

	<i>Symposia Titles</i>	<i>Chairmen/ Proposers</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Title Topic</i>
ST1	Blood vessels and nerves: common signals and pathways in development	NN	DG. Wilkinson HG. Augustin NN EB Pasquale	Diverse roles of eph receptors and ephrins in the regulation of cell migration and tissue assembly EphB receptors and ephrinB ligands: regulators of vascular assembly and homeostasis to be announced Eph receptors in the adult brain
ST2	Calcium handling in normal and diseased heart	Sipido	Andrew Trafford Peter Vangheluwe Natal van Riel Andras Varro Laszlo Ligeti	Adapting the systolic calcium transient to the influences of age and day length. The critical role of SERCA2 affinity in the regulation of calcium handling and cardiac function Computational analysis of disturbed calcium handling in the intact heart To be announced Calcium handling in the diabetic heart
ST3	GABA and epilepsy	Köhling	Kai Kaila Matthew Walker George Kostopoulos Marco de Curtis	KCC2 and CA7 and their role in epilepsy Tonic activation of GABA receptors and epilepsy Functional differentiation along the axis of the hippocampus and its relevance for epileptogenesis Parahippocampal circuits and epileptogenesis
ST4	Mechanisms of glia axon communication and nervous system repair	Hülsmann	Arthur Butt Michael Sereda Eva Sykova Jacqueline Trotter Norbert Weidner	Calcium signalling in NG2-expressing glia Genetic defects of myelination: molecular pathogenesis of hereditary neuropathies (CMT1A) Glia, stem cells and biomaterials - working together to repair spinal cord injury NG2-expressing cells in glial-axonrecognition and myelination. Cell-contact mediated axonal regeneration in the injured spinal cord.
ST5	Molecular mechanisms operating in the normal and diseased proximal tubule: new insights and perspectives	Devuyst	Heini Murer / Carsten Wagner Olivier Devuyst / Pierre Courtoy Erik I. Christensen Thomas Willnow / Anders Nykjaer	Transport of amino acids, phosphate, and organic cations/anions in the proximal tubule Endocytosis in the proximal tubule: Insights from mouse models of renal Fanconi syndrome Lysosomal storage and Fabry disease Multiligand receptors-derived strategies to prevent aminoglycoside-induced nephrotoxicity
ST6	Physiology and biophysics of KCNQ potassium channels	Friedrich	Holger Lerche Guiscard Seeborn Thomas Jentsch Jacques Barhanin Álvaro Villarreal Michael Schwake	The retigabine interaction site of KCNQ channels KCNQ1 kinetics and influence of the beta subunit KCNE1 Insights into systems biology of KCNQ channels Gain-of-Function Mutations of KCNQ1 and KCNE2 in familial atrial fibrillation ? Mechanisms underlying KCNQ2/3 heteromeric potassium M-channel potentiation? Interaction of antiepileptic drugs with KCNQ channels?

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

	Symposia Titles	Chairmen/ Proposers	Speakers	Title Topic
SW1	Versatility of intracellular signalling pathways: From receptor to network plasticity	Ponimaskin	Stefan Offermanns Nevin Lambert Guillermina Lopez-Bendito Evgeni Ponimaskin Weiqi Zhang	Mouse models for study G-protein-mediated signalling GABAB-receptor and IRK interactions GRCRs in developing brain New signaling pathways mediated by 5-HT receptors GABAB-receptor signalling in postnatal development
SW2	Cardiac physiology and pathophysiology in transgenic mice	Suleiman	K. Zacharowski D. Escande K. Willecke Chris Jackson Costanza Emanuelli	Knock-out mice and the role of cardiac Toll-like receptors Mouse models of cardiac arrhythmias and conduction defects Expression and function of connexins in mouse heart Cardiac characteristics of ischaemically diseased mouse heart Cardiovascular pathology of kallikrein-kinin system in mouse
SW3	Aldosterone and vascular function	Skott	Martin Wehling Michael Gekle Hans Oberleithner Ole Skøtt Allan D. Struthers	Rapid effects of aldosterone on vascular function Aldosterone signaling mechanisms: the role of EGFR. Aldosterone and endothelial cell function; lessons from the atomic force microscope. Rapid effects of aldosterone on renal afferent arterioles. Effects of aldosterone blockade on endothelial function in patients; type 2 diabetes and heart failure
SW4	Chloride channels: structure function disease	Schwarz	Thomas Jentsch Michael Pusch Anselm A. Zdebik Alessandro Sardini Sheppard David N. Sheppard	Introduction and overview about CIC channels Biophysics and molecular pharmacology of Cl ⁻ -transporting CIC proteins. Chloride-Proton exchanger mediated by CIC Proteins Cell volume-regulated chloride channels CFTR: from physiology to clinic
SW5	Amino acid transporters: expression regulation and physiological role	King	Hari Hundall Ellen Closs David Thwaites Hannelore Daniel Matthias Brandsch	Sensing and signalling mechanisms underlying the regulation of the System A amino acid transporter in response to changes in amino acid availability Regulation of cationic amino acid transporters (CATs) PAT1 (SLC36A1) and the SLC36 family of proton coupled amino acid transporters Peptide transporters in E. coli and C. elegans: what can we learn from them? Transporters for proline and proline-containing peptides
SW6	Calcium Signalling	Garaschuk/ Parekh	Arthur Konnerth Ole Petersen Jose Lopez-Barneo Anant Parekh Franz Hoffmann	Synapses/ Calcium and Neurotransmitter release Calcium Oscillations, Calcium Waves and the Pancreas Calcium Signalling and Hypoxia Store-operated Channels and Cell Signalling Calcium Channels

Program for young FEPS

8:30-8:35	Opening EYPS		
8:35-9:15	Keynote Lecture: Atherosclerotic Plaque Rupture, Esther Lutgens		
9:15-10:15	Oral 3x		
Pause	Poster set up		
10:45-11:25	Keynote Lecture: VEGF in Neurological Disease, Diether Lambrechts		
11:25-12:05	Oral 2x		
Pause	Lunch Moderated Poster Session I.		
13:30-14:30	I. Quantitative PCR (Biorad)	II. RNA interference (Invitrogen)	III. Stem Cells
Pause	Moderated Poster Session II.		
16:00-17:30	Young Investigator Award 4x		
Pause			
17:45-18:45	Young Investigator Award 4x		
18:45-....	Welcome Reception EYPS Award Ceremony		
20:30-...	EYPS Party		

**Joint Meeting
of
The Slovak Physiological Society
and
The Physiological Society
and
The Federation of European Physiological Societies**

BRATISLAVA, September 11-14, 2007

Call for Symposia Proposals

The Bratislava meeting will be the third annual meeting that FEPS has held jointly with one or more of its constituent societies. The meeting will consist of:

- Symposia
- Oral and Poster Communications
- State of the art Lectures
- Young FEPS Symposium
- Trade Exhibition

Format of the main scientific programme

Parallel symposia will be held in the mornings and afternoons are reserved for free oral communications and poster sessions.

Symposia may be arranged under the following broad themes:

- Cardiovascular Physiology
- Muscle: Muscle Contraction, Heart & Cardiac Muscle, Smooth Muscle
- Cellular and Molecular Physiology: Cellular Signalling and Ion Channels
- Renal and Gastrointestinal Physiology, Transport Physiology
- Respiratory Physiology
- Endocrinology, Neuroendocrinology, Metabolism
- Gravitational Physiology
- Neurophysiology – Cellular and Integrative
- Teaching Physiology

Some of the themes listed above will certainly attract many proposals, and thus may generate more than one symposium. The intention is to cover as many physiological fields as possible in the listed themes. It is, however, not the intention to restrict any field from which proposals can be made.

How are the Symposia chosen, selected and organized?

The Scientific Programme Committee is now inviting members of all FEPS constituent Societies for proposals. It is most likely that the number of proposals will far exceed the framework of the meeting. Therefore a selection has to be made, and each symposium has to be tailored to be of scientific excellence, and at the same time represent the FEPS member Societies.

Call for Proposals:

In order to start the process of organizing the symposia, the Scientific Programme Committee is therefore now inviting all member Societies to forward suggestions for Symposia and speakers (maximum of 5 speakers for a 2 and a half hour's symposium).

Proponents should check whether the suggested speakers are available at the time of the meeting. In order to achieve the time plan given below the proposals should reach the Scientific Programme Committee **before February 15, 2006.**

Proposals should be forwarded on copies of the attached form to Daniela Jezova (daniela.jezova@savba.sk).

General timetable:

February 2006 – deadline for submission of proposed symposia

March 2006 – selection of symposia and formation of provisional programme by Scientific Programme Committee at the Munich meeting

With best wishes from the organizers
The Scientific Programme Committee

(David Eisner, Hans Hultborn, Daniela Jezova, Bridget Lumb, Tana Ravingerova, Eva Sykova)

**Proposal of a Symposium for the
Joint Meeting of the Slovak Physiological Society
and the Physiological Society
and the Federation of European Physiological Societies**

Completed application forms should be returned the latest by February 15th, 2006 via e-mail to Daniela Jezova (daniela.jezova@savba.sk)

1. Name, address, phone and email of person(s) organising the Symposium:

2. Details of proposed Symposium:

a) Title of symposium:

b) Brief statement on symposium topic and justification for its timeliness:

3. Provisional Scientific Programme:

The symposium should comprise of 4-5 speakers, talking for 20 minutes each (+ time for discussion), drawn from FEPS constituent societies and other international societies. Once finalised, each symposium will be funded to a limited extent.

Neuroendocrinological regulation of food intake

11-12 May, 2006

Kuopio, Finland

With great pleasure we would like to invite you to participate in the workshop on “Neuroendocrinological regulation of food intake”, which will be held on 11-12 May, 2006 at the University of Kuopio. Obesity has become a tremendous burden for health care in Western Societies being a major risk factor for chronic disease with decreased life expectancy. We have been fortunate to attract some of the leading experts in the field to come to Kuopio to discuss the pathomechanisms behind the regulation of food intake. Kuopio, founded in 1775, is situated in central Finland, in the verdant province of North Savo, which is interspersed with thousands of lakes. The University of Kuopio has an international reputation in the fields of health, environment and well-being, with particular strengths in biotechnology, biosciences and molecular medicine. We warmly welcome you all to Kuopio to actively participate in this exciting scientific meeting, and also enjoy in part the Finnish way of life.

Welcome!

Kuopio, January 2006
on behalf of the Organization Committee
Karl-Heinz Herzig, Chairperson

For more information and scientific program, see
<http://www.uku.fi/aivi/nerfi-symposium>

General Information

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- The meeting will be held at Tieto Teknia, address Savilahdentie 6, Kuopio (<http://www.uku.fi/english/maps> and see the “Campusmap” building number 15)
- The registration desk will be opened at 7.30 am on 11 May and will be open throughout the meeting.
- The official language of the meeting is English
- Credits have been applied from the University of Kuopio for students and specializing doctors participating the meeting
- The weather in Kuopio in May: mean temperature is below + 10° C.
- Web links to : <http://www.kuopio.fi/english>
<http://virtual.finland.fi>
<http://www.uku.fi/english>

Scientific program

Thursday, 11 May (8 am – 18 pm)

- Rector M. Uusitupa (Kuopio) -Opening of the Symposium
J. Eriksson (Finland) -The fetal origins hypothesis
J. Kaprio(Finland) -Genetic factors determining obesity -the Finnish twin study consortium
O. Ukkola(Finland) -Role of candidate genes in the responses to long-term overfeeding
T. Horvath (USA) -Brain circuits regulating energy homeostasis
- J. Blundell (GB) -Control of food intake in the obese
U. Pesonen(Finland) -Neuropeptide Y in food intake
R. Nogueiras (USA) -Ghrelin and obestatin and their effects on food intake
- J. Meier (Germany) -GLP-1 and its effect on food intake
H.R. Berthoud (USA) – Vagal circuits signaling from the gastrointestinal tract
G. Flemström (Sweden) -Epithelial cells and their neighbours. New perspectives on efferent signaling between brain, neuroendocrine cells, and gut
- T. Porkka-Heiskanen(Finland) -Orexins and arousal
K. Åkerman (Finland) -Functional responses of orexin in neuronal systems
K.H. Herzog(Finland) -Evidence for a peripheral orexin system
M. Hallschmid(Germany) -Intranasal application of insulin and orexin

Friday, 12 May (8 am – 16 pm)

- W. Langhans(Switzerland) -Models of obesity research
M. Westerterp-Plantenga (Netherlands) -Nutrient intake and energy balance
P. Monteleone (Italy) -Neuroendocrine dysregulation of food intake
C. Beglinger (Switzerland) -PYY, CCK and food intake
- W. Banks (USA) –BBB as a regulatory interface in the gut brain axis
B. Levin (USA) – Central glucose sensing
R. Huupponen (Finland) -The cannabinoid system in the regulation of food intake
J. Laitinen(Finland) -Cannabinoid receptor signaling
- P. Arner(Sweden) -The adipocyte in control of long term food intake
G. Ronnett (USA) -Fatty acid sensing in the brain
C. Erlanson-Albertsson (Sweden) -Enterostatin and its target mechanisms during regulation of fat intake
A. Lecklin(Finland) -Suppression of fat deposition with gene therapy
- General discussion and summary of the symposium

Abstracts and registration

- **Abstracts** on the regulation of food intake, obesity and energy metabolism are invited. Abstracts should include the title, authors and affiliations of the authors. The text should be divided by the subheadings: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions. Abstracts with max. 250 words (preferred Word-document) should be sent via e-mail to anna-kaisa.purhonen@uku.fi by **31 March, 2006**. Abstracts will be published in the abstract booklet of the meeting. Acceptance of the abstract will be informed via e-mail by 10 April, 2006.
- Poster sessions guided by leading experts will be organized on both meeting days. More information on poster preparation will follow at www.uku.fi/aivi/nerfi-symposium
- For registration, please fill in and submit the registration form at www.uku.fi/aivi/nerfi-symposium
- Please pay the registration fee to the bank account of University of Kuopio: 166030-110760. IBAN-account FI5216603000110760. SWIFT code NDEAFIHH. Include the following reference with the payment: Participant's name / NERFI. No checks or credit cards will be accepted.
- You will receive a confirmation letter of participation with the abstract booklet at the conference site.
- **Fees** will include the scientific program, lunches and coffee breaks on both meeting days and free admission to the world largest smoke-sauna (including towels) before the symposium dinner at lumberjacks lodge "Jätkänkämpä" at Hotel Rauhalampi on Thursday evening (casual warm clothing):
 - Scientists or other participants : 150 €
 - Post- or undergraduate student with poster presentation: free
 - Post- or undergraduate student without poster: free except for joining the dinner at Jätkänkämpä 20 €(Students should send a document confirming their student status to Kaija Pekkarinen, A. I. Virtanen Institute, University of Kuopio, P.O. Box 1627, FI-70211 Kuopio, Finland)

Abstract submission deadline: 31 March, 2006

Registration deadline: 13 April, 2006

Later and on side registration: 200 €

Cancellations after the deadline will be not refunded.

Social program

- Symposium dinner at lumberjacks' lodge "Jätkänkämpä" at Hotel Rauhalampi on Thursday evening. Warm, casual clothing.
- Visit to the Valamo monastery on Thursday (10 am—17 pm) (at least 3 participants). Valamo is the Finnish Orthodox Church's only monastery and is located in the district of Heinävesi, in the midst of the immensely beautiful lake region of eastern Finland approximately 100 km from Kuopio.
- Please register for the monastery journey by filling the appropriate box in the registration form by **13 April**. The participation fee will be 30 € including free travel, guided English tour and lunch at Valamo (<http://www.valamo.fi/index.php>). The payment should be done to the above mentioned bank account of University of Kuopio with reference "Valamo".

Hotel and travel information

Each participant should take care of their own travel and hotel arrangements: reservations and payments directly to the hotel. A number of rooms at Spa Hotel Rauhalampi have been booked at reduced rates for the symposium. The offer at Hotel Rauhalampi is valid until **13 April, 2006**. When booking, remember to mention "NERFI".
<http://www.rauhalampi.com/index.asp?language=4>

Other hotels:

Hotel Puijonsarvi

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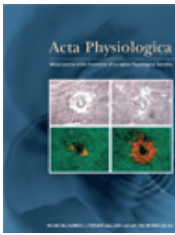
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Travel to Kuopio

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Airport buses leave Kuopio Airport regularly from the Finnair flights and stop at the market place, Hotel Puijonsarvi and Scandic Hotel Kuopio. The bus ride takes approximately 30 minutes and costs 6 EUR. In addition to normal taxes, there are also Airport taxes available at the airport with the cost (app. 15-20 EUR).

For train: <http://www.vr.fi/heo/eng/aikataulut/aikataulut.htm>



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