



European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology
Sabbatical Leave Programme
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Progress Report 2008

Two new grant applications have been accepted for the academic year 2008-2009.

- Professor Ze'ev Hochberg (Haifa Israel) will spend his sabbatical in the Liggins Institute, Auckland, New Zealand, starting in November 2008. The host will be Professor Peter D Gluckman and the topic "Evolutionary Aspects of Child Growth". Professor Hochberg was awarded with a 25.000 € grant.
- Dr. Theo Sas (Leiden, The Netherlands) will start his sabbatical leave at the Department of Pediatric Endocrinology Investigations, Trousseau Hospital, Paris, France, in September 2008. The host will be Professor Yves Le Bouc and the topic "The role of Plasma Protein-A (PAPP-A) in pre- and postnatal growth. A study in normal and fetal growth restricted pregnancies and in children born small for gestational age (SGA) with or without Silver Russell Syndrome (SRS)". The granted sum is 25.000 €.

Year 2006 - 2007

- Dr. Irène Netchine (Paris, France) completed her one year sabbatical leave in Los Angeles, CA, USA, in August 2007. Her host was Professor Pinchas Cohen and the research topic "Assessment of metabolic syndrome and catch-up growth during GH and nutritional therapy in mice models of Silver-Russell syndrome". She has been awarded with a 30.000 € grant.
- Professor Primus Mullis (Bern, Switzerland) completed his sabbatical leave in London, UK, in 2007. He was hosted by professor Iain Robinson and the research topic was "Rescuing autosomal dominant growth hormone deficiency type II". Professor Mullis had been awarded with a 8.000 € grant.
- Dr. Jacques Pantel is supposed to complete his sabbatical leave in late summer 2008. He is spending his sabbatical leave in Portland, Oregon, USA. His host is Dr. Roger D. Cone and research topic "The ghrelin system in the zebra fish model". He has been awarded a 25.000 € grant.

Plan and budget for 2008

E. Lilly has supported the programme since 1993. The last grant was received in 2005. A new grant application will be sent to E. Lilly as all previous funding has now been used (according to the report from ESPE treasurer, Olle Söder). The continuation of the programme is dependent on the sponsor's new support. The goal is to grant two up to 25.000 € awards per year (total 50.000 €/year).

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