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Millennial World Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences 16-20 April, 2000

At the annual Council Meeting of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) on September 2 FIP President Dr. Dieter Steinbach announced that FIP, in co-operation with a number of its scientific member organisations, would be organising the Millennial World Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences in San Francisco, April 16-20, 2000.

The Congress will be organised by a 12 member committee, with membership from Europe, Japan and the United States. It will report to the FIP Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The Chair of the Organising Committee is Professor Leslie Benet of the Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences at the University of California. At the same Council Meeting Professor Benet was elected to a four year term as Chairman of FIP's Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Later Professor Benet said: "I am very excited about the Millennial World Congress. In co-operation with the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), the Association de Pharmacie Galénique Industrielle (APGI), the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Sciences (EUFEPS), the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan (PSJ) and the Academy of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology, Japan (APSTJ), we are planning the largest and most comprehensive world-wide Congress for pharmaceutical scientists. San Francisco is an ideal site as it is midway between Japan and Europe which, together with the United States, are the main centres of scientific research today. We would expect over 4000 participants, who will attend a wide range of scientific symposia representing pharmaceutical sciences at the cutting edge, present and learn from contributed paper presentations in both paper and podium format, attend a major scientific exhibition, and many other educational and social activities, all located in the San Francisco Convention Center. We will provide an exciting and interesting programme for all the major disciplines that make up the world of pharmaceutical science".

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