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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON MICROBIOLOGY IN POECILOTHERMS

The colloquium will be held at the CNRS, 15 Qui Anatole, France during 10–12th July 1989.

The aim of the colloquium is to resume the themes analysed in EXTER, enlarging them to the totality of poecilotherms and to the aquatic environment.

The program involves studies carried out in the laboratory, in natural environment as well as modelling tests: Microbial ecology: host-bacteria relationships; symbiosis, saprophytism; trophic role of the environmental flora ; microbial metabolism: digestion of complex glucids; production of growth factors; other specific metabolisms; participation of saprophytic bacteria to pathological syndromes; intestinal microorganisms housed by poeci-

lotherms. This list of proposed topics is not restrictive and can include all the aspects concerning bacteria and animal-host relationships.

There will be plenary sessions with oral and poster presentations. Each session will be opened by an invited keynote speaker. Papers will be reviewed, discussed and edited by a selected editorial board. There will also be an opportunity for workshop to discuss specific problems. French and English will be the official languages of the International Colloquium.

Further particulars may be had from the Secretariat: CNERNA, Mme A. Hilaire, Microbiology and Poecilotherms, 75007 PARIS (France).

THE ROLEX AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE

It was in Geneva on 22 September 1976 that The Rolex Awards for Enterprise were first announced. These international Awards were established by Rolex to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Rolex Oyster, the first truly waterproof watch with a case that could guarantee complete protection of the movement against water and dust. The Awards have been granted on four occasions: in 1978, 1981, 1984 and 1987. In 1990, they are to be granted again for the fifth time.

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Projects must display the "spirit of enterprise" plus qualities of innovation, originality, inventiveness, interest and impact. In addition, they must be feasible, and there must be a good likelihood that they can, in fact, be carried out.

Prospective applicants should write for an Official Application Form to: The Secretariat, The Rolex Awards for Enterprise, P.O. Box 178, CH 1211, Geneva 26, Switzerland.

Projects must be presented in English and should reach the Secretariat, at the above address, not later than 31 March 1989.
