



## ENDO MEETING

*San Francisco, California; June 15-18, 2013*

The weather was great, the venue was fantastic, and the science was excellent... not to mention terrific food and fun! This ENDO meeting set new scientific attendance and total attendance numbers.

The preliminary information is:

ENDO 2013 - total scientific attendance = 7,952  
(Previous record; ENDO 2011 in Boston = 7,833)  
ENDO 2013 - total attendance = 9,302  
(Previous record; ENDO 2006 in Boston = 9,168)  
Total # of abstracts submitted = 2,890

## Noteworthy Presentations

*(as determined by several GRS members who were informally polled)*

GH Receptor Dynamics Leading to JAK2 Signaling - **A.J. Brooks**  
The Role of GH/IGF Axis in Skeletal Acquisition - **Shoshana Yakar**  
A Critical Scaffold Protein for GH-Mediated Cell Motility - **L.S. Argetsinger**  
GH Signaling to the Epigenome - **P.S. Rotwein**  
Molecular Mechanisms of EphA4-mediated signal modulation of the GH/IGF-I Axis - **T. Sawada**  
Elevation in endogenous GH levels enhances insulin suppression of hepatic glucose output in mice - **M. Gahete**  
Disruption of cardiac GH receptor in adult mice decreases fat mass and alters insulin sensitivity - **A. Jara**

***Our GRS newsletter has a new look. Please let us know what you think!***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

GRS-IGF Meeting  
Singapore (Oct 15-19, 2014)

GRS-IGF Meeting  
Israel (2016, city and date TBD)

Next Workshop

- Safety of rhGH treatment (Feb. 18-22, 2014; Manchester, England)

Future workshops being considered

- Long-acting GH preparations
- GH and Chronic Renal Failure
- Identification of GH Non-Responders

## Singapore Meeting

*(Dr. K.O. Lee, chairman)*  
October 15-18, 2014

The planning committee met on June 14th in San Francisco and has invited an exciting group of Plenary speakers in the GH, IGF and PRL fields. See the GRS or meeting web sites for details; [www.grs-igf2014.org](http://www.grs-igf2014.org)



## SUPPORTING MEMBER NEWS

*Report from the GRS Council/Supporting Member Breakfast, San Francisco, CA; Saturday, June 15, 2013*

Another productive breakfast meeting was held with several members of GRS Council with 6 of our Supporting Members in attendance. The publication of the Montreal GRS Prader Willi Workshop in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism (J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2013 98: E1072-87 2012-3888) was announced. The bulk of the breakfast meeting was dedicated to the upcoming 'Safety of hGH Treatment' workshop to be held in Manchester, England, Feb. 18-22, 2014. A very interactive, useful and spirited conversation took place.

As with previous breakfast meetings, this one was a casual yet valuable get together with significant issues discussed. However, the logistics of this breakfast meeting were not the best. We have decided to hold the next informal discussion with Supporting Members in a separate room and for a longer time to facilitate discussion.

We encourage our Supporting Members to organize a Satellite Session at our upcoming meeting in Singapore. Scientifically, these Sessions are terrific and they also help defray the cost of our meeting. Considerations for hosting a Satellite Symposium are:

- The timing of satellite meetings must not conflict with GRS meeting times - They may occur before or after the GRS-IGF meeting sessions or may be held as a breakfast meeting
- Host of the Satellite meeting will organize and support the entire event
- Speakers for the Satellite meeting must be submitted to GRS-IGF Program Organizing Committee for approval (so as not to conflict with speakers in the GHR-IGF Meeting)

**GRS thanks our Supporting Members for your continued and enthusiastic sponsorship!**



## HONORARY MEMBERS

*As stated in the last news letter, we will continue to highlight our Honorary Members.*

### **Zvi Laron**

Dr. Zvi Laron was born on February 6, 1927 in Cernauti, Romania. During WWII he was deported to the Ukraine (1941– 1943). He began his medical education in Timisoara, Romania but immigrated to Israel in 1948.

He graduated from Hadassah Hebrew University Medical School in Jerusalem, Israel in 1952. He was a Fellow in Pediatrics at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston from 1956–1957. In 1958, he was appointed Director of the Institute of Pediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology, Beilinson Medical Center, Petah Tikva, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, and continued as Director until 1992.

In 1966 Laron and coworkers reported a genetic form of dwarfism in three Yemenite Jewish siblings with clinical and biochemical features of growth hormone (GH) deficiency but with “abnormally high concentrations of immunoreactive serum GH.” This syndrome is usually referred to as “Laron Syndrome” and has led to important insights into the actions of GH. Since then, some 250 patients have been identified with Laron Syndrome worldwide.

Professor Laron has been a founding member of the ISPAD (International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes), the ESPE (European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology), COPES (Coordination Office for Pediatric Endocrine Societies), and the GRS (Growth Hormone Research Society). He was a council member of the GRS from 1992 to 1998. He has received many awards for his contributions and has been the editor of several influential journals. Dr. Laron is now Professor Emeritus of Pediatric Endocrinology, Tel Aviv University and Director of Endocrinology and Diabetes Research Unit, Schneider Children’s Medical Center of Israel.

