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THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1991
Basics & Experimentals

S 1 *Factors and Mechanisms of Muscle plasticity*
Chairman: J. Gergely

- 9.00 A. Buller, (Oxford, UK): *Early experiments concerned with muscle plasticity.*
- 9.30 D. Pette, (Konstanz, FRG): *Early events in chronic-stimulation-induced fast to slow transitions.*
- 10.00 C. Mayne et al., (Liverpool, UK): *Dissociation between metabolite levels and force fatigue in the early stages of stimulation-induced transformation of mammalian skeletal muscle.*
- 10.20 A. d'Albis et al., (Paris, France): *A ventricular VI isomyosin in rabbit masticatory skeletal muscle.*
- 10.40 T. Mokrusch et al., (Erlangen, FRG): *Different reactions of denervated fast and slow rabbit muscles to a new type of electrical stimulation: A histochemical and biochemical study.*

S 2 *Improve Power Output of Muscle Engine*
Chairman: G. Marechal

- 11.15 J. Faulkner, (Ann Arbor, USA): *Power output of fiber segments from human Latissimus Dorsi muscles: implications for cardiac assist devices.*
- 11.45 G. Goldspink, (Cambridge, UK): *Gene expression switching in adaptation for increased power output and fatigue resistance in mammalian and fish muscle.*
- 12.15 J.C. Jarvis et al., (Liverpool, UK): *Comparison between the effects of continuous long-term stimulation of rabbit muscle at 2.5 Hz and 10 Hz.*

13.30 - 14.30 **Poster session**

S 3 *Biological Constraints in Extracting Muscle Power*
Chairman: G. Goldspink

- 14.30 G. Marechal, (Brussels, Belgium): *The factors of mechanical power in slow-twitch muscle.*
15.00 A. Jakubiec-Puka, (Warsaw, Poland): *Adapting the sarcomere to functional and anatomical requirements of the muscle.*
15.15 I. Sohar et al. (Szeged, Hungary): *Muscle function and proteolysis.*
15.30 B. Agostini, (Heidelberg, FRG): *The modulation of the Calcium transport by sarcoplasmic reticulum during hibernation.*

S4 *Injury and Repair Induced by Activity on Muscle and Nerve*

Chairmen: C. Angelini, N. Basaglia

- 15.45 T.A. Partridge, (London, UK): *Myoblast transfer therapy.*
16.15 R. Scelsi et al. (Pavia, Italy): *Skeletal muscle morphology and biochemistry in paraplegic patients after walking restoration with gait orthosis.*
16.30 B. Rossi and G. Siciliano, (Pisa, Italy): *Evaluation of different work load in dystrophic muscle.*
16.45 J.B. Rodenburg, et al. (Utrecht, The Netherlands): *Muscle damage: a combined MRI and MRS study.*
17.00 A. Martinuzzi et al. (Padova, Italy): *Muscle fatigue and VO₂ max in McArdle's patients.*
Myoblast transfer therapy: beyond the dystrophies?
17.30 R. Strohman, (Berkley, USA): *Muscle Growth Factors.*
18.00 G. Cossu, (Rome, Italy): *Gene transfer in skeletal muscle by genetic manipulation of human satellite cells.*
18.30 M. Isac, (Iasi, Romania): *Protein composition of dystrophic and normal muscle fibers.*
18.45 R. Bittner, (Vienna, Austria): *Denervation and reinnervation: effects on dystrophic MDX mouse muscle.*

Round Table and Discussion of selected posters:

- RT 1 Room A: *Contractile Proteins: From Genes to Myofibrils*
17.30 Organizer and Introductory Lecture: G. Matsuda, (Nagasaki, Japan): *Primary structure of the MHC by the protein chemical method.*
18.00 E. Bandman, (Davis, USA): *Differentiating skeletal muscle cells initially express a ventricular myosin heavy chain.*
18.30 J.J. Leger, (Montpellier, France): *Structure-function relationships between myosin subunits.*
18.45 L. Dalla Libera, (Padua, Italy): *Possible role of myosin light chain kinase phosphorylation on smooth muscle contraction.*

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1991

**Functional electrostimulation of muscles
in current clinical practice.**

Co-Chairman: S. Salmons

S 5a *Electrophrenic pacing*

Co-Chairman: W. Glenn

9.00 W. Glenn, (Yale, USA): *Diaphragm pacing: An overview.*

9.30 G. Baer et al., (Tampere, Finland): *Multipole sequential motor nerve stimulation.*

9.45 W. Girsh et al., (Vienna, Austria): *Vienna phrenic pacemaker: Benefits and limitations.*

S 5b *Dynamic cardiomyoplasty*

Co-Chairman: A. Carpentier

10.00 A. Carpentier, (Paris, France): *Six years of dynamic cardiomyoplasty*

10.30 J.R. Pepper et al. (London, UK): *A chronic experimental model of dynamic cardiomyoplasty in left ventricular failure.*

10.45 R. Lorusso, C. Lucas, F. van der Veen et al., (Maastricht, The Netherlands): *Early LD stimulation after cardiomyoplasty procedure: A preliminary study.*

S 5c *Skeletal muscle-powered neosphincter*

Co-Chairman: N.S. Williams

11.15 N.S. Williams, (London, UK): *Skeletal muscle powered sphincter .*

11.45 C. Baeten et al., (Maastricht, The Netherlands): *Dynamic graciloplasty for fecal incontinence.*

12.00 E. Cavina et al., (Pisa, Italy): *Electrostimulated neosphincter after abdomino-perineal resection for rectal cancer: functional results in 41 cases:*

12.15 P.J. Guelinckx et al., (Leuven, Belgium): *Anal sphincter reconstruction by means of dynamic gluteoplasty.*

13.30 - 14.30 **Poster session**

S 6 *Improve recovery of transplanted muscle: Biological and surgical constraints to revascularization, reinnervation and regeneration*

Chairmen: J. Faulkner, M. Fiori

14.30 Baldissera et al., (Milano, Italy): *Recovery of inspiration contraction of the paralyzed diaphragm after reinnervation by laryngeal motoneurons*

15.00 D. Awerbuck et al., (Toronto, Canada): *Contractile function in rat gastrocnemius muscles reinnervated via preserved autografts.*

15.15 P.D. Moens et al., (Brussels, Belgium): *Mechanical power and isomyosins in transplanted soleus muscle of mice.*

15.30 J.F. Brule et al., (Berck, France): *Anastomosis of brachial plexus nerve with the phrenic nerve for electrophrenic respiration.*

15.45 R. Gencosmanoglu et al., (San Francisco, USA): *Comparison of arterialized muscle flap and arterio-venous flow reversal flap in a rat model.*

S 7 Muscle transplantation: today and tomorrow
Chairman: G. Freilinger

- 16.00 A. Oliva et al. (San Francisco, USA): *Clinical experience with 451 microvascular muscle transplantations.*
- 16.30 P. Guelinckx et al. (Leuven, Belgium): *Muscle transplantation for dynamic limb reconstruction after trauma or cancer surgery.*
- 16.45 K.K. Yim et al., (San Francisco, USA): *Muscles and myocutaneous flap in the rats: Studies of latissimus dorsi, serratus anterior, and gracilis muscles, latissimus rectus and gracilis myocutaneous flap.*
- 17.00 F. Mazzoleni et al. (Padua, Italy): *Long-term trophic state of denervated muscle in free flaps.*

17.30 Round Table and Discussion of selected posters

RT 3 Room A: Muscle Stimulation in Rehabilitation

Organizers: W. Nix, R. Scelsi

- 17.30 T. Bajd et al. (Ljubljana, Jugoslavia): *Control of FES walking in incomplete SCI patients.*
- 18.00 P.H. Veltink et al. *Optimizing control of functional neuromuscular stimulation,*
- 18.15 I. Gedeon et al., (Ottawa, Canada): *High technology and medical applications, is there a rift?*
- 18.30 M. Zrunek, (Vienna, Austria): *Inspiration controlled direct electrical stimulation of the denervated larynx muscles in sheep.*
- 18.45 S. Fischer, et al., (Mainz, Germany): *Foot flexor fatigue in normal and diseased muscle. A clinical study.*

RT 4 Room B: Reliable methods for BAM

Organizers: H. Gruber, C. Catani

- 17.30 A. Windisch et al., (Vienna, Austria): *Differentiation of motor and sensory nerve fibres in rat muscle nerves using a double staining procedure.*
- 18.00 H. Thoma, (Vienna, Austria): *Trends in functional electrostimulation*
- 18.15 C. Rizzi et al., (Padova, Italy): *Full recovery by KCl precipitation of SDS-MHC purified by ELFE.*
- 18.30 Y.S. Borovikov et al., (Leningrad, URSS): *Polarized micro fluorimetry investigation of the conformational changes of F-Actin in ghost fibers of fast and slow rat muscles induced by functional electrostimulation.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1991
Expert Meeting of the European Community
Concerted Action HEART
Muscle driven devices

S 8 Chairmen: L. Stephenson, A. Sargentini

- 9.00 E. Hennig, (Berlin, FRG): *Mechanical devices for support or replacement of cardiac function.*
9.40 S. Salmons, (Liverpool, UK): *Skeletal Muscle: The long-term "implantable" power source.*
10.20 L. Stephenson, (Detroit, USA): *Skeletal Muscle-Powered CAD.*

S 9 *Electromyostimulators*

- 11.15 P. Grandjean (Maastricht, The Netherlands): *Implantable stimulation systems for systolic and diastolic biomechanical cardiac assistance.*
11.45 W. Happak et al., (Vienna, Austria): *Multi-channel indirect stimulation: Experimental results and advantages.*
12.00 **Patients selection:** Chachques, (Paris, France),
Millner, (London, UK), L. Stephenson, (Detroit, USA)

13.30 - 14.30 **Poster session**

S 10 *SM-P/CAD: Biomechanical or full biological options*

Chairmen: J. Van Alste', J.C. Chachques

- 14.30 J. C. Chachques, (Paris, France): *Dynamic aortomyoplasty:*
15.00 S. Shah, et al. (London, UK): *Assessment of the haemodynamic performance of extra-aortic skeletal muscle counterpulsation (EAMC).*
15.30 A. Pochettino et al., (Detroit, USA): *Skeletal muscle ventricles as biological replacements of cardiac function.*
15.45 R. Ruggiero et al., (Detroit, USA): *Skeletal Muscle for cardiac assistance: Report on 18-month survival in circulation.*
16.00 W. Tacker (Purdue, USA): *Lack of correlation between ATPase staining and the strength and fatigue resistance of conditioned skeletal muscle.*
16.15 G. Arpesella (Bologna, Italy): *A new proposal for a cardiac assist device taking advantage of available power output of conditioned skeletal muscle.*

Round Table and Discussion of selected posters:

RT 5 Room A: *Cell biology of muscle conditioning*

Organizer: D. Pette

- 16.45 B. Focant et al. (Liege, Belgium): *Biochemical, bioenergetic and ultrastructural survey of the adaptations induced by chronic electrical stimulation and de-stimulation of skeletal muscle.*
17.00 A. Windish et al., (Vienna, Austria): *Plasticity in denervated rat EDL muscle after direct low frequency electro-stimulation.*
17.15 I. Mussini et al. (Padua, Italy): *Remodelling of NMJ ultrastructure following continuous nerve stimulation.*
17.30 M. Falempin et al. (Lille, France): *Effects of direct electrostimulation on the mechanical properties of atrophied soleus muscle.*
17.45 A. Megighian, (Padua, Italy): *Effects of ageing on the electrophysiological properties of fast and slow rat skeletal muscle.*

RT 6 Room B: Contractile proteins in clinical pathology

Organizer: U. Carraro

- 16.45 Introductory Lecture: B. Swynghedauw (Paris, France): *Cardiac hypertrophy: a single example of biological adaptation to environmental changes.*
- 17.15 P. Vosberg (Heidelberg, FRG): *Mutated cardiac myosin heavy chain genes: The molecular basis of inherited cardiomyopathies*
- 17.30 M. Meznaric-Petrusa et al., (Ljubljana, Yugoslavia): *Fascicular analysis of the tibialis anterior muscle biopsy from patient with Becker muscular dystrophy.*
- 17.45 Y. Mounier et al. (Lille, France): *Contractile protein properties of slow and fast muscles: compared adaptation to disuse conditions.*
- 18.00 BAM Advisory Board Meeting
Introductory lecture: M. Tacker (West LaFayette, USA): *Resources available for journals editors.*

Posters

P 01 Critical ischemia time in microvascular transfer of rat *Serratus Anterior* and *Gracilis* muscle. K. Yim, R. Briones, W. Lineaweaver, H. Buncke. *Microsurgical Replantation Transplantation Department, Davies Medical Center, San Francisco, California, USA*

P 02 Changes in the actin filaments occurring during adaptation of the skeletal muscle to its different functions. J. Szczepanowska, A. Jakubiec-Puka. *Necki Institute of Experimental Biology, Warsaw, Poland.*

P 03 Fiber regenerating in MDX mouse limb muscle differ from original fibers and do not undergo persistent degeneration. R.C. Strohman, J. DiMario, A. Uzman. *Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of California, Berkeley, CA. USA 94720*

P 04 Skeletal muscle regeneration under treatment with Bupivacaine hydrochloride. D. Ravnik. *Institute of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia*

P 05 Distribution of muscle fibre types in fascicles of human *Vastus Lateralis* muscle in old age. I. Erzen (1) and F. Pernus (2). *Institute of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine (1), Faculty of Electrotechnical Engineering and Computer Science (2), University of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia*

P 06 Phrenic nerve chronic electrical stimulation in quadriplegic patients: preliminary notes. I. Iob, G. Salar, M. Marcelli, L. Tosatto, R. Mottaran, L. Peserico. *Institute of Neurosurgery (Head Prof. L. Peserico), University of Padova, Italy*

P 07 Possible role of myosin light chain kinase phosphorylation on smooth muscle contraction. L. Dalla Libera, M. Fasolo, P. Cavallini (1). *CNR Unit for Muscle Biology and Physiopathology, Institute of General Pathology, University of Padova; GLAXO Research Laboratories, Verona (1), Italy*

- P 08 Full recovery by KCl precipitation of SDS-MHC purified by ELFE.** C. Rizzi (1), M. Sandri (2) and U. Carraro (2). *Istitute of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (1), CNR Unit for Muscle Biology and Physiopathology of the Institute of General Pathology (2), University of Padova, Italy.*
- P 09 Fibre selective stimulation of M. Latissimus Dorsi for cardiomyoplasty.** (VHS-Video 4 minutes). H. Thoma. *Bioengineering Laboratory of the II Surgical Clinic, University of Wien, Austria.*
- P 10 Gene transfer in skeletal muscle by genetic manipulation of human satellite cells.** G. Cossu, A. Mezzogiorno and A. Bouche'. *Department of Histology, University of Rome, Italy.*
- P 11 Remodelling of NMJ ultrastructure following continuous electro-stimulation.** I. Mussini, L. Marchioro, U. Carraro. *CNR Unit for Muscle Biology and Physiopathology of the Institute of General Pathology, University of Padova, Italy.*
- P 12 Foot flexor fatigue in normal and diseased muscle. A clinical study.** S. Fischer, W.A. Nix. *Neurology Clinic, University of Mainz, Germany.*
- P 13 Biochemical, bioenergetic and ultrastructural survey of the adaptations induced by chronical electrical stimulation and de-stimulation of a skeletal muscle.** B. Focant (1), F. Sluse (2), F. Huriaux (1), C. Duyckaerts (2), G. Goessens (1), and M. Radermecker (3). *Cellular and Tissular Biology Lab. (1); Bioenergetic Lab (2); Cardiovascular Surgery Lab. (3), University of Liege, Belgium*
- P 14 Skeletal muscle changes in flaccid and spastic paraplegia: Morphology and biochemistry.** R. Scelsi (1), L. Scelsi (1), M. Dossena (2), O. Pastoris (2) and S. Lotta (3). *Dept of Human Pathology (1); Institute of Pharmacology (2), University of Pavia; USL 3 "G. Verdi" Rehabilitation Center (3) Villanova d'Arda (Pc), Italy.*
- P 15 Fascicular analysis of the Tibialis Anterior muscle biopsy from a patient with Becker muscular dystrophy.** M. Meznaric-Petrusa (1, 2), I. Erzen (1) and J. Zidar (2). *Anatomical Institute (1), Institute of Clinical Neurophysiology, University Medical Center (2), Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.*
- P 16 Contractile protein properties of slow and fast muscles: compared adaptation to disuse conditions.** Y. Mounier and L. Stevens. *Lab. Physiol. Structures Contractiles, Univ. of Lille, France*
- P 17 Effects of direct electrostimulation on the mechanical properties of atrophied Soleus muscle.** M. Falempin and D. Leterme. *Lab. Physiol. Structures Contractiles, SN4, Univ. of Lille I, France*
- P 18 High technology and medical applications, is there a rift?** I. Gedeon (2), T. Kwasniewski (1), T.J. Rahrer (2), P. van der Puije (1). *Dept. of Electronics, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (1); Formerly Carleton Univ., now with Bell-Northern Research, Ottawa, Canada (2)*
- P 19 Plasticity in denervated rat Extensor Digitorum Longus muscle after direct low frequency electro-stimulation.** A. Windisch (1), T. Lømo (2), M.J. Szabolcs (1), H. Gruber (1). *Institute of Anatomy Dpt. III, University of Vienna, Austria (1), Institute of Neurophysiology, University of Oslo, Norway (2).*
- P 20 A multielectrode for extraneural selective stimulation of nerve fibers.** J. Rozman (1), B. Pihlar (2), A. Kralj (3). *E-1 Biocybernetics, Ljubljana, Rep. Slovenia*

- P 21 Optimizing control of functional neuromuscular stimulation.** P.H. Veltink, A.J. Mulder, J.A. van Alsté. *University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands*
- P 22 Effects of ageing on the electrophysiological properties of fast and slow rat skeletal muscles.** A. Megighian, D. Danielli-Betto. *Institute of Human Physiology, University of Padova, Italy*
- P 23 Inspiration controlled direct electrical stimulation of the denervated larynx muscles in sheep.** M. Zrunek, W. Mayr. *II. Universitaetsklinik fuer Hals-, Nasen- und Ohrenkrankheiten, Wien, Austria*
- P 24 Polarized microfluorimetry investigation of the conformational changes of F-Actin in ghost fibres of fast (EDL) and slow (Sol) rat muscles induced by functional electrostimulation.** V.P. Kirillina (1), Yu.S. Borovikov (1), J. Szczepanowska (2), U. Carraro (3). *Institute of Cytology Academy of Sciences USSR, Leningrad, USSR (1); Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, Warsaw, Poland (2); Institute of General Pathology, Padova, Italy (3)*
- P 25 In vitro selective survival and growth of mammalian and bird myotubes under glass uncoated surface: Isomyosin expression.** M. Cantini, S. Sivieri, C. Catani, U. Carraro. *Institute of General Pathology, University of Padova, Italy*
- P 26 Denervation and reinnervation: effects on dystrophic MDX mouse muscle.** R. Bittner (1), W. Czernicky (1), M. Neuwirth (1), S. Shorny (1), S. Urbanits (1), K. Wagner (1), J. Zacherl (1), S. Schiaffino. (2) *Inst. of Anatomy, University of Vienna (1); Inst. of General Pathology, University of Padova (2)*
- P27 Is denervated muscle a stand-by engine? A proposal to engage the clutch: functional electrostimulation by intravascular electrodes.**
U. Carraro. *C.N.R. Unit for Muscle Biology and Physiopathology, Insitute of General Pathology, University of Padova, Italy.*
- P28 Ultrastructure and histochemistry of human gracilis muscle after functional transplantation.** A. Cuzzocrea, G. Micali. *Cattedra di Chirurgia Plastica (Direttore Prof. G. Micali), Universita' di Catania, Italia*
- P29 A new animal model of anal reconstruction by skeletal muscle transposition after sphinterectomy in rabbit.**
F. Battocchio, R. Nistri, S. Reineri, E. Volpin, O. Terranova and U. Carraro (1). *Cattedra di Chirurgia Geriatrica and (1) Institute of general Pathology, University of Padova, Italy*
- P30 Innervation and vascular bed of gluteus major and gracilis.** O. Terranova, F. Battocchio, R. Nistri and L. Desantis. *Cattedra di Chirurgia Geriatrica and (1) Institute of general Pathology, University of Padova, Italy*
- P31 Carleton University signal processing accelerator and potential medical application.** T. Kwasniewski and G. Yaremchuk. *Dept. of Electronics, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada*

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

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