

Report on the ICRO/UNESCO Training Course

Molecular Biology of Photosynthesis

A course on the *Molecular Biology of Photosynthesis* was offered at the Centro de Estudios Fotosintéticos y Bioquímicos (CEFOBI) in Rosario, Argentina, from 13 to 30 October 1987. The course was organized by Drs. Rubén H. Vallejos, Director of CEFOBI and Charles Arntzen of DuPont and was sponsored by the **ISPMB**, the International Cell Research Organization of UNESCO, SECYT (Secretaría de Ciencia y Técnica), CONICET (Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas), and the Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Argentina.

There were 24 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico Peru, Syria, the United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The teaching staff were drawn from Argentina, Brazil, Belgium, Mexico, and the United States, and included José Luis Arana, Paulo Arruda, Lawrence Bogorad, Nestor J. Carrillo, Raquel L. Chan, Nestor Cortez, Daniel H. Gonzalez, Luis Herrera-Estrella, Alberto A. Iglesias, Jan Leemans, Hector A. Lucero, Maria Rosa Marano, Elena Orellano, Claudio Pairoba, John Pierce, Florencio E. Podesta. Ricardo A. Ravizzini, Pablo Scolnik, Fernando C. Soncini, Roberto Staneloni, Ruben H. Vallejos, Eleonora Garcia Vescovi, and John G. K. Williams. The course consisted of a combination of lectures and laboratory demonstrations.

An exceptional honor came to one of the teaching staff during the course: Dr. Luis Herrera-Estrella of the Center for Investigation and Advanced Studies at Irapuato, Mexico, received the Jan Hussein Prize as the *1987 UNESCO Young Scientist*. The event was celebrated with a soccer game, a Brazilian *feijoada*, an Argentinian barbecue, and champagne. Ω

Excerpted from a report by Dr. Rubén H. Vallejos.