

**Announcement and Invitation:**

**12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Purine and Pyrimidine Metabolism in Man**

We invite you to participate in the 12th International Symposium on Purine and Pyrimidine Metabolism in Man (PP07), sponsored by the Purine and Pyrimidine Society, which will be held in Chicago Illinois (USA) from June 24 to June 28, 2007 at the InterContinental Chicago Hotel.

Our [Organizing Committee](#) has been hard at work creating the 2007 Symposium, which will include extensive and wide-ranging scientific sessions as well as a program of social activities. In keeping with prior International and European Purine and Pyrimidine Symposia, each of eleven 2-hour plenary sessions of [PP07](#) will be comprised of one or two "State-of-the-Art" lectures (20-25 minutes) and oral presentations (10-12 minutes) selected from submitted abstracts on the basis of competitive review by members of the Scientific Committee. Three poster sessions, accompanied by poster mini-sessions allowing brief oral presentations of poster material, are also planned. An additional feature of PP07 is a pre-meeting Symposium of the Lesch-Nyhan Disease Research Foundation, to be held on Sunday afternoon, June 24, and to which PP07 registrants are invited.

The [InterContinental Hotel](#) is in the cultural and commercial heart of Chicago, within easy walking distance of beautiful Lake Michigan, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the new Millennium Park, the "Magnificent Mile" of world-class shopping and dining sites, and some of the most thrilling examples of American architecture from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to the early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Among the [Social Events](#) are a welcome reception, the Chicago River Architectural Boat Tour, a reception at the McCormick-Tribune Freedom Museum, and the PP07 gala dinner on the last night of the Meeting.

For those unfamiliar with the background of these meetings, we offer the following historical information:

International Symposia, devoted to the study of human purine metabolism were initiated in Tel Aviv in 1973 and, with expansion of focus to pyrimidine metabolism (1985), have been convened every three years since. Although sponsorship of the International Symposia has traditionally been local and without a sustained organizing body, a European Society for the Study of Purine and Pyrimidine Metabolism in Man (ESSPPMM) was formed in 1987 and met every two years thereafter, at times in conjunction with an International Symposium. At the last joint International and European Symposium in Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands in 2003, an agreement was reached to amalgamate the International and European programs into a new organization called the Purine and Pyrimidine Society (PPS). This decision was approved by

the ESSPPMM membership at their final meeting in Prague in 2005. Because rapid advances

in our fields of interest dictate, PPS is resolved henceforth to sponsor biennial symposia, the first of which will be PP07.

The objectives of PPS are to extend knowledge of the biochemistry, molecular physiology,

and genetics of normal human purine and pyrimidine metabolism and to improve diagnosis, mechanistic understanding, and management of inherited and acquired disorders involving these processes and their products. The predecessors of PPS have bequeathed us a rich

tradition of active participation by investigators spanning the spectrum from microbial structural science and molecular genetics to clinical investigation and therapeutics. As with prior international meetings, edited and peer-reviewed proceedings of PP07 will be published.

We are delighted to invite you to participate in PP07 and look forward to greeting you in Chicago in June!

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**Members of the Purine & Pyrimidine Society will be able to register for the meeting at a discounted rate. For membership information, please visit the society website at [www.ppsociety.org](http://www.ppsociety.org).**