



NEW THEMES IN HYPERTENSION

Proceedings of the 10th Annual Symposium of the London Hypertension Society

Introduction

The London Hypertension Society provides a forum for basic scientists, clinical researchers, epidemiologists and public health experts to present and discuss results of their research into cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment. The Society holds evening scientific meetings at the Medical Society of London five times a year during academic terms with speakers on research from throughout the United Kingdom as well as visiting international speakers. In addition, annual symposia and theme workshops on aspects of hypertension research have been held by the Society since 1990 with publication of proceedings of the annual symposia since the 1991 2nd Annual Meeting.¹ The papers and abstracts published in this issue of the *Journal of Human Hypertension* are based on invited lectures and peer review poster presentations from the 10th Annual Symposium of the London Hypertension Society held at the Royal College of Surgeons on 1st June 1999. At this meeting our invited lecturers discussed progress in basic research and in the prevention and management of hypertension and its complications. Topics included genetics of experimental and human hypertension (Prof Nilesh Samani, Leicester), genetic variation in coronary artery disease (Dr Bernard Keavney, Oxford) and genes, coagulation and cardiovascular risk (Prof Benedetta Donati, Chieti, Italy). Professor Giuseppe Bianchi (Milan) discussed the importance of adducin in hypertension and Professor Stephen O'Rahilly (Cambridge) gave a critical review of the importance of the appetite suppressant and angiogenic factor leptin in cardiovascular disease. The importance of ACE and chymase in local renin-angiotensin systems was discussed by Dr Adrian Chester (Harefield) and Dr John Cockcroft (Cardiff) reviewed arterial compliance in hypertension.

The Web pages of the London Hypertension Society include information about evening meetings, future workshops and the 11th Annual Symposium of the London Hypertension Society to be held at the Royal College of Surgeons on the 18th April 2000, along with details of how to become a member (www.med.ic.ac.uk/dh/dhbm/lhs/).

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