

## **XVI Congress Oxygen Club of California 2006**

The *Oxygen Club of California* annual meeting on **Oxidants and Antioxidants in Biology**, co-sponsored by the Linus Pauling Institute was held in Santa Barbara, California, on March 15-18, 2006, at Fess Parkers Doubletree resort. More than 200 people attended the conference with participation of academic and industry scientists, including many California based students and post-doctoral fellows.

Conferences were delivered by Arne Holmgren from Stockholm, Sweden (Keynote Lecture) and by Sten Orrenius, also from Stockholm, Sweden (Special Lecture). In addition, an exceptional cadre of internationally acclaimed scientists addressed 33 talks on different aspects of:

**Obesity, the Metabolic Syndrome, and Oxidative Stress**  
**Obesity, Uncoupling Proteins, and Micronutrient Action,**  
**Dietary Modulation of Cell Signaling Pathways,**  
**Mitochondrial Function, Aging, and Disease**

The Poster sessions included about 80 presentations during the meeting provided a forum of active and lively scientific exchanges.

Friday evening began with a piano recital by the renowned Japanese artist Yoshihiro Ota, supported by the Osato Research Institute. Master Ota played selections from Ravel, Brahms, and Liszt, using a Bösendorfer Piano. The concert was followed by a Gala Dinner including a Prize and Award ceremony. The Science and Humanity Prize was awarded to Arne Holmgren (Stockholm, Sweden) and the Senior Outstanding Investigator was awarded to Irfan Rahman (Rochester, NY). OCC founder, Lester Packer, was designated Honorary President of the OCC. Lifetime membership was awarded to Nesrin Ozer (Istanbul, Turkey), Mulchand Patel (Buffalo, NY) and Jarrow Rogovin (Los Angeles, CA).

Three young investigator awards were made: the OCC Young Investigator Award to Allen Chang (Los Angeles, CA); the Lester Packer Prize to Giuseppe Valacci (Davis, CA); and the Archives of Biochemistry and Biophysics Young Investigator Award to Aldona Dembinska-Kiec (Krakow, Poland).

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