



## 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE GRS & IGF SOCIETY

The Congress in Tel Aviv from Nov 6-9 was a wonderful success. Thanks goes to Dr. Haim Werner and The Local Planning and Organizing Committees.

- 246 Participants from 30 Countries
- 46 Student Travel Awards
- Breakfast symposia were hosted by GRS supporting members: Versatis & OPKO
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jesse Roth
- Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Drs. Zvi Laron & Renato Baserga
- Dr. Jens Sandahl Christiansen Memorial Lecture was established and given by Dr. Beverly MK Biller



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Pituitary Society Meeting:** Orlando, Florida; March 29-31, 2017
- **ENDO 2017:** Orlando, Florida; April 1-4, 2017
- **ECE 2017:** Lisbon, Portugal; May 20-23, 2017
- **GRS 25 Anniversary Celebration** will take place on Saturday, May 20th (see detail on the next page)

## SAVE THE DATE

**9th International GRS/IGF Congress In Seattle**  
Sept 14-17, 2018

**Drs. Charles Roberts, Kevin Yuen and the planning committee have organized an exciting group of Plenary speakers in the GH and IGF fields.**

9th International Congress of the  
**Growth Hormone Research  
& IGF Societies**

September 14-17, 2018



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**The Westin Seattle**

1900 5th Ave. | Seattle, Washington

[grs-igf2018.com](http://grs-igf2018.com)

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Leroy Hood**

Dr. Hood and his colleagues developed the DNA gene sequencer and synthesizer, and the protein sequencer and synthesizer — instruments that paved the way for successful mapping and understanding of the human genome.



## GRS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

*As of the Business Meeting held at the GRS-IGF Congress in Tel Aviv in November 2016, the following were elected:*

Gudmundur Johannsson, Sweden (**President**)  
Pinchas Cohen, USA (**Past-President**)  
Andrew Hoffman, USA (**President-Elect**)  
Martin Bidlingmaier, Germany (**Secretary**)  
Jens Otto Lunde Jørgensen, Denmark (**Treasurer**)

**Leader - New Membership Programs;**  
Beverly M. K. Biller, USA

**Leader - Past Presidents' Services, Newsletter, and WebSite;**  
John J. Kopchick, USA

### Council Members

Margaret Boguszewski, **Brazil**  
Catherine Choong, **Australia**  
Peter Kamenicky, **France**  
Xiaoping Luo, **China**  
Sally Radovick, **USA**  
Richard J Ross, **UK**

**GRS would like to thank the following departing Council Members for their help and dedication:**  
JULIANE LÉGER, KO LEE  
AND JOHN KOPCHICK

## CELEBRATE GRS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US!

On behalf of the GRS, we have great pleasure inviting you and any colleagues from your institution or company to join us for an exciting half-day program of science prior to the European Congress of Endocrinology 2017, in Lisbon. We will be celebrating the founding of GRS 25 years ago and the program will reflect outputs from the society's prestigious workshops with up to date reviews of all the topical areas from safety to new therapies (<http://www.ghresearchsociety.org/GRS%20consensus.htm>). The symposium will take place from 1-5pm on Saturday 20th May at the ECE congress venue and attendees will then be able to join the opening of ECE 2017 at 5:30pm. No paid registration is required for the GRS but please click the evite link below to accept the invite. We will send you full details nearer the time.

**CLICK THIS LINK TO ACCEPT INVITE:**  
[evite.me](http://www.evite.me)

This is a quick process that should take less than one minute of your time: you just enter yes/no, your name and email. If you would like to invite colleagues, please indicate numbers in the total number of guests section or forward this email to them and then they click the evite and we will have their contact details. Ignore references to a party this is just a feature of the website.

### 13:00 – 17:00 Provisional Program

#### 25 years of GRS workshops:

- Safety: 1960 to 2017 with reference to recent guidelines
- The future: daily versus long acting growth hormone
- Beyond GH deficiency

#### Too much of a good thing:

- Biomarkers of GH excess
- New therapeutic approaches to GH excess
- Targeting the SMS receptor

### 17:30h ECE 2017 opening ceremony & plenary

We do hope you will join us for what will be a riveting program of science and great celebration of the society's contribution to the field of growth hormone research, clinical development and safety.

Richard J. Ross  
*Chair, 25th Anniversary  
Program Organizing Committee*



## SUPPORTING MEMBERS NEWS

**GRS now has 15 Supporting Members.**

We thank them for their financial support and their enthusiasm, knowledge and ideas about GRS sponsored programs, workshops, and meetings.



## PITUITARY SOCIETY NEWS

Please attend the  
15th International Pituitary Congress,  
March 29-31, 2017  
Orlando, Florida

Register online at: <https://pituitarysociety.org/>



## DR. DAVID L. KLEINBERG

*Dear Friends,*

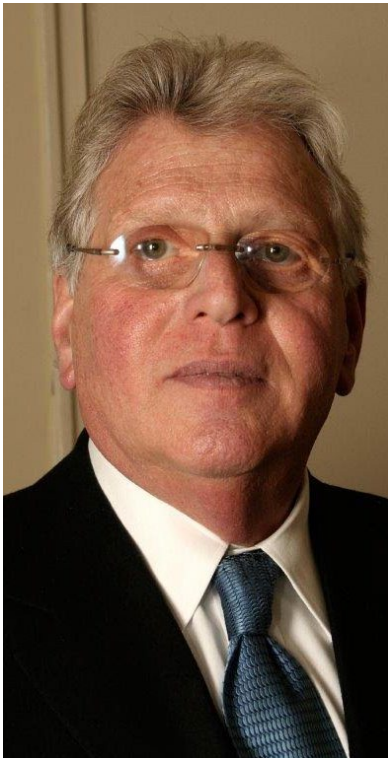
*It's with a sad heart that I inform you of David Kleinberg's passing.*

*David was a colleague and friend for many years and played an important part of the leadership of the Pituitary Society. His devotion to endocrinology, in particular pituitary and GH disorders, was steadfast.*

*On behalf of the members of GRS, its Council, and Executive Committee, I'd like to express our condolences to David's family, colleagues and friends.*

*We will miss a great colleague and a 'good guy'.*

*Sadly,  
Gudmundur  
President, GRS*



Milano, January 30 2017

Dear friends,

Since last Friday we are all more alone. Our friend David passed away leaving all of us shocked and incredulous. David L. Kleinberg was Professor of Medicine and Director of the Neuroendocrine Unit at New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY, and Consultant at the Veterans Affairs, New York Harbor Health Care System, NY. David graduated from the University of Miami Leonard M Miller School of Medicine and completed his residency at New York Presbyterian. He was a prominent member of the international endocrine community having served on the editorial board for the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, Pituitary and Endocrine Reviews. He co-authored the anterior pituitary chapter in the 10th through 13th Editions of Williams Textbook of Endocrinology.

David was a brilliant researcher having shown that prolactin and growth hormone were separate molecules in humans and highly contributed to the understanding of the reciprocal role of growth hormone and prolactin in mammary development. He was currently evaluating the potential of IGF-I inhibition in breast cancer prevention. As a clinician he was much appreciated for his great knowledge in the pituitary field. I personally remember his expert contribution to the preparation of the clinical guidelines on hyperprolactinemia of The Pituitary

Society. His article on the pathophysiology of galactorrhoea remains the standard work on that subject. He was a recognized authority on growth hormone deficiency and the treatment of acromegaly and other pituitary tumors. David was past President of The Pituitary Society and currently Secretary-Treasurer of our Society.

But what I want to remember besides these formal although essential roles is that David was the heart and soul of our Society. Under his leadership the Society flourished and became what is now: the home of all pituitary doctors! David worked for decades to build up the Society as an organized body supporting ambitious initiatives to help and benefit patients with pituitary diseases. I personally discussed with him many of these projects and what always was striking me was his continuous effort to find ways to improve the quality of pituitary disease management around the world and to improve the lives of pituitary patients. Last but not least David was a great man. I had the honour to be one of his friends and I want to remember him as a charming gentleman who always had a smile and a word of support for everybody particularly when things were not going well. He was a natural leader and a master of style and life for many of us who had the unique opportunity to share part of their life with him.

We will miss your guidance a lot dear David!

Andrea Giustina, MD  
President, The Pituitary Society