

3rd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MOLECULAR ALLERGOLOGY

Allergens: From Identification to Therapy

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The 3rd International Symposium on Molecular Allergology (ISMA 2008) was held at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Salzburg. According to the theme of the year, the symposium placed emphasis on "basic, translational and clinical aspects of allergenic molecules". The event brought together scientists from academia and industry, as well as clinical allergologists to share recent developments and to discuss future prospects. This year, more than 200 hundred participants from 38 countries took part in symposium.

The scientific program was divided into 6 lecture sessions and 2 poster workshops. From our point of view, the lectures and posters from the field of structural biology of allergens and food allergy were the most interesting. I presented our research results at the poster session. The poster dealt with the first crystal structure of an IgE/Fab-allergen complex, which was determined at the University of Joensuu last year. Our findings interested a number of the participants greatly, and lots of fruitful discussions were arisen.

The symposium offered a good opportunity to present our research results and gave also some new aspects of our work. I am grateful to ISB for the financial support of the conference trip.

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