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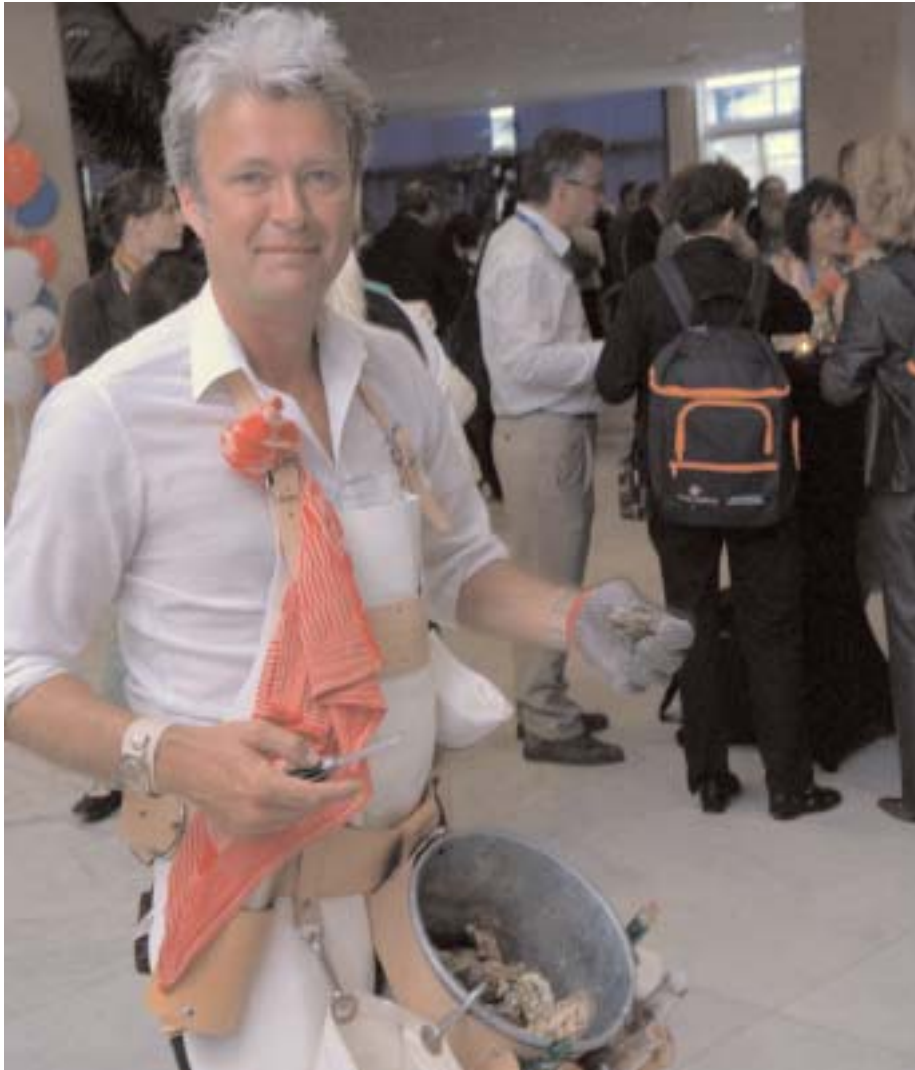
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*Cheerful reunions at the
Opening of the Congress*



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STILL AVAILABLE!**

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tonight *Concert* at the
Concertgebouw

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FESCC - Roche Award



Yesterday the FESCC Scientific Award for Laboratory Medicine was adjudged to *Prof. Mathias M. Müller* from Vienna, Austria, by Professor Vic Blaton, President of the Federation. The European Societies united in the FESCC have elected our outstanding colleague for this prestigious prize. A quote of the rules learns why: "This award has been created to honour an individual of each country, member of FESCC, who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of clinical chemistry throughout Europe or who has made one or more contributions that have had a major impact on clinical chemistry. The nominee's role in promoting clinical chemistry on European basis or his or her contributions should be well-known." As the president of the IFCC and as a real European he played an important role in the integration of all European national societies into the IFCC and the FESCC. The honorary memberships of several national societies were already granted to him. Besides this Prof. Müller has made significant contributions across all areas of Clinical Chemistry, not only as a clinician, but also as an educator and researcher. His reputations both as a scientist and as a highly skilled organiser have enabled him to accept major responsibilities at the highest level. He has been a world leader in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine for the past thirty years and more.

2007 IFCC-Abbott Molecular Diagnostic Award

The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine is honored to announce that Professor *Ulf Landegren* has been selected to receive the 2007 IFCC/Abbott Molecular Diagnostics Award for Significant Contributions to Molecular Diagnostics. This award honors an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine throughout the world. Prof. Landegren is currently Professor of Molecular Medicine at the University of Uppsala. He has made outstanding contributions to the technological development of diagnostic tools in molecular biology and proteomics. His achievements have been widely appreciated and have been published in prestigious journals such as *Nature* and *Science* and have formed the basis for significant commercial applications. He is also the editor of the book series *Rapid Cycle Real-Time PCR*.



Concert

Concert at the 'Concertgebouw'
starting 20:00 hrs
(doors open at 19:30 hrs)

Location:

The 'Concertgebouw' is located in Amsterdam 'Oud Zuid' (Old South) on the corner of the 'Van Baerlestraat' and the 'Museumplein - Concertgebouwplein'.

The address, if you take a taxi, is **Concertgebouwplein 2-6**, although every 'Amsterdammer' you ask will guide you to the place.

Public Transportation:

The tram lines 2, 3, 5, 12, 16 and 24 will stop either at the 'van Baerlestraat' or the 'Museumplein', all near to the 'Concertgebouw'.

Restaurants around the 'Concertgebouw'

In the neighbourhood of the 'Concertgebouw' you can find many restaurants (look for instance at www.iens.nl). Many of these provide a concert arrangement which insures you that your dinner is served in time (but do tell them that your concert starts at 20.00 hrs).

Amsterdam this week

In a city like Amsterdam, more activities are on the agenda than ever could be listed here... Some examples:

Travis was one of the most prominent British rock bands in the mid- to late '90s. The group formed in Glasgow around 1990. After many hits and successes in the years to follow, this spring Travis released an album of all-new material entitled *The Boy with No Name*. Tuesday at "De Melkweg".

Tuesday in Paradiso, Amsterdam temple of pop, Fair to Midland. Between a show in Nuremberg (Germany) and Birmingham (UK) they visit Amsterdam.

In the prestigious Holland Festival "Bintou Were, a Sahel opera". The story: Bintou-Were, a former child soldier, is expecting a "love child". She decides to cross the barricades protecting the borders of Morocco and Spain. Will there be a "right of asylum"? At the Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ. Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Since it is the time of examination for the students of the Amsterdam Conservatory, the entrance of which is free, the whole week one can enjoy all kinds of music. E.g. chamber music on Tuesday at the "Bethaniënklooster" at 18.00 h and 1930 u and at the "Bach-zaal" at 18:30 hrs.

At Huis Marseille, museum for photography, a exposition from this week on of the work of Han Singels who for many years photographed cows in the polder landscape. Typical Dutch!

Dozens of art galleries, situated all over the city, welcome you.

See www.iamsterdam.com for more ...

Plenary Lecture Tuesday

Obesity is an unsolved problem. Two drugs, Orlistat and Sibutramine are currently in use but these are neither proven or free of side effects. The CB-1 antagonist Rimonobant has just started therapeutic usage and while slightly more powerful, still has significant side effects (depression) and is only an aid to weight loss. Drugs in the pipeline include serotonin-based agents and other neurotransmitter-based modulators with a propensity for significant side effects. The only really effective treatment is surgery, particularly jejunoileal (JI) bypass.

Designed originally to reduce malabsorption, it does not do this but reduces appetite by an unknown mechanism. We have pioneered the use of gut hormones as a natural means by which you lose appetite after eating. There also seems to be a mechanism by which the JI bypass suppresses appetite. Gut hormones have proved to have an important role in appetite regulation and are currently being developed as potential natural therapies.

OLD AND NEW PHARMACEUTICAL OPTIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN OBESITY

S.R. Bloom



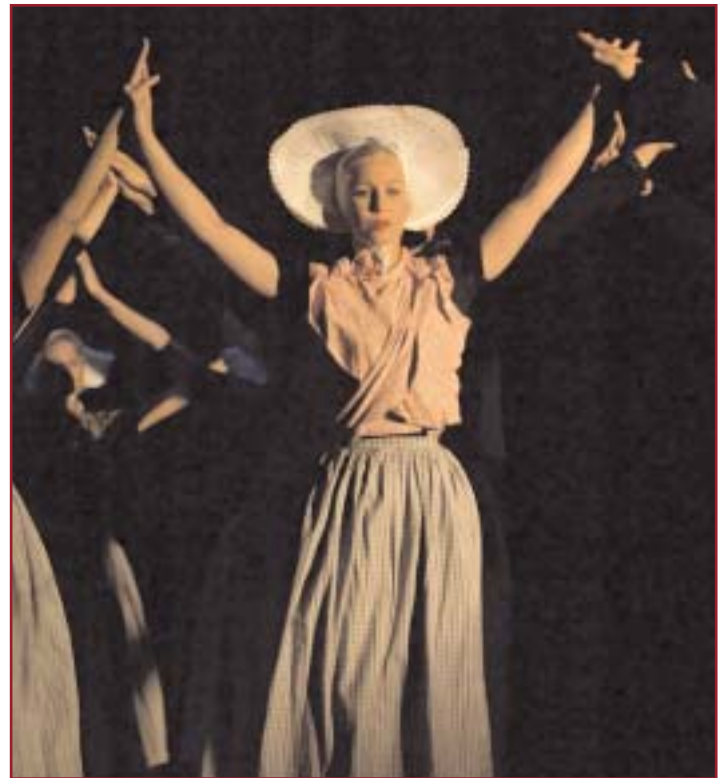
LABS ARE VITAL.COM

Labs Are Vital™ is a programme of Abbott Diagnostics Division. Its objectives are:

- **Reinforce the value** of the laboratory professional in the eyes of the health care system and the general public.
- **Address the issues** that labs face today, from laboratory science program closings to reimbursement coding complexities.
- **Serve as a community** that encourages sharing experiences, insight and ideas for improving the laboratory profession and the lives of those who practice it.

The European launch of LabsAreVital will take place during the congress. All over Amsterdam large posters at bus stops, both in Dutch and in English, will focus public attention to the profession.

Monday 4 June, 12:30
Lounge Auditorium - Booth n°11



Performance of the International Dance Theatre during the Opening Ceremony

Interactive Session Tuesday

Interactive Cases in Emergency Medicine *Peter Gosling*

Peter Gosling is a consultant clinical biochemist with a special interest in trauma, burns and intensive care. He will present a variety of interactive clinical cases which arose from being 'Duty Biochemist' at University Hospital Birmingham. Like any big city, Birmingham has a wide variety of patients coming to the busy Accident and Emergency Department.

Intriguing titles include: '*Drunk at home?*', '*The happy builder*', '*Motorcyclist*' and '*I thought the patient had died!*' An unusual clinical problem with point of care testing will be presented and '*Strange results from Intensive care*' will challenge your skills in diagnosing an unusual cause of acute hypocalcaemia. After each case there will be the opportunity for discussion and although the messages are serious the session should be enjoyable and entertaining.

Hints from Sponsors

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Monday, 4 June, 10:00–11:00, Room L

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Diagnostics

Tuesday, 5 June, 16:00–17:00, Room L

**NT-proBNP: an essential and well established cardiac
biomarker**

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Wednesday, 6 June, 10:00–11:00, Room B

**Innovation inspired by your needs –
New opportunities in cardiac testing**

SIEMENS

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Monday, 4 June, 16.00-17.00, Room L

**The gold standard solution for the infectious disease
laboratory. And for the future?**

- 16:00 The gold standard solution for the infectious disease laboratory
- 16:20 Future solutions for the infectious disease laboratory
- 16:40 Panel discussion: The future of infectious disease testing

Wednesday 6 June 10.00-11.00, Room L

**How protein to creatinin ratio test on urine strip can
improve laboratory medicine performance in
proteinuria measurement.**

- 10:00 Presentation
- 10:45 Questions and discussions

**Did you win
a lab coat?
Check at the
NVKC booth (n° 3)**

Highlights of History

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Netherlands Society for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (NVKC), its Historical Committee took the challenge of a new dive into the past, resulting in a symposium dedicated to the history of clinical chemistry and a historical exhibition.

For the **exhibition** a small but delicate collection of historical instruments, books and pictures has been gathered from all over the country, meant to remind you of the spectacular development clinical chemistry has made during the past century.

The exhibition is situated in the Upper Lounge Auditorium and will be opened as of today, Monday 4 June at 11:00.

Members of the Committee will be permanently on the spot to answer your questions and share your memories. We are grateful to the Boerhaave Museum in Leiden (among others) for its cooperation and providing a part of its collection.

The **symposium** will take place on Wednesday afternoon 6 June at 14:00 in room E/F.

You will find a detailed schedule in the final programme book.

