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## **National Library Week, 1995**

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## Library celebrates National Library Week



While the library offers patrons some traditional equipment, it will soon offer the most modern of browsing tools: a home page on the World Wide Web.

To celebrate National Library Week, which begins Sun., Apr. 9, the Rockefeller University Library will conduct a free raffle and cosponsor the Tri-Institutional Noon Recital with the tri-institutional libraries.

"This is the third year we're honoring National Library Week. Please celebrate with us," said Patricia Mackey, librarian.

Library users may enter the raffle by filling out tickets, which will be placed on a table at the library entrance Sun., Apr. 9. The drawing will be held Fri., Apr. 14 at 4:00 P.M. First prize is a free literature search by the reference librarian. The four second prizes are autographed copies of recent books by faculty: *On the Frontier: My Life in Science* by President Emeritus Frederick Seitz; *Vital Dust* by Professor Emeritus Christian de Duve; *Einstein Lived Here: Essays for the Layman* by Professor Emeritus Abraham Pais; and *The Hostage Brain* by Professor Bruce McEwen and Harold Schmeck, Jr. Third prize is lunch for two in the Abby Dining Room.

Pianist Tian Ying, fifth place winner of the Van Cliburn competition, will perform at the Tri-Institutional Noon Recital Fri., Apr. 14.

## Molecular biologist to talk on insulin action and resistance at Friday lecture

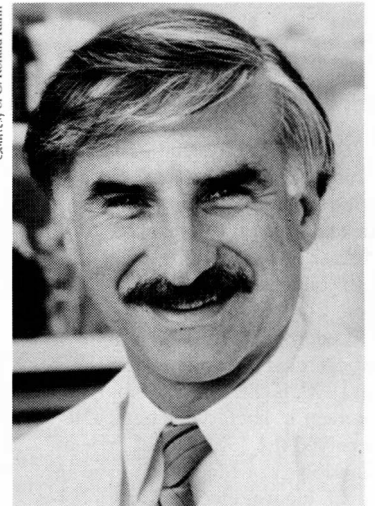
C. Ronald Kahn, director of the Elliott P. Joslin Research Laboratory, will discuss "Alternate Pathways of Insulin Action and Mechanisms of Insulin Resistance" at the Friday lecture today (Apr. 7).

Kahn studies the molecular mechanisms of diabetes and insulin action. He was involved in the initial studies characterizing the insulin receptor and insulin-degrading enzymes. He and his colleagues were the first to describe the syndromes caused by autoantibodies to the insulin receptor and genetic defects in the receptor. Kahn demonstrated that receptor aggregation was an early event in insulin action and identified the receptor as a protein tyrosine kinase. Using in vivo mutagenesis he defined the domains of the receptor responsible for kinase activity and interaction with substrates. Recent work in Kahn's laboratory has resulted in the cloning of a novel ras-related protein believed to cause insulin resistance in Type II diabetes.

"Ron has made fundamental contributions to our understanding of the mechanisms of insulin

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Courtesy of C. Ronald Kahn



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## Research administration director appointed to succeed Cook

Lauren Hackett, who has worked for four years in the university's Office of Research Administration (O.R.A.), has been appointed director. She succeeds Penny Cook, who left the university in February to become administrative director of the Skirball Institute at New York University Medical Center.

"Lauren Hackett will continue Penny Cook's emphasis on working

actively with faculty in identifying and securing support from both government and private agencies," said Frederick M. Bohlen, executive vice president. "President Wiesel and I are pleased to have her on our administrative team. Maximizing sponsored research funding is one of the university's most important service and support functions, and we ask everyone to work closely with her."

For most of the past four years, Hackett served as assistant director of the O.R.A., working on every aspect of its daily operations. As director, Hackett will proceed with plans developed with Cook to unify all aspects of grants administration (preaward and postaward) in one office. The O.R.A. will move in April to Founder's Hall, 3rd floor, to be part of the Controller's staff. Hackett will work with the Controller's staff to provide a single office that will serve the faculty in all matters regarding grants.

Hackett plans to begin a new initial contact program for new inves-

tigators and to continue to improve the system of identifying available support. The annual funding guide and monthly addendum is now accessible on the World Wide Web, and Hackett will be working on access to other national data base applications.

Ken Loebner



Lauren Hackett has been promoted to director of the Office of Research Administration.

## AAALAC visitors approve animal care and research at RU

Rockefeller recently received a recommendation for continued full accreditation by the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) by AAALAC representatives who visited the campus. The accreditation, which is voluntary, testifies that standards much higher than those required by law are being observed by university faculty and staff who work with and care for laboratory animals.

"AAALAC accreditation demonstrates to granting organizations and the general public that we are committed to maintaining the highest possible standard of humane and ethical animal care and use," said Michael Hayre, director of the Laboratory Animal Research Center (LARC). "Many of the leading scientific institutions in the United States participate in the program because it's a 'gold standard' for animal research facilities."

Formed in 1965, AAALAC now comprises delegates from 32 scientific, educational, and professional organizations who ensure that participants comply with federal regulations and the scientific communi-

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