Fifth American Peptide Symposium to be held at UCSD

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The Fifth American Peptide Symposium, which is expected to attract some 500 scientists from the United States and abroad, including several from the Soviet Union, will be held June 20-24 in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

The researchers will hear papers presented on such subjects as: "The Biology of Peptides," "Theories of Drug Receptor Interactions," and "Peptide and Protein Synthesis."

The gathering will also feature presentation of the First Annual Alan Pierce Award to Dr. Miklos Bodansky of Case Western Reserve University. The award is named in honor of the founder of the Pierce Chemical Co., of Rockford, Ill., and will be presented each year to "individuals who have made outstanding contributions to techniques and methodology in the chemistry of amino acid, peptide and protein research or analysis."

The award presentation will be held during a banquet at the Cafe Del Rey Moro in Balboa Park Thursday evening, June 24.

Prof. Murray Goodman, chairman of the UC San Diego Chemistry Department and program chairman for the symposium, noted that the meeting will cover a wide range of topics "all the way from models of proteins and hormone action to the whole emerging mechanism of drug action, especially as it is related to the area of brain function, including narcotics and how they function."

Attendance at the conference is by registration only.

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