

EDITORS' PREFACE

This issue of *Archives Italiennes de Biologie* contains a tribute by O. Pompeiano and J. Stahle to *Hans Engström*.

It also contains three *Main Lectures* presented by S.D. Roper, A. Zanchetti and A. Rustioni at the 55th Congress of the Italian Society of Physiology organized, in Pisa by P. Bagnoli and P. d'Ascanio, held on October 4-7, 2004.

It also includes the Proceedings of a *Symposium* presented at the same Congress, by F. Benfenati and E. D'Angelo on "*Physiology of the Presynapse: from Molecules to Plasticity*".

The Proceedings of three other *Symposia* presented at this Meeting will be published in the next issue of *Archives Italiennes de Biologie*.

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