



**RRSH**  
RAPID RESPONSES TO  
STEROID HORMONES

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on Rapid Responses to Steroid Hormones  
**Paris - 20/23 September 2022**



**Post-Congress message of the Founder and Honorary Chair of the RRSH 2022,  
Pr. Martin Wehling**

After a quarter of a century of 12 preceding meetings, the RRSH meeting 2022 in Paris was a bijou, an outstanding highlight in this series of scientific meetings devoted to rapid actions of steroid hormones. With the first conference dating back to 1998, nobody could have anticipated then that the idea to have specialized meetings on this topic would survive for more than two or three meetings, especially as the opposition to the entire field of non-genomic steroid actions was rather strong at that time. Yet, tides are changing, and the Paris meeting demonstrated that there is still a growing amount of science going on in the field that needs to be communicated, thereby inspiring researchers in the light of the various angles of steroid actions. They have become so multifaceted, in particular when the traditional genomic actions of steroids are intertwining with the non-genomic ones - and these meetings have helped to integrate both views into an indispensable partnership of these modes of action. We witnessed outstanding contributions from almost all areas of steroid hormones - e.g. sex steroids, mineralocorticoids, glucocorticoids, neurosteroids and vitamin D, demonstrating again that steroid hormones have not lost their challenging appeal for excellent scientific analysis and networking, and the first drugs related to the field have been launched. Beyond the superb scientific quality of the meeting with the most excellent presentations by young investigators being selected for three prizes (representing the first RRSH presentation prizes in its 25 year history), there were plenty of occasions to meet people, talk about science and life, as the environment was so historic and memorable. The scientific sessions took place in the realm of one of the oldest, most prestigious and most important universities of the world - at La Sorbonne, in the Grand Salon; no more inspiring place is imaginable for the celebration of 25 years of RRSH meetings. The Gala Evening in the Musée d'Orsay including a tour through the museum's outstanding collection of impressionists and other paintings was unrivalled and benchmarked social events at these meetings. All participants were really blessed by the results of meticulous, laborious and overwhelmingly successful preparations for the meeting by the local host Yves Jacquot, the chair of the local organizing committee Patricia de Cremoux and Matthias Barton, and all those people in their respective teams. As the founder (together with Tony Norman) of this series of meetings, I am so grateful and even proud that "my baby" has grown up, survived all those years and has now been ennobled by this fantastic anniversary meeting in Paris.

Ad multos annos, thanks to all, see you in New Mexico for the forthcoming RRSH Meeting in 2024  
Martin Wehling,  
Honorary Chair

