

HISTORY of Annual Workshop on SURFACTANT REPLACEMENT

4. Gottingen 1989

The 4th Workshop took place at the lovely conference setting of the Burghotel Hardenberg, about 10 km north of Gottingen. This was the largest meeting to date with 80 attendees from 20 countries. The workshop was generously supported by Chiesi Farmaceutici and 7 other companies which supplied neonatal intensive care equipment. Among the topics discussed at the workshop were cerebral blood flow velocities and lung mechanics after surfactant treatment, types of response to surfactant, thyroid function and mechanisms of lung injury. The interim results of some clinical trials were also reported and follow-up data were presented. The basic research focused on mechanisms of surfactant inactivation by monoclonal antibodies to SP-B in *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies.

The social programme included an opening ceremony at the castle of Hardenberg followed by an outdoor party and with drinks reception and buffet meal. Everyone took an active part in the singing and group dancing. It was after this meeting that the term "Curosurf Family" was coined. On the second evening delegates were received by the Lord Mayor of Gottingen at the Gothic City Hall where a young medical student played a violin sonata by JS Bach.



CUROSURF FAMILY AT PLAY



OFF TO GOTTINGEN CITY HALL



The farewell dinner was held at the Burghotel Hardenberg and was a most enjoyable celebration. For the 30 members who could stay for an extra night the father of the first Curosurf-treated preterm infant in Gottingen, Mr Kraprielian, an Armenian chef, cooked a delicious meal at Christian Speer's apartment. The evening was an explosive one in more ways than one.



CHRISTIAN SPEER AT HOME BUT NOT WATCHING THE KITCHEN WITH HIOM ARE PER BERGGREN, RICHARD TUBMAN AND MARK REID