

YOUR MAJESTY, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, YOUR EXCELLENCIES,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM OVERJOYED IN RECEIVING THIS GREAT HONOR.
IT IS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO SHARE THIS DISTINCTION
WITH PROFESSOR ULF VON EULER AND SIR BERNARD KATZ.

THIS AWARD COMES AT A TIME WHEN OUR YOUNG AND
MANY OF OUR MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT BASIC
RESEARCH IS IRRELEVANT OR IS PUT TO EVIL USES. THE
SELECTION OF CHEMICAL NEUROTRANSMISSION FOR A NOBEL PRIZE
THIS YEAR, MAKES OUR WORK HIGHLY VISIBLE TO THE GENERAL
PUBLIC AND GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW HOW MISINFORMED
AND MISTAKEN THEY ARE. I THINK WE CAN EASILY DEMONSTRATE
THAT ALTHOUGH OUR WORK IS OF A FUNDAMENTAL NATURE, IT ALSO
GIVES US INSIGHT IN EXPLAINING SUCH DISEASES AS MENTAL
DEPRESSION, PARKINSON'S DISEASE, HYPERTENSION AND DRUG
ABUSE. IT CAN ALSO LEAD THE WAY TO THE TREATMENT OF THESE
TERRIBLE AFFLICTIONS.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE
FOR BRINGING THE ADRENERGIC AND CHOLINERGIC NERVOUS SYSTEM
TOGETHER AGAIN. THEY HAVE BEEN APART FOR TOO LONG. AGAIN
I WANT TO OFFER MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE. *for the hospitality
you have shown to me + my family*