Forthcoming events

In 1995

26–31 Mar  Fourth International Conference on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Jerusalem, Israel
Contact: Professor Y Schoenfeld, Chairman, Organising Committee, PO Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel. Tel: 972 3 5140014. Fax: 972 3 5175674 or 972 3 5160325

27–31 Mar  12th World Congress of the International Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Sydney, Australia
Contact: IFPMPR Secretariat, DC Conferences, PO Box 629, Willoughby, NSW 2068 Australia. Tel: 61 2417 8525. Fax 61 2417 8513

3–4 Apr  International Conference on Therapeutic Advances in Osteoporosis and Hormone Replacement Therapy, London
Contact: Rachel Stewart, The Conference Department, Charterhouse House and Communication Co. Tel: 071 606 2435. Fax: 071 606 2351

4–7 Apr  BSR XIIth AGM, Glasgow
Contact: British Society for Rheumatology, Anne Mansfield, Deputy Executive Secretary, 3 St Andrew’s Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156

7 Apr  British Health Professionals in Rheumatology AGM during BSR AGM
Contact: British Health Professionals in Rheumatology, c/o BSR, Anne Mansfield, Deputy Executive Secretary, 3 St Andrew’s Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156

10–14 May  Third International Symposium on the Immunotherapy of the Rheumatic Diseases, Cyprus
Contact: Symposium Secretariat, Rheumatology Unit, 4th Floor Hunt’s House, Guy’s Hospital, London SE1 9RT, United Kingdom. Tel: (0)71 955 4394. Fax: (0)71 407 5134.

27–31 May  International Congress on Rehabilitation Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey
Contact: Prof Dr Önder Kayhan, Congress Secretariat, PO Box 1 81021 Kosuyolu, Istanbul, Turkey. Tel: 90 216 3263443. Fax: 90 216 3263443

27–31 May  XXIVth European Symposium on Calcified Tissues, Aarhus, Denmark
Contact: Dr L Mosekilde, Endokrinologisk Afdeling, Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus Amtssygehus, Tage Hansensgade DK-8000 Aarhus C, Denmark

9–13 June  IIIrd Workshop on Osteobiology: Cell-Matrix Interactions in Health and Disease, Italy
Contact: Organising Secretariat, Medicina Viva Servizio Congressi s.r.l, Vialedi Melle, 140 43100 Parma, Italy. Fax: 39 84 2193134

15–17 June  Vth International Symposium on Sjögren’s Disease, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
Contact: A A Kruize, Department of Rheumatology, PO Box 223, University Hospital Utrecht, PO Box 85500, 3508 GA Utrecht, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 30 507357. Fax: 31 50 523741

18–22 June  22nd annual meeting of The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine, Helsinki, Finland
Contact: Dr Bjorn Rydevik, ISSLS, Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Room A 309, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4N 3M5. Tel: 416-480-4833. Fax: 416-480-6055

18–24 June  13th European congress of rheumatology (EULAR), Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Contact: EUROCONGRES, Koningslaan 52, NL-1075 AE Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: 31(0)20 6739411. Fax: 31(0)20 6737306

23–29 July  IUIS Meeting, San Francisco, USA
Contact: Congress Secretariat, 9th International Congress of Immunology 9650, Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 20814, USA

30 July–3 Aug  3rd World congress on myofascial pain and fibromyalgia, San Antonio, Texas, USA
Contact: Jon Russell, MD, PhD, Chairman, Organising Committee, Department of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78284-7874, USA. Tel: (210) 567 4661. Fax: (210) 567 4654

10–17 Sep  3rd EULAR Postgraduate Course in Rheumatology
Contact: Vienna Academy of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Vienna. Fax: 43 1 42 13 83 23

14–15 Sep  Heberden Round, Dr T Hothersall, Keele University
Contact: British Society for Rheumatology, Anne Mansfield, Deputy Executive Secretary, 3 St Andrew’s Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156

17–22 Sep  Inflammation '95: Second World Congress on Inflammation, Brighton
Deadline for abstracts and registration: 7 April 1995
Contact: Inflammation '95, c/o Kay Dorelli, Triangle House, Broomhill Road, London SW18 4HX. Tel: 081 877 9920. Fax: 081 877 9308

28–30 Sep  International Congress on Rheumatoid Arthritis, Bari, Italy
Contact: Centro Italiano Congressi C IC Sud, Via Camillo Rosalbo Trav, 47/e n 28, Bari, Italy. Tel: 39 80 5043737

29 Sep–1 Oct  Third EULAR Workshop on Cartilage and Bone Research, London
Contact: Dr M T Bayliss, Division of Biochemistry, Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, Bute Gardens, London W6 7DW. Tel: 44 181 748 9966. Fax: 44 181 748 5090. e-Mail: richard@cs.city.ac.uk

15–18 Oct  2nd AFLAR Congress of Rheumatology, Tunisia
Contact: 2ème Congrès Africain de Rhumatologie, BP. 131, 2091 El Menzah VI 2091, Tunis. Tel: 216 1 260 432/216 1 893 895. Fax: 216 1 510 636

22–26 Oct  American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California
Contact: American College of Rheumatology, Ronald F Olejko, Director, Conferences and Meetings, 60 Executive Park South, Suite 150, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA. Tel: 404 633 3777. Fax: 404 633 1870
22–27 Oct Vth International Conference on the Chemistry and Biology of Mineralised Tissues, Kohler, Wisconsin
Contact: Linda Keller, The University of Texas and Health Science Centre at San Antonio, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio TX 78284-7823. Fax: 210 546 2052

Contact: Publicity Manager, International Seminars Department (Seminar 9596), The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN. Tel: 071 389 4264/4162/4226. Fax: 071 389 4154

4–5 Dec International Symposium of Immuno-Rheumatology (main topic: New tools for diagnosis and therapeutics in rheumatic diseases), Montpellier, France
Contact: Professor J Sany, Service d’Immuno-Rhumatologie, Hôpital Gui-de-Chauliac, 34295 Montpellier cedex 5, France. Tel: (33) 67 33 72 31. Fax: (33) 67 61 97 31

4–7 Dec British Society for Immunology Annual Congress, Brighton
Contact: Mrs K Dorelli, 2 Triangle House, 2 Broomhill Road, London SW18 4HX. Tel: 081 877 9920. Fax: 081 877 9308

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21–26 Apr 8th APLAR Congress of Rheumatology, Melbourne
Closing date for Abstracts: 1 November 1995
Contact: 8th Asia Pacific League Against Rheumatism Congress, PO Box 29, Parkville, 3052 Victoria, Australia. Tel: 613 387 9955. Fax: 613 387 3120

8–10 May BSR XIIth AGM, Brighton
Contact: British Society for Rheumatology, Anne Mansfield, Deputy Executive Secretary, 3 St Andrew’s Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156

18–23 May 1996 World Congress on Osteoporosis, Amsterdam
Contact: CONGRES Holland bv, Keizersgracht 782, 1017 EC Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: 31 20 6261372. Fax: 31 20 6259574

19–20 Sep Heberden Round, Dr M Seifert, Imperial College, London
Contact: British Society for Rheumatology, Anne Mansfield, Deputy Executive Secretary, 3 St Andrew’s Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156

7–9 Oct IXth EULAR Symposium, Madrid
Contact: EULAR Secretariat, Witikonenerstrasse 15, CH-8032 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel: 41 1 383 96 90. Fax: 41 1 383 98 10

10–11 Oct 7th International Conference on Behçet’s Disease, Tunis
Contact: Dr M Hamza, Professor of Rheumatology, BP 45, El Menzah, 1014 Tunisia

Book reviews


If you want a simple resume of the classical approach to shoulder pathology, this book is not for you. However, should you decide to turn shoulder evaluation upside down and take a new approach altogether, look no further. Emanating from the University of Washington Shoulder Team, Practical evaluation and management of the shoulder takes, as its name suggests, an essentially practical approach to management of shoulder problems.

In contrast to the usual diagnostically based approach, Masten and colleagues have addressed the subject from an entirely functional point of view, accepting that the goal of treatment is the restoration of shoulder function, and therefore that the success of treatment must be measured in terms of functional improvement. Conditions are firmly divided into those which are and are not amenable to treatment and chapter headings include Shoulder Motion, Stability, Strength and Smoothness, rather than the usual pathological classifications. Clinical evaluation is placed foremost, with most of the emphasis being on clinical history, examination and plain radiograph findings. MRI scans are not totally ignored, but discussion centres on dynamic rather than static mode imaging.

Helpful examples of Washington Shoulder Team practice are given, including details of their ‘Simple Shoulder Test’ and its behaviour in the different conditions. Also given are examples of information leaflets and different home exercise programmes, as well as details of the relevant surgical procedures.

The reader should be forewarned that this text represents an American view. Classification of diagnosis describes conditions not immediately recognisable to the UK rheumatologist. ‘Atraumatic instability’, for example, denotes rotator cuff dysfunction more commonly described as ‘rotator cuff tendinitis’ in the terminology of the UK rheumatologist, although it probably describes more accurately the failure of downward migration of the humoral head which results in impingement of the rotator cuff tendons and leads to symptoms of rotator cuff irritation. For this reason, it is a book most suited to the experienced rheumatologist/orthopaedic surgeon/physiotherapist who wishes to push back the barriers of understanding, rather than to the student or junior doctor seeking a secure background for the terminology they hear about them every day.

Copiously illustrated throughout, the book contains some very clear drawings that demonstrate the mechanics of shoulder movement and some intriguing examples of activities designed to illustrate mechanisms of shoulder function. Some may find these more confusing than helpful, but there is detail enough to inform even the most intricate ergonomic assessment.

As with every other book, not everything that is said should be taken verbatim. As stated earlier, this is not a choice for the novice or beginner, but anyone wishing seriously to pursue excellence in the field of shoulder problems and their management should not pass by this opportunity to gain a unique insight and understanding in a highly complex area.

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