- 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 Conference and Communication Co. Tel: 071 606 2435. Fax: 071 606 2351
- 10–14 May Third International Symposium on the Immunotherapy of the Rheumatic Diseases, Cyprus
Contact: Symposium Secretary, 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 XXIVth European Symposium on Calcified Tissues, Aarhus, Denmark
Contact: Dr L Mosekilde, Endokringologisk 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, Viale dei Melle, 140 43100 Parma, Italy. Fax: 39 521 291314
- 15–17 June Vth International Symposium on Sjögren's Disease, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
Contact: A A Kruize, Department of Rheumatology F02.223, University Hospital Utrecht, PO Box 85500, 3508 GA Utrecht, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 30 507357. Fax: 31 30 523741
- 23–29 July IUIS Meeting, San Francisco, USA
Contact: Congress Secretariat, 9th International Congress of Immunology 9650, Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 20814, USA
- 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
- 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 CIC Sud, Via Camillo Rosalbo Trav, 47/e n 28, Bari, Italy. Tel: 39 80 5043737
- 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
- 19–25 Nov British Council International Seminar (Number 9596). Evaluating treatment: The Cochrane Review of Outcomes in Fractures, Arthritis and Back Pain, Edinburgh
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
- 4–7 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

Book review

Connective tissue diseases. Graham Hughes. (Pp 317; £35.00). Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications Ltd, 1994. ISBN 0-632-03752-0.

This is the long awaited updated edition of Graham Hughes' popular book on the connective tissue diseases. As with previous volumes, the book is divided into 15 chapters, covering most of the systemic connective tissue disorders from lupus to rare conditions such as angitis of the CNS. A whole chapter is also devoted to rheumatoid arthritis. A helpful appendix is included, giving a brief account of the methodology and the clinical significance of the more common immunological tests used in rheumatology.

A unifying format is used throughout the book: each chapter begins with an introduction, followed by a brief historical background, epidemiology, pathology, aetiopathogenesis, clinical features, investigations, differential diagnoses, management, and ending with prognosis. The style is highly readable. The bibliography is comprehensive, and references to recent excellent review articles are included to whet the appetites of the more enthusiastic readers. In particular, I enjoyed the case histories, which help to bridge the gap between theory and clinical practice and would, I am sure, make the book attractive to medical students as well as novice rheumatologists.

The chapters are generally well illustrated but, unfortunately, no colour plates are included. Most of the chapters have been extensively updated, especially chapter 4, on the antiphospholipid syndrome. Systemic lupus is amply addressed. However, the repeated reference to antiphospholipid antibodies was rather tiresome. The unwary reader might be misled to think that lupus is caused by these antibodies! Overall, there is a heavy bias towards rheumatological practices in St Thomas' Hospital and I was amused by the occasional unsubstantiated claims, for example, 'septrin provocation test' in the diagnosis of Sjögren's syndrome.

Nevertheless, this book is a very useful first source of reference for students, scientists, and general physicians, as well as the budding rheumatologist. I can thoroughly recommend it for all with a passing, or even passionate, interest in the connective tissue diseases.

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