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Rheumatology Research

The 5th EULAR Workshop on Rheumatology Research will take place at the Jolly Hotel Milano 2, Segrate, Milan, Italy, on 1–2 March 1985. The official language will be English, and there will be no simultaneous translation. Preselected posters will be discussed in the 5 plenary sessions (4 min + 2 slides per poster). All abstracts should be submitted before 31 December 1984 and will be published in *Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology*. Further information from Professor Raffaele Numo, Cattedra di Reumatologia, Policlinico, Piazza Giulio Cesare, 70124 Bari, Italy.

Panhellenic Congress

The 9th Panhellenic Congress in Rheumatology will be held in Athens at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel on 22–24 November 1984. The topic is 'Advances in connective tissue diseases.' Details from Dr John Lalos, 4 Papadiamandopoulou Street, Athens 612, Greece.

Implant surgery

The 15th Annual International Symposium on Implant Surgery for the Hand and Upper Extremity will be held on 25–27 October 1984 at the Blodgett Memorial Medical Center and Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA. Details from Dr Alfred B. Swanson, Blodgett Professional Building, Suite 290, 1900 Wealthy Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, USA.

Marisa Ara prize

This prize of 2 million Italian lire will be awarded to a woman for research in rheumatology published within the last five years. Entries must be received by 31 July 1984. Information from Professor Carla Caianiello, Via Posillipo 102–2, 80123 Napoli, Italy.

Corrections

The title of the paper by M. Adam and Z. Deyl (*Ann Rheum Dis* 1984; **43**: 258–63) should have read: 'Degenerated annulus fibrosus of the intervertebral disc contains collagen type III' (not type II). We regret the error.

In the paper by T. Pullar, J. A. Hunter, and H. A. Capell entitled 'Does second-line therapy affect the radiological progression of rheumatoid arthritis?' *Ann Rheum Dis* 1984; **43**: 18–23 we regret that an error occurred on p. 22. The fourth (new) paragraph should read: 'Conversely, with the number in our study we would have required a difference of over 10 between the change in the "control" and treatment radiograph scores to demonstrate a significantly beneficial drug effect. We were, however, only able to demonstrate a difference of 3.87 between gold and "control" groups and only 3.3 between "control" and penicillamine groups'.