An early meeting with the Secretary of State was requested. At the time of writing (September 1989) no response has as yet been forthcoming.

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References

Notes and news

Calendar of events

In 1989

26 Nov-2 Dec International seminar on the treatment of rheumatic diseases. Israel
Contact Dr I Machtay, Rheumatology Service, Hasharon Hospital, PO Box 121, Petah-Tiqva 49101, Israel

26-30 Nov 2nd International conference on systemic lupus erythematosus. Singapore
Contact Ms Nina Sharma, Communication Consultants, 20 Kramat Lane, 03-07 United House, Singapore 0922. Tel (65) 7333304

3-6 Dec 2nd ASEAN congress of rheumatology. Manila, Philippines
Contact Secretariat, 2nd ASEAN Congress of Rheumatology, Room 312, NEWC Building, Cor. Escado and San Marcelino, Ermita 1000, Manila, Philippines. Tel 50 73 91

In 1990

10 Jan RSM: 'Molecular biology for clinicians'
Contact Dr D R Swinson, Wrightington Hospital, Wigan, Lancs WN6 9EP

8-9 Feb Spinal disorders
Contact Mrs W Mathews, Rheumatology, Department, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH

14 Feb RSM: Combined meeting of the open and rheumatology and rehabilitation section
Contact Dr D R Swinson, Wrightington Hospital, Wigan, Lancs WN6 9EP

9 Mar RSM: Presidential address (Dr J Moll)
Contact Dr D R Swinson, Wrightington Hospital, Wigan, Lancs WN6 9EP

11-16 Mar Xth Pan American league against rheumatism congress
Contact Secretariat, Apartado Postal 71-275 06900 Mexico, DF Mexico. (We have a limited stock (c. 20) of application forms in the BSR office: Tel 01 224 3739, if interested.)

22-23 Mar Rheumatology 1990—Centre for rheumatic diseases 25th anniversary symposium. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Contact Mrs L Leckenby, University Department of Medicine, Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Tel 041 552 3535 (Ext 5423)

6-7 Apr Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland
Contact Professor S Thomlinson. The Manchester Diabetes Centre, 130 Hathersage Rd, Manchester

16-19 May Vith EULAR symposium. Athens, Greece. 'Systemic manifestations of the rheumatic diseases'
Contact Eular '90 Symposium Secretariat, 10 Loukianou Street, GR-106 75 Athens, Greece. Tel 01 72 18 276, 72 28 784. Fax 01 72 18 276

18 May BSR basic rheumatology course
Contact Dr Peter Dawes, Staffordshire Rheumatology Centre, Haywood Hospital, High Lane, Burslem, Stoke-On-Trent

13-16 Jun XXIII Scandinavian congress of rheumatology. Tampere, Finland
Contact Congress Team, PO Box 227, SF-00131, Helsinki, Finland. Tel Int'l code + 358 0 176866

29-30 Jun RSM: Provincial meeting in York
Contact Dr D R Swinson, Wrightington Hospital, Wigan, Lancs WN6 9EP
Inflammation Research Association

The 5th international conference of the Inflammation Research Association will take place on 23–27 September 1990, at the Mountain Laurel Resort and Conference Center, White Haven, PA.

Topics will include antiarthritic drugs, cytokines, regulation of leucocytes in inflammation, and tissue destruction.

For information contact the registrar: Joan Chapdelaine, IRA Conference, Pharmakon Research International Inc., PO Box 313, Waverly, PA 18471, USA. Tel (717) 586 2411. Fax (717) 586 3450.

Cooperative care

A course on cooperative care entitled 'The 10 year success story of an innovative hospital-patient delivery system' will be held from 30 November to 1 December 1989, at the NYU Medical Center, New York City. CME: 11 category I credit hours-AMA. Course fee $300.

This seminar is particularly directed at those with careers related to hospital and outpatient medical administration.

Book review


This magnificently produced 138 page book, a dedication to Dr Jan Pahle, of Oslo, Norway, contains 16 separate chapters by different, mostly European, authors each dealing in detail with a particular surgical technique appropriate to rheumatoid shoulder disease.

The general presentation is excellent and the chapter style uniform; each has a clear introduction, a description of the operative technique, and a very detailed and careful analysis of results, with beautifully laid out tables, relevant photographs, line drawings and charts, and an up to date list of references.

The book is a mine of information for anyone seeking the indications and results of almost all forms of surgical management of rheumatoid shoulder disease as varied as synovectomy, surface replacement, osteotomy, or total shoulder joint replacement.

I believe that this is an excellent source book for those seeking information about present surgical techniques used in the management of rheumatoid disease; highly recommended.

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