- 5-6 Jul 10 Topics in rheumatology. St Thomas's Lupus Arthritis Research Laboratories
Contact Dr G Hughes. Tel 928 0292 × 2888/2019
- 15-17 Oct Vth Mediterranean congress of rheumatology. Madrid
Contact Dr J Gijon Banos, Rheumatology Unit, Hospital La Paz, Paeso de la Castellano, 261, 28046, Madrid, Spain
- 29 Oct-3 Nov American College of Rheumatology meeting. Seattle
- 22-24 Nov Societe Francaise de Rheumatologie. 3rd French congress, Paris featuring joint symposium with BSR (morning 23 November)

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.

For details contact NYU Post-Graduate Medical School, 550 First Avenue, New York, NY 10016, USA. Tel (212) 340 5295. Fax (212) 340 5293.

International Society for Rheumatic Therapy

The International Society for Rheumatic Therapy will hold its 2nd congress in London from 25 to 30 June 1990.

Papers and posters are requested on matters related to therapy in the following areas: osteoporosis, conventional prescribing strategies (disease modifying antirheumatic drugs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, etc), reassessing conventional prescribing and experimental forms, team approach, gastropathy, orthopaedics, alternative therapy, self help, soft tissue disorders, sports arthropathy, regulatory authorities and drug development, and chondroprotection. Industry sponsored sessions will feature on the congress programme and there will be a commercial exhibition.

Further details from Paul Turner, ISRT Secretariat, Pinewood Studios, Iver Heath, Bucks SL0 0NH, UK. Tel 0753 656706. Fax 0753 656169.

World Apheresis Association

The 3rd international congress of the World Apheresis Association will be held on 9-12 April 1990 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Main themes of the congress are stem cells: technology of collection and preservation, mobilisation, and clinical application; plasma exchange in neurology; thrombocytes: single versus multiple donors; in vivo modulation versus ex vivo modulation in lymphocytes; plasmapheresis: centrifugation versus filtration.

Speakers include M Körbling, R A C Hughes, J Gmur, J J van Rood, H J Gurland, L L Edelson, S J Slichter, C A Jutner, and P Hervé.

Preliminary programme and registration form are available from the Congress Secretariat 3rd W A A Congress, c/o RAI Organisatie Bureau Amsterdam, Europaplein 12, 1078 GZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel 31 (0)20 549 2 12 (Ext 1767). Fax 31 (0)20 46 44 69.

Book review

Rheumatology. The Interdisciplinary Concept. Vol 12. **Rheumatoid Arthritis: Surgery of the Shoulder.** Eds. A W F Lettin, C Petersson. Pp. 138. £63.70. Karger: Basel. 1988. ISBN 3-8055-4804-4.

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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