Notes and news

European Rheumatoid Arthritis Surgical Society

The 5th congress of the European Rheumatoid Arthritis Surgical Society (ERASS) will be held from the 21 to 23 September 1989, in Bürgenstock, Switzerland. Registration should be before 1 May 1989. Details from ERASS Secretariat, Mrs J Pfefferli-Stocky, Kurzelangeweg 21, Switzerland.

Osteoporosis and hormone replacement therapy

The National Osteoporosis Society have produced a booklet entitled Osteoporosis and Hormone Replacement Therapy for patient information. Copies can be obtained from Linda Edwards, Director, National Osteoporosis Society, Barton Meade House, PO Box 10, Radstock, Bath BA3 3YB. Tel: 0761 32472.

Society of Hemapheresis Specialists and the American Society for Apheresis

The joint annual meeting of the Society of Hemapheresis Specialists and the American Society for Apheresis will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, USA on 6–8 April 1989. Details from ASFA and SHS Joint Annual Meeting, c/o ASFA, 1010 Lake Street, Suite 107, Oak Park, Illinois 60301, USA. The deadline for advance registration without penalty is 23 March 1989.

XX Curso de Enfermedades de los Pies

XXVIII Jornadas de Actualizacion

This course will take place at the Servicio de Cirugia, del Aparato Locomotor (Professor A Viladot) del Hospital de San Rafael de Barcelona (Spain) from 8 to 13 May 1989. Further information from Professor A Viladot Voegeli, Secretary of the Course, Servicio de Cirugia, del Aparato Locomotor, Hospital de San Rafael, Pº Valle de Hebron, 107–117, 08035, Barcelona, Spain.

Patient education conference

The National Arthritis Advisory Board and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases are sponsoring a conference entitled 'Financing patient education in arthritis musculoskeletal and skin disease', to be held on 23–24 March 1989, in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference will consider the cost effectiveness of patient education in chronic disease, assuring the quality of patient education, and various perspectives on financing and third party reimbursement of patient education. In addition, current programmes that may serve as models will be presented, and participants will meet in small groups to discuss future activities and plans that might be undertaken on a regional basis. Further information from 'Financing Patient Education', National Arthritis Advisory Board, Building 31, Room 4C-11, Bethesda, MD 20892, USA.