

Notes and news

Calendar of events

In 1989

- 6-7 Sep BSR paediatric rheumatology course, Manchester
Contact Dr L Holt, Rheumatism Research Centre, University of Manchester, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester
- 20 Oct BSR basic rheumatology course: 'Clinical assessment and management of common rheumatic diseases'
Contact Dr M Cawley, Southampton General Hospital, Tremona Road, Southampton. Tel 0603 777222 (Ext 3769)
- 22-25 Oct HLA in medicine—international symposium: 'Immunobiology of diseases and transplantation'. Athens, Greece
Contact Miss Sophia Yianni, General Hospital of Athens, National Tissue Typing Laboratory, 154 Messogion Avenue, GR-11527, Athens, Greece
- 27 Oct Clinical symposium: 'Methotrexate in rheumatology'
Contact Dr G Hughes, St Thomas's Lupus Arthritis Research Laboratories, London. Tel 01 928 0292 (Ext 2888/2019)
- 1-2 Nov Osteoporosis. Cambridge
Contact Renata Duke, IBC Technical Services Ltd, Bath House (3rd Floor), 56 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2EX. Tel 01 236 4080
- 22-24 Nov BSR 6th AGM. Kensington Town Hall, London
Contact Ms K Baillie, Executive Secretary, BSR

In 1990

- 28-30 Mar BSR spring meeting. (Dr I D Griffiths) Newcastle, United Kingdom
- 17-22 Jun VIth International rehabilitation medicine association congress and the XIVth National congress of the Spanish Rehabilitation Society
Contact IRMA VI—Madrid 90, PO Box 61274, 28080 Madrid, Spain. Tel: 455 10 88
- 12-14 Sep 18th Osteoarthrology symposium. Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia
Contact Professor Ivo Jajic, President of Organising Committee, Lovcenska 100, 41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia
- 25-28 Sep BSR 7th annual general meeting. Imperial College, London, United Kingdom

Skin diseases research centres

The first United States federally funded research centres in skin diseases have been established at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and at New York University Medical Center, New York City. These two centres to be called 'Skin diseases research centres' are supported by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Their aim is to enhance research generally into skin diseases and there will be a budget to each centre of about 1.2 million dollars over the next five years. This is of interest to rheumatologists. Psoriasis will be one of the diseases studied, and the particular aim of the centres is, in their own words, to integrate multidisciplinary researchers on common research problems. The aim is to encourage short and long term research projects and provide a focus for both new and established research and will involve such diverse disciplines as dermatology, molecular biology, pathology, physiology, biophysics, and environmental health. The principal investigators at the research centres will be Dr David R Bickers, Department of Dermatology, Case Western Reserve University, 2074 Abington Road, Cleveland OH 44106; and Dr Irwin M Freedberg, Department of Dermatology, New York University Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, NY 10016.

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. Details from ERASS Secretariat, Mrs J Pfefferli-Stocky, Kurzelängeweg 21, CH-4123 Allschwil, Switzerland.

European sports festival for disabled participants

A European sports festival for disabled participants will be held in Dusseldorf, Federal Republic of Germany, on 23 September 1989, under the patronage of the European Committee of International Sports Organisations for the Disabled (ECISOD). The organiser is the West German Sports Organization for the Disabled in cooperation with the Organization of the Disabled of North Rhine-Westphalia. The sportive competitions will start at 12.00 noon in the Rhine-stadion adjacent to the fairground. Contact address: Congress Office, Dusseldorfer Messegesellschaft mbH-NOWEA. Postfach 32 02 03, D-4000 Dusseldorf 30.