Notes and news

3rd French congress of rheumatology

The 3rd French congress of rheumatology will be held from 22 to 24 November 1990, at the Centre International de Conferences, Cite des Sciences et de l'Industrie de la Villette, Paris.

For further information please contact A Hubault, Le Bureau de la Societe Francaise de Rheumatologie, Service de Rhumatologie, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire, F-59037 Lille Cedex, France.

Back pain symposia

The American Back Society are holding a symposium on back pain from 6 to 9 December 1990, at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel, San Francisco, California. 18½ hours CME category 1 credit. The course chairman will be William H Kirkaldy-Willis, MA, MD, FRCS (C&E), and Scott Haldeman, MD, PhD, DC, FRCP(C).

For details please contact Dr Aubrey A Swartz, American Back Society, 2647 East 14th Street, Suite 401, Oakland, Ca 94601, USA. Tel: (415) 536 9929 Fax: (415) 536 1812.

A second meeting of the American Back Society entitled 'Spring symposium on back pain' will be held from 1 to 5 May 1991, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. 18½ hours CME category 1 credit. Course chairman: Rene Cailliet, MD and John P Kostuik, MD, FRCP(C).

For details please contact Dr Aubrey A Swartz—as above.

Joint British/French rheumatology symposium

The British Society for Rheumatology and the Societe Francaise de Rheumatologie will hold a joint symposium in Paris on 23 November 1990, during the IIIrd French congress of rheumatology, which takes place from the 22 to 24 November inclusive in the Centre International des Conferences, Cite des Sciences et de l'Industrie de la Villette.

BSR members are cordially invited to participate in these meetings. The first part will comprise three lectures on general topics, and in the second part three original scientific works will be presented. French speakers will reply to each communication and simultaneous translation will be provided. Social events are planned. For BSR members registration fees are £40 for the three day conference; £20 for 23 November only; £20 for the soiree on the 23 November; and £10 a head for accompanying persons to the sessional programmes on Friday, 23 November.

BSR members wishing to register may obtain registration forms from: Ms Lorraine Johnson, Assistant Executive Secretary, British Society for Rheumatology, 3 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LE.

Scientific advances for the clinical rheumatologist

Dr D Haskard and Professor G Panayi are hosting a meeting entitled 'Scientific advances for the clinical rheumatologist', supported by an educational grant from Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. The meeting will take place at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton, from 30 November to 2 December 1990. Registration fee inclusive of residential costs is £100.

For further details please contact: Dr D. Haskard/Professor G Panayi, Department of Medicine, 4th Floor, Hunts House, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT.

BSR rehabilitation course

The BSR rehabilitation course organised by Dr A Frank will take place on 15 and 16 November 1990, at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, Middlesex. Registration fee is £75.

Topics will include physical techniques of rehabilitation of patients with chronic arthritis, domiciliary visits concerning community support and environmental methods of management, orthoses, driving, wheelchairs and incontinence, psychological aspects of management, and the management of chronic pain.

For further details please contact: Ms Lorraine Johnson, British Society for Rheumatology, 3 St Andrew's Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LE. Tel 071 224 3739.

Society for Back Pain Research meeting

The 38th scientific meeting of the Society for Back Pain Research will take place at Regents College, London, on 2 November 1990. The cost will be £8 for members and £12 for non-members.

The programme will cover general topics relevant to all aspects of back pain and accepted papers will be published in the proceedings. The guest lecturer will be Professor Sean Hughes on 'Degenerate disc disease—What's new?'

For further details please contact: Mrs J Reynolds, 309 Bawtry Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 7PA.