

Notes and news

1991 Medical Journalists' Association pain relief award

An award of £1000 is offered for the best contribution made during 1991 on pain or pain management.

Inaugurated last year, the Medical Journalists' Association pain relief award is open to all sectors of the media, and encompasses work produced for television and radio programmes, videos, books or educational material, as well as news and feature articles. The award aims at acknowledging the importance of the journalists' role in informing both the medical professional and the lay public of all the latest developments in this vital subject area. It is sponsored by the Nurofen pain relief project, which was launched in 1989 to encourage advances in the understanding and treatment of pain.

No restriction is placed on the topic, provided the subject is pain. It might be guidelines on pain management, a report on new research or clinical developments, or self help techniques for those with pain. To be eligible for entry work must have been published or broadcast during 1991.

The awards will be judged by a panel of judges selected by the Medical Journalists' Association, which will include its chairman. The prize will be presented to the winner at a presentation ceremony to be held in London in early Spring 1992, to which all the entrants will be invited.

Closing date for entries is 14 January 1992. Further information or application forms can be obtained from: Nurofen Pain Relief Project (MJA), 4 Cloisters House, 8 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4BG.

Alessandro Robecchi prize

This prize is awarded four yearly for outstanding research and contributions to rheumatology and was presented to Dr Ronald Asherson and Dr Munther Khamashta at the International European rheumatology congress (EULAR) in Budapest, Hungary.

Dr Asherson graduated from the University of Cape Town School of Medicine in 1957. He was senior house officer at the Hammersmith Hospital, London, and received a fellowship to Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. He has worked at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, the Cornell Medical Center in New York, the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and Hammersmith Hospital, and St Thomas's Hospital and the Rayne Institute.

Dr Khamashta graduated from the Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain and trained in Madrid, since when he has been working with Dr Asherson at the lupus research unit at St Thomas's Hospital, London.

Osteoarthritis of the knee

A meeting focusing on the arthroscopic approach to the diagnosis and follow up of osteoarthritis of the knee will

be held from 19 to 22 January, 1992 in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Languages: English, Italian.

Further details from the scientific secretariat: Professor L Frizziero, Rheumatology Unit-Centro Traumatologico Ortopedico, via Boldrini 2-40121 Bologna, Italy.

Rheumatic diseases in pregnancy

An international conference on rheumatic diseases in pregnancy will be held from 17 to 22 May 1992 in Jerusalem, Israel. Papers, in English, are welcome from medical and scientific colleagues. Abstracts deadline is 15 January 1992.

For further information contact RDP Conference, Peltours-Te'um Congress Organisers, POB 8388, Jerusalem 91082, Israel. Fax: 972 2 637572. Telex: 25628 TEUMJ IL.

XIIth European workshop for rheumatology research

The XIIth European workshop for rheumatology research, organised by the University of Nijmegen, will be held at Arnhem, The Netherlands, from 12 to 15 March 1992, and its membership will be limited to 150 participants.

This workshop was constituted many years ago by scientists who wished to create an informal forum for data and ideas leading to a better understanding of aetiological and pathogenetic factors in chronic immunoinflammatory rheumatic diseases. It is also designed to promote new methods for diagnosis and disease monitoring and to suggest new approaches for treatment.

For further details please contact: Nan Pluymackers, organising secretary, PO Box 9011, NL-6500 GM Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Seminar in advanced rheumatology

There will be a seminar in advanced rheumatology from 16 to 20 March 1992, at the NYU Medical Center, for which 25 category I credit hours-AMA will be given. The fee will be \$650.

This annual seminar in advanced rheumatology is intended for rheumatologists, orthopaedists, trainees in the rheumatic diseases, and internists with a special interest in rheumatology. It will consider new areas of research in the subject, but it should be understood that this is not intended as a primary introduction to rheumatology but as a development of interesting knowledge.

For further details please contact: NYU Medical Center, Postgraduate Medical School, 550 First Avenue, New York, NY 10016, USA. Tel: (212) 263 5295.