

Notes and news

Forthcoming events

In 1993

- 15-18 May EULAR symposium, Heinola, Finland—Everyday life with rheumatic disease as a companion
Contact: Mrs Pirjo Havukainen, The Finnish Rheumatism Association, Pakarituvantie 5, SF-00410 Helsinki. Tel: 358 0 566 4211. Fax: 358 0 566 1520
- 19-20 May Second European symposium on Lyme borreliosis, St George's Hospital Medical School, London
Contact: Ms Susan Henderson, Academic Rheumatology Unit, Division of Immunology, St George's Hospital Medical School. Tel: 081 672 9944 (ext 55795). Fax: 081 784 2649
- 27-30 May Vth International congress of the International Back Pain Society, Calgary, Canada
Contact: Congress Team International (UK) Ltd, CARA, 15 Bedford Road, Moor Park, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2BA. Tel: 081 206 0426. Fax: 081 206 0427
- 30 Jun-1 July Behçet's disease: sixth international conference, Paris, France. Abstract deadline: 1 March 1993
Contact: B Wechsler, Department of Internal Medicine, Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, 47/83 Bd de L'Hôpital, 75013 Paris Cedex 13, France. Fax: 33 (1) 45 70 63 53
- 4-10 July XVIIIth ILAR congress of rheumatology, Barcelona, Spain
Contact: Viajes Iberia Congresos, Diagonal, 523 Io 08029 Barcelono, Spain. Tel: 34 3 4195151. Fax: 34 3 4051390. Programmes available from the BLAR secretariat.
- 3-5 Sep 2nd EULAR workshop on cartilage and bone research, Gothenburg, Sweden. Deadline for submission of abstracts 15 May 1993
Contact: Mrs Barbro Tylén, Department of Rheumatology, Sahlgren University Hospital, S-413 45, Goteberg, Sweden.
- 12-18 Sep First EULAR postgraduate course in rheumatology (under the patronage of the European Parliament Commission on Education), Leuven, Belgium
Contact: Mrs J Cartois, Division of Rheumatology, UZ Pellenberg, B-3212 Pellenberg, Belgium. Fax: 32 16 338720
- 19-22 Sep Vth Prague rheumatology symposium, Prague, Czechoslovakia
Contact: The Secretariat of the Vth Prague Rheumatology Symposium, Agentura Carolina, Albertov 7, 120 00 Prague 2, Czech Republic, Fax: 0042 2 20 62 27
- 22-23 Sep British Connective Tissue Society meeting
Contact: Dr T Cawston, Rheumatology Research Unit, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QQ. Tel: 0223 217459
- 23-24 Sep BSR Heberden Round, Dr B Hazleman, Cambridge
Contact: British Society for Rheumatology, Lorraine Johnson, Conference Manager, 3 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156
- 1-2 Oct European workshop on epidemiology and treatment of low back pain, Paris
Contact: Professor J B Paolaggi, Department of Rheumatology, Ambroise Paré Hospital, 9 avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92104 Boulogne Cedex, France
- 10-15 Oct Congress of the International Association of Inflammation Societies, Vienna, Austria.
Contact: Inflammation '93 Congress Secretariat, ICOS Congress Organization Service, Schleifmuhlgasse 1, A-1040, Vienna, Austria. Tel: 43 1 587 6044. Fax: 43 1 587 6059
- 31 Oct-4 Nov 4th ASEAN congress of rheumatology, Singapore
Contact: Congress Secretariat, 336 Smith Street, 06-302 New Bridge Centre, Singapore 0105. Tel: 65 227 9811. Fax: 65 227 0257
- 7-11 Nov American College of Rheumatology, San Antonio, Texas
Contact: American College of Rheumatology, Mark Andrejeski, Executive Vice President, 17 Executive Park Drive, NE, Suite 480, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA. Tel: 404 633 3777. Fax: 404 633 1870
- 12-13 Nov British Cervical Spine Society meeting, Glasgow, United Kingdom
Abstract deadline: 24 September 1993
Contact: Mr R A Johnston, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Institute of Neurological Sciences, Southern General Hospital, 1345 Govan Road, Glasgow G51 4TF, United Kingdom. Tel: 041 445 2466 (ext 3742)
- 24-26 Nov 6th French congress of rheumatology, Paris, France
Contact: Secrétariat de la Société Française de Rhumatologie, Service de Rhumatologie, Centre Hospitalier Régional Universitaire, F-59037 Lille CEDEX, France. Tel: 33 20 44 61 10. Fax: 33 20 42 05 27
- 29 Nov-3 Dec Third intensive course on applied epidemiology, ARC Epidemiology Research Unit, Manchester—Application of epidemiology to rheumatology
Contact: Margaret Fullalove, ARC Epidemiology Research Unit, Stopford Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PT, United Kingdom. Tel: 44 (0)61 275 5040. Fax: 44 (0)61 275 5043

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- 19–22 Apr BSR XIth AGM, Brighton
Contact: British Society for Rheumatology, Lorraine Johnson, Conference Manager, 3 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156
- 28–31 May 5th International symposium for health professionals in rheumatology, Lillehammer, Norway
Contact: Lillehammer Arrangement AS, PO Box 85, Jernbanegt 2, N-2601 Lillehammer, Norway. Tel: 47 62 60601. Fax: 47 62 56585
- 1–4 June 25th Scandinavian congress of rheumatology, Lillehammer, Norway
Contact: Lillehammer Arrangement AS, PO Box 85, Jernbanegt 2, N-2601 Lillehammer, Norway. Tel: 47 62 60601. Fax: 47 62 56585
- 8–11 June VIII EULAR symposium: 'Vasculitis', Istanbul, Turkey
Contact: A & B Public Relations, Valikonagi Caddesi, 46/6 Nisantasi 80200, Istanbul, Turkey
- 18–23 Sep XI PanAmerican congress of rheumatology—Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil
Contact: Katia Prista de Queiroz, Rua Costa Pereira 9, Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro CEP 20511, Brazil. Tel: 021 2841642. Fax: 021 2642944
- 29 Sep–2 Oct 20th Symposium of the European Society for Osteoarthology, Bari, Italy
Contact: The Secretariat, 20th ESOA Symposium, c/o Centro Internazionale Congressi, Viale Papa Pio XII, 18, 70125 Bari, Italy
- 23–27 Oct American College of Rheumatology meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
Contact: American College of Rheumatology, Mark Andrejeski, Executive Vice President, 17 Executive Park Drive, NE, Suite 480, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA. Tel: 404 633 3777. Fax: 404 633 1870
- In 1995*
- 26–31 Mar Fourth international conference on systemic lupus erythematosus, Jerusalem, Israel
Contact: Fourth International Conference on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, PO Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel

Book review

Occupational Musculoskeletal Disorders. Nordin M Hadler. (Pp 273; \$87.50.) New York: Raven, 1992. ISBN 0-88167-959-3.

Few professors in departments of medicine and microbiology/immunology have shut their laboratories and concentrated on patients with rheumatoid arthritis, backache, and arm pain. This monograph by one such is the fruit of his thinking, his review of published reports, and personal studies on incapacity. Dr Hadler leaves little doubt about his cynicisms, prejudices, and conclusions. The highly personalised writing is so enjoyable that the reviewer was prepared to be told we must 'process the predicament' and to look up the meaning of a Sisyphian task (p 168).

After a biographical preface and an introduction summarised in two algorithms about how a person deals with the problem of musculoskeletal symptoms, the book is in three major sections. The first deals with the predicament of musculoskeletal morbidity; the second with patients who have regional musculoskeletal symptoms; and the third with claimants who have musculoskeletal disability. The central section, discussing neck problems, upper and lower extremity regional musculoskeletal illness, and entrapment neuropathy, will be the most familiar in approach to rheumatologists, but the incisive thinking of the other two sections is equally worth considering. Indeed, the book would be worth reading for the critical review of fibromyalgia alone. Those involved in medicolegal problems will appreciate the discussion on the role of trauma in the development of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, and spondylarthritides. The fascinating final chapters deal with the historical development of social security in the USA. Politicians, vested interests (industrialists and unions), clinicians, and paramedical workers would all benefit from reading this work; regrettably only the last two groups are likely to be influenced.

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