Notes and news

Forthcoming events

In 1994

17–22 Apr
11th International congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists,
Imperial College, London, United Kingdom
Contact: Conference Associates and Services Ltd-WFOT, 55 New Cavendish Street,
London W1M 7RE, United Kingdom. Tel: 071 486 0531. Fax: 071 935 7559

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 Nisantas 80200, Istanbul, Turkey

20–24 June
IVth Bath conference on osteoporosis and bone mineral measurement, Bath
Contact: Vanessa Collier, Conference Secretary, BCBMM, National Osteoporosis Society, PO Box 10, Radstock, Bath BA3 3YB, United Kingdom. Tel: 0761 432472. Fax: 0761 437903

Sep
EFIS Meeting, Barcelona, Spain
Contact: 12th European Immunology Meeting, Congress Office, Inter Congress, Gran Via de Les Corts Catalanes 646, 08007 Barcelona, Spain

18–23 Sep
XI PanAmerican congress of rheumatology—Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil
Contact: Katia Frista de Queiroz, Rua Costa Pereira 9, Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro CEP 20511, Brazil. Tel: 021 2841642. Fax: 021 2642944

21–23 Sep
BSR Heberden Round, Professor Maddison, Bath
Contact: British Society for Rheumatology, Deputy Executive Secretary, 3 St Andrew’s Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 224 3739. Fax: 071 224 0156

29 Sep–2 Oct
20th Symposium of the European Society for Osteoarthritology, Bari, Italy
Contact: The Secretariat, 20th ESOA Symposium, c/o Centro Internazionale Congressi, Viale Papa Pio XII, 18, 70125 Bari, Italy

In 1993

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, Schleifmühlgasse 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

14 Dec
Molecular pathology of autoimmunity: focus on Sjögren’s syndrome, Middlesex Hospital, London
Contact: Professor D Isenberg, Bloomsbury Rheumatology Unit, 50 Tottenham Street, London W1P 9PG. Tel: 071 380 9230. Fax: 071 380 9357

12–14 Oct
6th European congress of medical thermology, the Guildhall, Bath, United Kingdom.
Organised by the European Association of Thermology
Contact: Dr F J Ring, Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath, United Kingdom. Fax: (44) 225 421202
Book reviews


Orthopaedic surgery plays a major part in the management of patients with rheumatoid arthritis and is likely to do so for the foreseeable future. This book has four respected authors: three of them orthopaedic surgeons and the fourth a rheumatologist. Chapters are devoted to the general principles of synovectomy, osteotomy, arthroplasty, and arthrodesis, and then individual chapters describe the use of these procedures for specific joints including the spine. This does tend to lead to some repetition which extends to duplication of a figure illustrating the optimal placing of a bedside locker after different approaches to hip arthroplasty, but in general this is not excessive. There are also chapters on selection of patients and procedures, perioperative care, including splinting, aetiology and pathology of rheumatoid arthritis, and medical management. A useful final chapter on ‘the rheumatoid in society’ includes discussion of aids and appliances, joint protection, work, recreation, and sexual aspects. There is implicit recognition throughout that successful results depend upon close liaison between orthopaedic surgeon, rheumatologist, and paramedics. As one would expect from this publisher the quality of radiographs and illustrations is high.

This is not a manual of operative technique, but it provides an overview of the procedures available and the advantages and problems associated with each. The style is didactic and opinions are expressed freely, but the text is fairly sparingly referenced. This makes for provocative reading and there are probably few who will not find some areas of disagreement. However, this book clearly reflects a wealth of hard won experience and sound judgment on the treatment of this disease and it forces one to re-evaluate one’s own opinions and practice.

I feel that this book should be read by all orthopaedic surgeons and rheumatologists, both established and in training. The price will probably discourage individual purchase to some extent, but it should certainly be available in every hospital library.

ROBIN BUTLER


A comprehensive description of arthroscopic surgery of the majority of joints is provided by this textbook. It is divided into six sections and includes chapters on the knee, hip, shoulder, carpal tunnel, wrist, and ankle. The authors have carefully described the indications for each arthroscopic procedure, the surgical technique, and postoperative complications. The arthroscopic photography is excellent and the accompanying figures clearly produced and labelled, providing a useful refresher in musculoskeletal anatomy.

This textbook is obviously written for orthopaedic surgeons but includes two chapters describing the more rheumatological problems. In the chapter on arthroscopic procedures for synovium and joint capsule of the knee there are good synovial photographs of villonodular synovitis, rheumatoid disease, and crystal arthritis. It is suggested that when rheumatoid disease is resistant to medical management for a period of at least six months, synovectomy is indicated, and the technique of arthroscopic synovectomy is clearly described. The final chapter on arthroscopy of the temporomandibular joint gives a brief description of connective tissue disease as it may affect that joint.

Overall this textbook is for the arthroscopic enthusiast. I am not sure that many rheumatologists will read this beautifully produced book and persuade their orthopaedic colleagues to take study leave to learn the next generation of microsurgical techniques.

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