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6th European Congress on Research in Rehabilitation

31 May-4 June 1998, Berlin, Germany. Further information from: Congress Secretary ECRR 98, Mr H Kirsten, c/o BAR, Walter Kolb Str 9-11, D-60594 Frankfurt, Germany. Tel: +49 69 605018 10; Fax: +49 69 605018 37.

International Symposium on Spinal Cord Injury and Repair

12-14 June 1998, Odense, Denmark. Further information from: Professor Jens Zimmer, Conference coordinator, Department of Anatomy, Odense University, Winsløwparken 19, DK-500 Odense C, Denmark. Fax: +45 6590 6321.

3rd Congress of Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria Neurotraumatologica (EMN)

27-29 August 1998, Zurich, Switzerland. Further information from: Congress Secretary: PD Dr Thomas Kossmann, Division of Trauma Surgery, University Hospital Zurich, Rae-mistrasse 100, CH-8091 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel: +41 1 255 1111; Fax: +41 1 255 4198; Homepage: <<http://www.shop.de/priv/hp/2197/a>>. Closing date for abstract: 30 June 1998.

44th Annual Scientific Conference of the American Paraplegia Society

8-10 September 1998, Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Further information from: Dr Stephen Sofer, Program Manager, American Paraplegia Society, 75-20 Astoria Boulevard, Jackson Heights, NY 11370-1177, USA. Tel: (718) 803 3782; Fax: (718) 803 0414. Deadline for submission of Papers and Posters: 15 January 1998.

First Croatian-Israeli Symposium on Modern Rehabilitation

9-11 September 1998, Varazdinske Toplice, Croatia. Further information from: Congress Secretariat: Special Hospital for Medical Rehabilitation, HR-42223 Varazdinske Toplice, Croatia. Tel: +385 42 630 206/438; Fax: +385 42 630 827.

International Neuromodulation Society 4th International Congress

15-20 September 1998, Lucerne, Switzerland. Joint Meeting with The International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society. Special topics include: Treatment of pain and spasticity, functional restoration in muscle impairment, bladder control by sacral nerve stimulation, phrenic nerve stimulation for respiratory insufficiency and functional electrical stimulation. Further information from: CP Naumann M.D., European Congress Office, Department of Anesthesiology/Pain Medicine, Swiss Paraplegic-Centre, CH-6207, Nottwill, Switzerland.

III Congress of Polish Rehabilitation Society

17-19 September 1998, Ustron/Cieszyn. Main Topics: 1. Current possibilities of functional recovery in hemiplegic patients; 2. Limits of compensation after head injury; 3. Free topics. Further information from: 'Repty' GCR Wydział Zamiejscowy, ul. Zdrojowa 6, PL 43-450 Ustron, Poland. Tel/Fax: 00 48 33 54 25 86 or 54 41 77; e-mail: repty-us@ciezyn.petex.bielsko.pl

International Spinal Injection Society (ISIS) Conference

25-27 September 1998, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia. Further information from: Jane Fernandez, DC Conferences Pty Limited, PO Box 629, Willoughby, NSW 2068, Australia. Tel: 61 2 9439 6744; Fax: 61 2 9439 2504; e-mail: dccon@tmx.com.au

4th International Symposium on Spinal Cord Traumatic Injuries

14-16 October 1998, Deauville, France. Further information from: Congress Secretariat: Mrs Pozzo di Borgo, Institut pour la Recherche sur la Moelle Epiniere (IRME), 45 rue Vineuse, F-75116, Paris, France. Tel: +33 1 44 05 15 43; Fax: +33 1 44 05 15 22; e-mail: irme@wanadoo.fr.

Closing date for abstracts: 31 May 1998

2nd International Workshop on 'Biomedical Aspects of Manual Wheelchair Propulsion: the state of the art II'

7-9 December 1998, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. Further information from: Faculty of Human Movement Sciences, Department of Kinesiology, Van der Boechorststraat 9, 1081 BT Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 20 4448470/4448530; Fax: +31 20 4448529; website: <http://www.fbw.vu.nl/events/wheelchair98>; e-mail: M_L_den_Besten@fbw.vu.nl or B_Oudejans@fbw.vu.nl

1st Arab Regional Conference of Rehabilitation International and 2nd Gulf Conference in Medical Rehabilitation

22-25 March 1999, State of Kuwait. Organised by Dr Adnan A Al-Edan, Chairman, Organising Committee, Kuwait. Further information from: Conference Secretariat, PO Box 4079, 13041, Safat, Kuwait. Tel: +965 487 0406; Fax: +965 487 4190.

Closing date for abstracts: 6 January 1999

38th Scientific Meeting of International Medical Society of Paraplegia in Association with Nordic Medical Society of Paraplegia

18-20 June 1999, Copenhagen, Denmark. Topics: 1. Circulatory control and metabolic disturbances in spinal cord injury; 2. Sexuality and fertility; 3. Heterotopic ossification (para-articular ossification); 4. The families

of paralysed persons; 5. Regeneration; 6. Free papers. *Deadline for receipt of abstracts:* November 15, 1998.

A half day premeeting workshop will be held on the topic urinary incontinence. *Paramedic workshops* will be held with the following themes: *Physiotherapists:* Seating/wheelchairs; *Occupational therapists:* Tetraplegic outcome measurements; *Social workers:* Scandinavian social security system for spinal cord injured individuals; *Nurses:* Bowel management. Further information may be obtained from: Congress Secretariat, Fysiurgisk Hospital, Havnevej 25, DK-3100 Hornbæk, Denmark. Tel: +45 35 45 19 10; Fax: +45 35 45 19 29; website: <http://www.image.dk/~IMSOP>

The First Interdisciplinary Congress on Spinal Surgery (World Spine 1)

27 August–1 September 2000, Berlin. All major topics related to Spinal Surgery will be covered: Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery,

Radiology, Rehabilitation Medicine, Spine Research, Pain Therapy and related fields. Further information from: Mario Brock, MD, Congress President, Universitätsklinikum Benjamin Franklin, Neurochirurgische Klinik, Hindenburgdamm 30, D-12200 Berlin, Germany. Tel: +49 30 8445 2531; Fax: +49 30 8445 3569.

39th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia

21–24 October 2000, Sydney, Australia. Topics: 1. Respiratory insufficiency including ventilator dependency and sleep apnoea; 2. Spinal cord injury in the elderly: Acute and Ageing; 3. Clinical trials and applied technology; 4. Pain; 5. Exercise physiology. Further information from: International Society of Paraplegia, Conference Action Pty Ltd, PO Box 1231, North Sydney, NSW 2059, Australia. Tel: +61 2 9956 8333; Fax: +61 2 9956 5154; e-mail: contact@real.net.au

International Symposium on Spinal Cord Post-Traumatic Injuries

14–16 October 1998, Deauville, Normandy, France. This meeting is organized by the French Institute on Spinal Cord Research IRME. Topics: 1. Neuroprotection; 2. Animal Models; 3. Functional reorganisation within the spinal cord below the lesion: locomotion and genito urinary functions; 4. Imaging of the traumatic spinal cord lesion; 5. Regeneration. Further information from: Dr Alain Privat, Chairman, Organisation Committee, IRME, 45 Rue Vineuse, 75116 Paris, France. Tel: 33 (0) 44 05 15 43; Fax: 33 (0) 1 44 05 15 22; e-mail: irme@wanadoo.fr.

Nordic Medical Society of Paraplegia Spinal Cord Prize for a Young Scientist

At the annual scientific meeting of IMSOP in Copenhagen June 18–20, 1999, a prize of DKK10,000 (approx. 1,400 USD) for the best abstract and presentation (oral or poster) by a young scientist.

The winner of the prize must be less than 35 years of age at the time of the meeting. The study may be a collaborative study, but the first author must prove his/her age as described. The study must not have been published previously.

37th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia 1998

V Annual Scientific Meeting of the Brazilian Spinal Injury Association
III Meeting of the Latin-American Society of Paraplegia

June 18–20, 1998
Mabú Foz Hotel & Thermas
Foz do Iguaçu – PR – Brazil

TOPICS FOR PRESENTATIONS

1. Penetrating Injuries of the Spinal Cord
2. Indications for Surgical and non-Surgical Treatment of Closed Spinal Cord Injuries
3. Pressure Sores including Social and Psycho-Social Causes and Effects
4. Early Bladder Rehabilitation
5. Osteoporosis in Spinal Cord Injury
6. Free Papers

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THE SPINAL CORD PRIZE 1999

The International Medical Society of Paraplegia and the publishers, Stockton Press, are pleased to announce that there will be a **Spinal Cord Prize** which will be awarded to the first named author (if aged under 35 years) of the best judged paper on original work accepted for publication in *Spinal Cord* during 1997/99.

The closing date for consideration of papers is **28 February 1999**. Authors wishing their papers to be considered for the prize should notify the Editor when submitting their paper.

The prize will consist of an engraved silver medal, a cheque for £500 and up to £500 towards attendance, with free registration, at the IMSOP Annual Scientific Meeting which, in 1999 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 18–20 June 1999.

The entries will be judged by a panel consisting of the Editor of the Journal, the Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Society, the President of the Society and a representative of the publishers.