PLEASE NOTE: Information regarding Meetings, Conferences, etc. for publication in the Journal should be notified to the Editorial Secretary at Wessex Nuffield Hospital at least three months prior to the event.

'Hands on' Anatomical Workshops in Neurosurgery 1999 March 1999–November 1999, Hill Surgical Workshop, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35–43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. Further information from: Sophie Mitchell. Tel: +44 (0) 171 312 6693; Fax: +44 (0) 171 973 2118; e-mail: smitchell@rcseng.ac.uk

1999 Spring Medical Device Technology Exhibition and Conference

2-3 March 1999, Olympia 2 & Conference Centre, London. For more information on exhibiting contact: Edward Ainslie. Tel: +44 (0) 1244 378888; Fax: +44 (0) 1244 370011.

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

PVA's 2nd Spinal Cord Injury Symposium: From Bench to Bedside and Beyond

7–10 April 1999, Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, USA. An examination of the research, treatment, rehabilitation and care of spinal cord injury. This symposium will bring together researchers, clinicians, policy-makers and industry representatives to discuss the development of treatments to restore function after spinal cord injury. Further information from: Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, USA. Tel: (800) 424-8200 ext 659 or (202) 416-7659; Fax (202) 416-7641; e-mail: scimtg@pva-org

9th International Conference on Lumbar Fusion and Stabilisation

31 May–4 June 1999, Shrigley Hall Hotel, Pott Shrigley, UK. Further information from: Liz Kelly. Tel: +44 (0)1772 892256; Fax +44 (0)1772 892938; e-mail: e.j.kelly@uclan.ac.uk; website: http://www.uclan.ac.uk/ commerc/iclfs99.htm

45th Annual Scientific Conference of the American Paraplegia Society

7–9 September 1999, Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact APS, 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 1999

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: confact@real. net.au

1st World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

7–13 July 2001, Amsterdam RAI Congress Center, The Netherlands. Further information from: Congress Secretariat: Eurocongres Conference Management, Jan van Goyenkade 11, 1075 HP Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 (0)20-679 34 11; Fax: +31 (0)20-673 73 06; e-mail: eurocongres@rai.nl

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.

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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.

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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.

38th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia 1999 in association with Nordic Medical Society of

Paraplegia

June 18–20, 1999, Copenhagen, Denmark

TOPICS FOR PRESENTATIONS

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

A half day premeeting workshop will be held on the topic of 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.

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