



## Meetings and Notices

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### **IAPMR International Conference 2000**

6–8 January 2000, New Delhi, India. For further details please contact: Dr U Singh, Organising secretary, Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, AIIMS, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi, 110029 India. Tel: +91 11 659 4916, 659 3232; Fax: +91 11 686 2663; e-mail: [usingh@medinst.ernet.in](mailto:usingh@medinst.ernet.in); Telegram: MEDINST, New Delhi

### **18th Course for Percutaneous Endoscopic Spinal Surgery and Complementary Techniques**

20–21 January 2000, Hospital Pflegi-Neumunster, Zollikerberg/Zurich, Switzerland. Topics: percutaneous intradiscal, foraminal and peridural endoscopic procedures, seeing instruments. With Hands-on workshop and industrial boot exhibition. Coordinator: PD Dr.med.Hj.Leu, Prisma Spine Unit, Spital Pflegi-Neumunster, CH-8125 Zollikerberg/Zurich, Switzerland. Fax: +41 1 391 24 38

### **Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA)**

14–16 April 2000, Chicago, Illinois, USA. For further details please contact: Lesley M Hudson MA, Clinical Meeting Coordinator, American Spinal Injury Association, 2020 Peachtree Road, NW Atlanta, GA30309, USA. Tel: +1 404 355 9772; Fax: +1 404 355 1826; Website: [www.asia-spinalinjury.org](http://www.asia-spinalinjury.org)

### **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**

3–5 November 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@conferenceaction.com.au](mailto:contact@conferenceaction.com.au)

### **Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA)**

18–20 May 2001, Long Beach, California, USA. For further details please contact: Lesley M Hudson MA, Clinical Meeting Coordinator, American Spinal Injury Association, 2020 Peachtree Road, NW Atlanta, GA30309, USA. Tel: +1 404 355 9772; Fax: +1 404 355 1826; Website: [www.asia-spinalinjury.org](http://www.asia-spinalinjury.org)

### **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](mailto:eurocongres@rai.nl)

### **Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA)**

3–7 May 2002, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada (in conjunction with IMSOP). For further details please contact: Lesley M Hudson MA, Clinical Meeting Coordinator, American Spinal Injury Association, 2020 Peachtree Road, NW Atlanta, GA30309, USA. Tel: +1 404 355 9772; Fax: +1 404 355 1826; Website: [www.asia-spinalinjury.org](http://www.asia-spinalinjury.org)

### Call for Papers and Posters

46th Annual Scientific Conference of the American Paraplegia Society, September 5–7, 2000, 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 is January 14, 2000.**

### THE VOLVO AWARDS FOR LOW BACK PAIN RESEARCH 2000

In order to encourage research in low back pain, the Volvo Company also this year has sponsored three prizes of USD 10,000 each. Awards will be made competitively on the basis of scientific merit in one or more of the following three areas:

1. Clinical studies
2. Bioengineering studies
3. Studies in other basic science areas

Papers submitted for the contest must contain original material, not previously published or submitted for publication. A multiple authorship is acceptable. The manuscript, in the English language, should be in the form of a complete report, including original illustrations (please note: marked with names!); not exceeding 15 typewritten pages – references and tables can be added; double-spaced; typed text should not be smaller than Times 12 points; and in a form suitable for submission as an original paper to a scientific journal. Ethics committee approval is necessary for all animal studies as well as controlled clinical studies. One original and 5 copies of each paper in full – including illustrations – must reach the address given below **not later than November 15, 1999**. Accordingly, *articles sent by Fax will not be accepted*. Do not forget to give complete address with telephone number and Fax number. Winners will be informed mid January 2000.

One of the authors should be prepared, at his own expenses, to come to Adelaide, Australia, at the time of the meeting of the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine, April 9–13, 2000, to present the paper and to receive the award.

The board of referees will be chaired by the undersigned and will contain members from the fields of clinical medicine, bioengineering and biochemistry.

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