

Notes/News

Notice of redundant publication

In the September 1995 issue of *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* we published an extended report by Morelli *et al.* In the same month a closely related report by Morelli *et al* was published in the *American Journal of Medicine*. There was no cross referencing between the papers. Neither editor was made aware of the other submission. The editor of the *Annals* considers this an instance of redundant publication (see Leader p 783). The full references of the two papers are as follows:

Morelli S, Ferri C, Di Francesco L, Baldoncini R, Carlesimo M, Bottoni U, Properzi G, Santucci A, Valesini G. Plasma endothelin-1 levels in patients with systemic

sclerosis: influence of pulmonary or systemic arterial hypertension. *Ann Rheum Dis* 1995;54:730-4.

Morelli S, Ferri C, Poletini E, Bellini C, Gualdi GF, Pittoni V, Valesini G, Santucci A. Plasma endothelin-1 levels, pulmonary hypertension, and lung fibrosis in patients with systemic sclerosis. *Am J Med* 1995;99:255-60. Professor Guido Valesini was not aware of the *Annals* paper until after its publication. He was not party to its submission and has no association with, or responsibility for, the published paper. His name is therefore removed from the authorship of the *Annals* publication.

The European Foundation for Osteoporosis and Bone Disease (EFFO)

In May 1996 EFFO appointed Professor Pierre Delmas (France) as president. In March 1996, EFFO employed its first executive director, Mary Fraser (Switzerland). EFFO, a non-profit, pan-European umbrella organisation, encourages action to prevent, diagnose, and treat osteoporosis. For more information, please contact Véronique Forterre, EFFO Secretariat, Lyon, France. Tel: +33 72 11 7472. Fax: +33 72 11 7494.

The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine MacNab/Larocca Research Fellowship Award

The fellowship, to promote and extend research activities into the cause and cure of low back pain, is awarded annually (currently a stipend of \$US15,000). A prospective applicant should have completed formal training in a medical or allied specialty and should be involved in an investigation of a specific problem which would be furthered by travel to another location. For further information, contact The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Room A309, Toronto, Canada M4N 3M5. Tel +1 416 480 4833. Fax: +1 416 480 6055. **Deadline 1 April 1997**

1996 Smith & Nephew Travelling Fellowship Award

The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine has received an educational grant from Smith & Nephew Spine for a travelling fellowship of \$US5000. This competition is open to investigators who are, in the year of application, 35 years of age or younger. For further information contact the Society at the address above.

Forthcoming events

- 12-14 Nov 9th French Congress of Rheumatology, Paris
Contact: Secrétariat Administratif de la Société Française de Rhumatologie, Hôpital de la Pitié, Pavillon Layani, 832 Bd de l'hôpital, 75651 Paris Cedex 13, France. Tel: +33 1 45 863058. Fax: +33 1 45 863359
- 12-15 Nov 4th Jenner Glycoimmunology Meeting, Athens, Greece

Contact: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 ORE. Tel: +44 (0)181 725 5534. Fax: +44 0181 725 3390. e.Mail: p.weitz@sghms.ac.uk

28-30 Nov XXXIII Congresso Nazionale Societa Italiana di Reumatologia, Rome
Contact: Triumph Congressi e P.R., 00136 Rome NVia Proba Petronia 3, Italy. Tel: +39 6 39727707. Fax: +39 6 39735195 In 1997

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- 17-18 Jan New Advances in Basic Science, Diagnosis and Treatment of Sjögren's Syndrome, Windeyer Building, Medical School, University College, London
Contact: Professor R N Maini, Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, 6 Bute Gardens, London W6 7DW (tel +44 (0)181 741 8966; fax: +44 (0)181 748 3293), or Professor D A Isenberg, Bloomsbury Rheumatology, Arthur Stanley House, 40-50 Tottenham St, London W1P 9PG (tel +44 (0)171 380 9230; fax +44 (0)171 380 9278).
- 16-20 Mar Biennial Congress of the South African Rheumatism and Arthritis Association and South African Health Professionals in Rheumatology, Durban
Contact: Congress Secretary, Rheumatology Unit, University of Natal, Private Bag 7, Congella 4013, Durban, South Africa. Tel: +27 31 2604284. Fax: +27 31 2604482
- 20-23 Mar 17th European Workshop on Rheumatology Research, Brest
Contact: Prof P Youinou, Laboratoire d'Immunologie, Centre Hospitalier Régionale et Universitaire, F-29609 Brest Cedex, France. Tel: +33 98 22 33 84. Fax: +33 98 80 10 76
- 23-25 Apr BSR XIVth AGM, Harrogate
Contact: Ms Anne Mansfield, Deputy General Secretary, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR. Tel: 0171242 3313. Fax: 0171242 3277

- 24-26 Apr Second European Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care, Paris, France
The forum will consist of one-day teaching courses, invited presentations, posters and presentations selected from submissions, and a scientific session.
Contact: BMA, Conference Unit, PO Box 295, London WC1H 9TE. Tel: +44 (0) 171 383 6478. Fax: +44 (0) 171 383 6869
- 21-25 May Fourth International Symposium on the Immunotherapy of the Rheumatic Diseases, Cyprus
Contact: Symposium Secretary, Rheumatology Unit, 4th Floor Hunt's House, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT, United Kingdom. Tel: 0171 955 4394. Fax: 0171955 2472
- 8-13 Jun XIX ILAR Congress of Rheumatology, Singapore Contact: ILAR'97 Secretariat, Communication Consultants, 336 Smith Street, No 06-302, New Bridge Centre, Singapore 0105, Republic of Singapore. Tel: 65 227 9811. Fax: 65 227 0257
- 26-29 Jun 1st European Congress of MRI in Joint Diseases, Portoroz, Slovenia
Contact: Prof B Rozman, Dept of Rheumatology, Dr Peter Drzaj Hospital, Vodnikova 62, 1107 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Tel (386 61) 555 256. Fax: (386 61) 1595 338
- 8-14 Sep 4th EULAR Postgraduate Course in Rheumatology, Prague
Contact: Mr F Wyss, EULAR Secretariat, Witikonstrasse 15, CH-8032 Zürich, Switzerland. Tel: +41 1 383 9690. Fax: +41 1 383 9810
- 11-12 Sep BSR Heberden Round, Belfast
Contact: Ms Anne Mansfield, Deputy General Secretary, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR. Tel: 0171242 3313. Fax: 0171242 3277
- 18-20 Sep Swiss Society of Rheumatology, Annual Meeting, Basel
Contact: Mrs Gisela Dalvit, Schweizerische Rheumaliga, Renggerstr. 71, CH-8038 Zürich, Switzerland. Tel: 41 1 482 5600. Fax: 41 1 482 6439
- 9-13 Nov 61st American College of Rheumatology AGM, Washington DC, USA
Contact: Ronald F Olejko, Director of Conferences and Meetings, 60 Executive Park South, Suite 150, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA. Tel: 404 633 3777. Fax: 404 633 1870
- 19-22 Nov Xth EULAR Symposium: New Anti-inflammatory and Immuno-modulating Agents: Clinical and Experimental Aspects, Benefits and Risks, Vienna, Austria
Contact: EULAR Secretariat, Witikonstrasse 15, CH-8032 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel: 41 1 383 9690. Fax: 41 1 383 9810
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- 22-24 Apr BSR XVth AGM, Brighton
Contact: Ms Anne Mansfield, Deputy General Secretary, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR. Tel: 0171242 3313. Fax: 0171242 3277
- 11-13 May 9th Mediterranean Congress of Rheumatology, Dubrovnik, Croatia
Contact: Professor Ivo Jajic, Department of Rheumatology, University Hospital "Sestre milosrdnice", Vinogradska 29, 10000-Zagreb, Croatia. Fax: 385 1 172453
- 21-26 Jun XIIth Pan-American Congress of Rheumatology, Montreal, Canada
Contact: PANLAR, c/o Sorelcomm (1985) Inc., 4446 St Laurent Boulevard, Suite 704, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2W 1Z5. Tel: 514 499 8920. Fax: 514 499 8921
- 23-26 Jun XIth EULAR Symposium: Atypical Arthritides: a Multi-disciplinary Approach, Geneva, Switzerland Contact: Eular Secretariat, Witikonstrasse 15, CH-8032 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel: 41 1 383 9690. Fax: 41 1 383 9810
- 8-12 Nov 62nd American College of Rheumatology AGM, San Diego, USA
Contact: Ronald F Olejko, Director of Conferences and Meetings, 60 Executive Park South, Suite 150, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA. Tel: 404 633 3777. Fax: 404 633 1870
- In 1999**
- 6-12 Jun XIVth European Congress of Rheumatology, Glasgow
Contact: Ms Anne Mansfield, Deputy General Secretary, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR. Tel: 0171 242 3313. Fax: 0171242 3277
- 24-28 Oct 63rd American College of Rheumatology AGM, New Orleans, USA
Contact: Ronald F Olejko, Director of Conferences and Meetings, 60 Executive Park South, Suite 150, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA. Tel: 404 633 3777. Fax: 404 633 1870
- In 2000**
- 12-16 Nov 64th American College of Rheumatology AGM, Philadelphia, USA
Contact: Ronald F Olejko, Director of Conferences and Meetings, 60 Executive Park South, Suite 150, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA. Tel: 404 633 3777. Fax: 404 633 1870