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1996 update on digestive diseases

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto will hold its 1996 Update on Digestive Diseases on Nov. 1, 1996, in the 18th Floor Auditorium of Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. Study credits: MO-COMP and AMA Category 1. For further information contact: Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 150 College St., Room 121, Toronto ON M5S 3E2. Tel.: 416 978-2718; fax: 416 971-2200.

Quebec Association of Urologists

The 21st annual meeting of the Quebec Association of Urologists will be held from Nov. 22 to 24, 1996, at the Westin Mont-Royal Hotel in Montreal. For more information contact: Ms. Jacqueline Deschênes, Quebec Association of Urologists, 2 Complex Desjardins, East Tower, Door 3000, Montreal QC H5B 1G8. Tel.: 514 350-5131; fax: 514 350-5181.

International colorectal disease symposium

The Eighth Annual International Colorectal Disease Symposium, entitled "Colorectal Disease in 1997: An International Exchange of Medical and Surgical Concepts" and sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Florida, will be held from Feb. 20 to 22, 1997, at the Marriott's Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The symposium director is Steven D. Wexner. Specific topics covered include techniques and results of practical anorectal surgery, current con-

roversies in pouch surgery, polyps and polyp syndromes, advances in surgical techniques, colorectal carcinoma, functional colorectal disorders, Crohn's disease, mucosal ulcerative colitis, laparoscopic colorectal surgery and gastrointestinal hemorrhage. Simultaneous translation in Spanish will be provided. Credits: The course has been approved for 23.5 hours in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association and substituted for AOE-CME credit in Category II-A. For further information contact: Cleveland Clinic Florida, Department of Education, 3000 West Cypress Creek Rd., Fort Lauderdale FL 33309-1743; tel.: 954 978-5056 (local and international), 800 359-5101 (other), fax: 954 978-5539.

Asian Surgical Association

The 11th Biennial Congress of the Asian Surgical Association will be held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre from Mar. 2 to 5, 1997. For further information contact: ASA Hong Kong, Congress Secretariat, Department of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. Tel.: 852 2855 4235; fax: 852 2818 1186; e-mail: Mededcon@hkucc.hku.hk

Congress on ambulatory surgery

The 2nd International and 4th European Congress on Ambulatory Surgery will be held in at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, England, from Apr. 15 to 18, 1997. Under

the patronage of the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the World Health Organization and the United Kingdom Department of Health, the congress will run in conjunction with the 8th annual scientific meeting of the British Association of Day Surgery. The working language will be English, with simultaneous translation in French, German and Spanish. For further information contact: Kite Communications, The Silk Milk House, 196 Huddersfield Rd., Meltham, W Yorks HD7 3AP, England. Tel.: 44 1484 854575; fax: 44 1484 854576.

Fourth Congress of F.E.S.S.H: call for papers

The 4th Congress of the Federation of the European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH) will be held in Bologna, Italy, from June 15 to 18, 1977. Included will be an instructional course on stiffness of the joints of the upper limb. For further information contact: Mrs. Silvia Batani, CSR Congressi, PO Box 1769, I 40100 Bologna BO, Italy. Tel.: 39 51 76 53 57; fax: 39 51 76 51 95.

Congress on Biomedical Peer Review: Call for Abstracts

The *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the *British Medical Journal* and Project HOPE announce The International Congress on Biomedical Peer Review and Global Communication to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, from Sept. 17 to 21, 1997. Abstracts, due by Jan. 15, 1997, are now being accepted on such subjects as editorial

peer review and its role in scientific publication, decision making and information exchange. Topics of interest include: the mechanisms of peer review and editorial decision making; authorship and responsibility for published material; Online peer review; quality assurance for reviewers and editors; breakdowns, weaknesses and biases; evaluations of peer review's validity and practicality; peer review of grant proposals; peer review in other disciplines; scientific fraud and misconduct; the history of peer review; models and systems of peer review from nonwestern cultures; interactive digital information systems and the future of scientific publication. For further information about attending the congress or the abstract submission and selection processes, contact: Annette Flanagan, *JAMA*, 515 N State, Chicago IL 60610, USA. Tel.: 312 464-2432; fax: 312 464-5824; e-mail: aff@ix.netcom.com

The pediatric esophagus

The Department of Pediatric Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Ege University, Izmir, Turkey, will host an interdisciplinary symposium entitled "The pediatric esophagus" from Apr. 20 to 22, 1998, in Izmir (URL—http://medicine.ege.edu.tr/pedsurg/ped_oesophagus.htm). The main topic will be gastroesophageal reflux with a special interest in alkaline reflux. For further information contact: Professor Oktay Mutaf, Department of Pediatric Surgery, Ege University Faculty of Medicine, 35100 Izmir, Turkey. Fax: +90 (232) 3 75 12 88; e-mail: mutaf@bornova.ege.edu.tr