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Trauma update 1997

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto will hold a course entitled "Trauma update 1997" at the Mount Sinai Hospital Auditorium, Toronto, on May 10 and 11, 1997. Credits: MOCOMP and AMA Category I. For further information contact: Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 150 College St., Room 121, Toronto ON M5S 3E2. Tel.: 416 978-2719; fax: 416 971-2200.

L'Association des chirurgiens généraux du Québec

L'Association des chirurgiens généraux du Québec tiendra son congrès annuel du 29 mai au 1^{er} juin 1997, Manoir Richelieu, Pointe-au-Pic, Charlevoix, Qué. Pour renseignements s'adresser au Secrétariat, L'Association des chirurgiens généraux du Québec, 2 Complexe Desjardins, porte 3000, CP 216, Succursale Desjardins, Montréal (Québec) H5B 1G8. Tél 514 350-5107.

Conference on melanoma

The 4th World Conference on Melanoma will be held in Sydney, Australia, from June 10 to 14, 1997. It will include a surgical workshop, from June 11 to 13, covering key issues in melanoma surgery. For further information contact: 4th World Conference on Melanoma, PO Box M123, Camperdown, NSW

2050, Australia. Tel.: 61 2 9515 7299; fax: 61 2 9550 6316; e-mail: melfound@mel.rpa.cs.nsw.gov.au

Fourth Congress of F.E.S.S.H

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, 1997. 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.

Advances in gastrointestinal and GI laparoscopic surgery

The 61st annual surgery course, on advances in gastrointestinal and gastrointestinal laparoscopic surgery, sponsored by the Department of Surgery of the University of Minnesota Medical School, will be held at Willey Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. from June 18 to 21, 1997. Registration fees are US\$525, US\$325 for medical residents. Credit: AMA Category I. For further information contact: Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of Minnesota, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Suite 107, 615 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis MN 55414. Tel.: 612 626-7600; fax: 612 626-7766.

BIOS Europe '97: call for papers

A joint meeting of the European Laser Association (ELA) and the International Biomedical Optics Society (IBOS) will be held at the Hotel Londra/Centro Congressi, Sanremo, Italy, from Sept. 4 to 8, 1997. Papers will be presented in the following areas: laser dermatology and plastic surgery; photothermal therapies — cardiovascular diagnostic, imaging and therapies; photothermal therapies — lasers in neurosurgery; photothermal therapies — lasers in gynecology; ENT and head and neck surgery; endoscopic techniques. For further information contact: Direct Communications GmbH, Attn. Ms. Karin Burger, Xantener Str. 22, D-10707 Berlin, FR Germany. Tel.: 49 30 881 50 47; fax: 49 30 88 68 29 46; e-mail: 100140.3211@compuserve.com

Congress on biomedical peer review

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. For further information 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@bonova.ege.edu.tr

International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

"The future at hand: sharing knowledge towards the 21st century" will be the theme of the 7th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH). The congress, hosted by the IFSSH and MANUS Canada will be held from May 24 to 28, 1998, at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC. For further information contact: Conference Secretariat — Events by Design, 601-325 Howe St., Vancouver BC V6C 1Z7. Tel.: 604 669-7175; fax: 604 669-7083; e-mail: 74117.273@compuserve.com ■