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## Notices

### Avis

#### BIOS Europe '97

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. 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](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 Medi-

cine, 35100 Izmir, Turkey. Fax: +90 (232) 3 75 12 88; e-mail: mutaf@bornova.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■