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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; 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 Flanagin, *JAMA*, 515 N State, Chicago IL 60610, USA; tel 312 464-2432; fax 312 464-5824; aff@ix.netcom.com

#### Update on digestive diseases

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto will hold a course entitled "1997 Update on Digestive Diseases" on Nov. 7, 1997, in the 18th Floor Auditorium, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. Credits: MOCOMP, AMA Category I. Contact: Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Room 121, 150 College St., Toronto ON M5S 3E2; tel 416 978-2718; fax 416 971-2200; audrea.martin@utoronto.ca

#### Interactive surgical symposium

The Mayo Clinic Scottsdale is sponsoring the Mayo Interactive Surgical Symposium, to be held at the Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort, Golf Club and Spa, Scottsdale, Ariz., from Feb. 12 to 14, 1998. The course directors are Drs. John Donohue and William Stone. The symposium will comprise interactive sessions designed to update the general surgeon on state-of-the-art issues in breast surgery, trauma and critical care, endocrine, gastrointestinal/hepatobiliary, and vascular and thoracic surgery. For information regarding CME credits, registration and fees contact: Sara Schnirring, Medical Education Office, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, 13400 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale AZ 85259, USA; tel 602 301-7552; fax 602 301-8323.

#### Colorectal disease in 1998

The Department of Colorectal Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Florida will present the 9th annual symposium entitled "Colorectal Disease in 1998. An International Exchange of Medical and Surgical Concepts." The symposium will be held at the Marriott's Harbor Beach Resort, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from Feb. 19 to 21, 1998 under the direction of Dr. Steven D. Wexner. Simultaneous translation will be available in Spanish and Italian. Credits: 24.5 hours in Category I of the AMA Physicians' Recognition Award or may be substituted for AOE-CME Category II-A. Contact: Cleveland Clinic Florida, Department of Education, 2950 West

Cypress Creek Rd., Fort Lauderdale FL 33309-1743, USA; tel 954 978-5056; fax 954 978-5539; jagels@cesmtp.ccf.org

#### 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—[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 Medicine, 35100 Izmir, Turkey; fax 90 232 3 75 12 88; 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; 74117.273@compuserve.com