

INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

Date	Place	Congress name	Information
2001			
November 25-28	Eilat, Israel	Regional Conference on Spinal Cord Injury. Israel Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Herods Sheraton Resort	Prof. Avi Ohry, 1 Nirim St., P.O. Box 9352, Tel Aviv 61092, Israel. Tel: +972-3 638 4444. Fax: +972-3 638 4455. Info@ortra.co.il. www.ortra.com
2002			
April 3-6	Venice, Italy	Third World Congress in Neurological Rehabilitation.	Aristea, Via Lima 41, IT-00198, Roma, Italy. Tel: +39-6 8449 8364. Fax: +39-6 8449 8332. neurorehab2002@aristea.com. www.aristea.com/neurorehab2002
June 2-5	Brighton, UK	13th European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. Theme: "Promoting Standards in Rehabilitation" in Brighton, UK June 2nd-5th, 2002	Sandy Weatherhead, British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine, c/o Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regents' Park, London, NW1. Tel: +44 1992 638865. E-mail: bsrmbtconnect.com. http://www.bsrmbtconnect.com
June 21-23	Saint-Etienne, France	IXth Word Symposium: Biomechanics and Medicine in Swimming	Dr Jean-Claud Chatard, Pv 12, St JB, CHU de Saint-Etienne, FR-42055 St-Etienne Cedex 2, France. Tel: +33-477 127134. Fax: +33-477 127229. chatard@unit-st-etienne.fr. univ-st-etienne.fr/swimsymp
June 23-28	Stockholm, Sweden	13th WFOT World Congress	The Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists, P.O. Box 760, SE-131 24 Nacka, Sweden. Tel: +46-8 466 2440, Fax: +46-8 466 2442. wfot2002@akademikerhuset.se. www.fsa.akademikerhuset.se
June 26-29	Newcastle upon Tyne, England	Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria Neurotraumatologica	Professor A. David Mendelow, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6BE, UK. Tel: +44-191 219 50000. Fax: +44-191 256 3139
July 7-12	Vancouver, Canada	Xth International Congress on Neuromuscular Diseases.	Congress Secretariat, Venue West Conference Services Ltd., Suite 645, 375 Water Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6B 5C6. Tel: +1-604 581 5226, Fax: +1-604-681 2503. congress@venuewest.co
2003			
June 15-19	Sydney, Australia	Pain in Childhood: The Big Questions	DC Conferences Pty Ltd, PO Box 571 Crows Nest NSW 1585 Australia. Tel: +61-2 9439 6744. Fax +61-2 9439 2504. ISPP2003@dcconferences.com.au

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In order to encourage research in low back pain, the Volvo Company for the 24th and final year will sponsor three prizes of USD 10,000 each. Awards will be made competitively on the basis of scientific merit in one or more of the following three areas:

1. Clinical studies
2. Bioengineering studies
3. Studies in other basic science areas

Papers submitted for the contest must contain **original** material, not previously published or submitted for publication. A multiple authorship is acceptable. The manuscripts, in the English language, should be in the form of a complete report, including original illustrations (please note: marked with names!); not exceeding 15 typewritten pages – references and tables can be added; double-spaced; typed text should not be smaller than Times 12 points; and in a form suitable for submission as an original paper to a scientific journal. Ethics committee approval is necessary for all animal studies as well as controlled clinical studies. **One original and 5 copies** of each paper in full – including illustrations – must reach the address given below **not later than December 3, 2001**. Accordingly, articles sent by Fax will **not** be accepted. Do not forget to give complete address with telephone number, Fax number and email address. Winners will be informed at the end of February, 2002.

One of the authors should be prepared, at his own expense, to come to Cleveland, Ohio, USA, at the time of the meeting of the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine, May 15–19, 2002, to present the paper and to receive the award.

The board of referees will be chaired by the undersigned and will contain members from the fields of clinical medicine, bioengineering and biochemistry.

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