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Professional Unit Pre-Operative Conferences – Mondays
11.00 a.m. at Middlesex Hospital and Thursdays
9.30 a.m. at Stanmore.

Professional Unit Residents' Seminars/Conferences –
Thursdays 8.00 a.m. at Stanmore.

Course on Neuromuscular Disorders – Jan. to Mar. 1993
*Details: Miss A.M. Lucas, Postgraduate Secretary,
Institute of Orthopaedics, The Middlesex Hospital,
London W1. Tel: 071-380 9418.*

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

MRCP Part II 5 day course for clinical examination;
Monday 5 June to Friday 11 June 1993
Monday 18 October to Friday 22 October 1993

*Details from: Dr Geraint James, Visiting Professor of
Medicine, The Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine,
Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG. Tel: 071
794 0500 ext 3931.*

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Refresher Course in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for
general practitioners and family doctors
5 and 6 May 1993

*Details of this and other courses: Symposium Secretary,
RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen
Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road,
London W6 0XG.*

Institute of Psychiatry

Psychiatry in Primary Care, 9 March 1993

*Details of this and other courses: Mrs Lee Wilding,
Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny
Park, Camberwell, London SE5 8AF.*

Royal Society of Medicine

Forum on Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 4
March 1993

*Details: Miss Nicole Aaron, Royal Society of Medicine, 1
Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.*

University of Warwick

Techniques and applications of molecular biology. A
course for medical practitioners
19–22 April 1993

*Details: Dr S. Hicks, Department of Biological Sciences,
University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL.*

9th International Conference on Alcohol

Problems, prevention, treatment.

To be held at the University of Liverpool, 14–17
September 1993

*Details: Conference Organizer, MLCCA 30 Hope Street,
Liverpool L1 9BX.*

18th International Congress of Chemotherapy

27 June–2 July 1993, Stockholm, Sweden.

Details: SCB PO Box 6911 S-102 39, Stockholm, Sweden.

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

The second 'residential meeting' of the Royal Society of
Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (to include the Annual
General Meeting) and other European Societies of
Tropical Medicine will be held at the Royal College of
Physicians of Edinburgh, Scotland from Monday 5 to
Wednesday 7 July 1993. Accommodation will be on the
University campus or alternatively in hotels near the
City centre. Full social programme including reception
and banquet.

*Further details available shortly from the Administrator,
Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene,
Manson House, 26 Portland Place, London W1N 4EY.
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The Association arranges courses for the training and
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and holds Winter and Summer Meetings for all
members.

19 March 1993 – Counselling Course, London

6–8 May 1993 – Summer Meeting, Carlisle

June 1993 – "How to be an effective clinical tutor" –
date and place to be confirmed.

8–10 September – Joint Meeting with NACT, Deans
and NAPMECA

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European research fellows and other visiting doctors who would like details of these meetings should write to:

**Dr D.R.J. Singer, c/o The Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine,
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