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Details: Mrs N. Taub, Forums Executive, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

University of Warwick

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Details: Dr V. McGowan, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL.

University of Sussex

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Details: M. Jones, c/o MA & In-Service Awards Office, ICAPE, EDB University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, E. Sussex BN1 9RG.

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September 4–10 1994. Vorau, Austria.

Details: P.H. Schober, MD, Department of Pediatric Surgery, Auenbruggerplatz 34, A-8036 LKH-Graz, Austria.

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Details: KIT Congress Marketing Services, GmbH, Cord v. der Luhe, Kurfurstendamm 26a, D-10719 Berlin, Germany. Tel: + (0)30-885 70213.

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Details: Teaching Centre, RNOHT, Brockley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4LP.

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