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European Workshop on Growth Plate Research, Glasgow, Scotland, 4–5 July 2008. Contact: Kathleen Gibson, Ward 7A, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Dalnair Street, Glasgow, G3 8SJ. (Tel: +44-141-201-0767, E-mail: kathleen.gibson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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39th Annual International Society for Psychoneuroendocrinology Conference, Dresden, Germany, 17–20 July 2008. Contact: ISPNE. (Web: <http://www.ispne.org/>)

Ninth International Symposium on Neurobiology and neuroendocrinology of Aging, Bregenz, Austria, 20–25 July 2008. Contact: Dr Richard Falvo, Department of Cell and Molecular Physiology, Medical Biomolecular Research Building, 103 Mason Farm Road, School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 27599-7545. (E-mail: rfalvo@med.unc.edu or abartke@siumed.edu Web: <http://www.neurobiology-and-neuroendocrinology-of-aging.org>)

Biochemical Society 65th Harden Conference - Enzymes: Nature's molecular machines, Ambleside, UK, 17–21 August 2008. Contact: Biochemical Society. (Tel: +44(0)20 7280-4150 Fax: +44(0)20 7280-4167. E-mail: meetings@biochemistry.org Web: http://www.biochemistry.org/meetings/programme.cfm?Meeting_No=65HDN)

BFS Summer College 2008, Liverpool, UK, 2–6 September 2008. Contact: British Fertility Society, Euro House, 22 Apex Court, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 4JT. (Tel: +44(0)1454 642 217 Fax: +44(0)1454 642 222. E-mail: bfs@bioscientifica.com Web: <http://www.fertility.org.uk/meetings/forthcoming.html>)

Metabolism & Endocrinology: "Orchestration of metabolism in health and disease", Oxford, UK, 9–11 September 2008. Contact: D Burdakov. (Web: <http://www.physoc.org/meetings/>)

Biochemical Society - 66th Harden Conference - Ion channels and synaptic function, Ambleside, UK, 10–14 September 2008. Contact: Biochemical Society. (Tel: +44(0)20 7280-4150 Fax: +44(0)20 7280-4167. E-mail: meetings@biochemistry.org Web: http://www.biochemistry.org/meetings/programme.cfm?Meeting_No=66HDN)

XXI European Congress of Perinatal Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey, 10–13 September 2008. Contact: Secretariat, 17 Rue du Cendrier, PO Box 1726, CH-1211. (Tel: +41 22 908 0488 Fax: +41 22 732 2850. E-mail: ecpm@kenes.com Web: <http://www.kenes.com/ecpm>)

4th International Congress of the GRS and IGF Societies, Genova, Italy, 16–20 September 2008. Contact: GH Research Society. (E-mail: info@4grs-igf.it Web: <http://www.4grs-igf.it>)

2nd International Symposium on Pheochromocytoma, London, UK, 17–20 September 2008. Contact: Kelly Edworthy, Hampton Medical Conferences, 113-119 High Street, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NJ. (Tel: +44 (0) 20 8979 8300. E-mail: isp2008@hamptonmedical.com Web: <http://www.isp2008.ukevents.org>)

18th International Symposium of the Journal of Steroid Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Seefeld, Austria, 18–21 September 2008. Contact: Prof. J.R. Pasqualini, General Scientific Secretariat at Hormones and Cancer Research Unit, Institutet de Puericulture et de perinatologie, 26 Boulevard Brune, 75014 Paris. (Tel: 33-1+4539 9109/4542 4121 Fax: 33-1+4542 6121. E-mail: Jorge.Pasqualini@wanadoo.fr)

33rd Annual Meeting of the European Thyroid Association, Thessaloniki, Greece, 19–24 September 2008. Contact: European Thyroid Association. (Web: <http://www.eurothyroid.com/futureevents.html>)

47th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE), Istanbul, Turkey, 20–23 September 2008. Contact: Britta Sjoblom, Congrex Sweden AB, Attn: ESPE 2008, PO Box 5619, SE-114 86 Stockholm. (Tel: +46 8 4596600 Fax: +46 8 6619125. E-mail: espe2008@congrex.com Web: <http://www.congrex.com/espe2008/>)

2008 APS Intersociety Meeting: The Integrative Biology of Exercise V, South Carolina, USA, 24–27 September 2008. Contact: American Physiological Society. (Tel: (001) 301-634-7967. E-mail: meetings@the-aps.org Web: <http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/aps/hiltonhead08/index.htm>)

11th International Workshop on Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia (MEN2008), Delphi, Greece, 25–29 September 2008. Contact: Maria Alevizaki, Athens University School of Medicine, Greece. (E-mail: mani@otenet.gr, <http://www.men2008.com/>)

1st Athens Live Surgery Aortic Root Symposium, Athens, Greece, 29–30 September 2008. Contact: Penelope Mitroyianni, 1, Kolofontos & Evridikis str, Athens 161 21. (Tel: +30.210.7257693, Fax: +30.210.257532, E-mail: info@erasmus.gr, Web: <http://www.erasmus.gr/web/pages.asp?lang=2&page=1913>)

79th Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association, Chicago, USA, 2–5 October 2008. Contact: ATA, 6066 Leesburg Pike, Suite 650, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, USA. (Tel: +1 703 9988890, Fax: +1 703 9988893, E-mail: admin@thyroid.org, Web: <http://www.thyroid.org>)

International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research, Beijing, China, 15–18 October 2008. Contact: International Bone and Mineral Society. (Web: <http://www.ibmsonline.org/Meetings/tabid/71/Default.aspx>)

13th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association, Antalya, Turkey, 17–20 October 2008. Contact: Sezen Elagoz, ENEA 2008 Congress Secretariat, TeamCon Congress Services Worldwide, Halaskargazi Cad. Alp Palas Apt. No:79/1, Harbiye - Istanbul, Turkey. (Tel: +90 212 343 80 03; Fax: +90 212 343 80 23; E-mail: secretariat@enea2008.org; Web: <http://www.enea2008.org/>)

Joint International Meeting of the Chinese Association for Physiological Sciences, The Canadian Physiological Society, The Australian Physiological Society, the American Physiological Society and The Physiological Society, Beijing, China, 20–22 October 2008. Contact: The Physiology Society. (Web: <http://www.physoc.org/meetings/>)

2nd Congress of the European Academy of Paediatrics, Nice, France, 24–28 October 2008. Contact: Kenes International, 1–3, Rue de Chantepoulet, PO Box 1726, CH-1211 Geneva, Switzerland. (Tel: +41 22 908 0488, Fax: +41 22 732 2850, E-mail: paediatrics@kenes.com, Web: <http://www.kenes.com/paediatrics/>)

Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society (APPES) Scientific Meeting, Seoul, Korea, Japan, 29 October–1 November 2008. Contact: Alicia White, PO Box 180, Morisset NSW Australia, 2264, Australia. (Tel: 61 2 4973 6573; Fax: 61 2 4973 6609; E-mail: awhite@willorganise.com.au; Web: <http://www.appes.org>)

2nd World Congress on Controversies in Diabetes, Obesity and Hypertension, Barcelona, Spain, 30 October–2 November 2008. Contact: Congress Secretariat. (E-mail: codhy@codhy.com; Web: <http://www.codhy.com/>)

13th International Congress of Endocrinology 2008, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 8–12 November 2008. Contact: Julia Aquino. (E-mail: ice2008@jz.com.br; Web: <http://www.ice2008rio.com.br>)

Association of British Clinical Diabetologists Autumn Meeting 2008, London, UK, 27–28 November 2008. Contact: Association of British Clinical Diabetologists. (Web: <http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/mainmenu.html>)

The 11th World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics Gynecology & Infertility (COGI), Paris, France, 27–30 November 2008. Contact: Comtec Med. (E-mail: info@comtecmed.com, Web: <http://www.comtecmed.com/cogi/cogi11/>)

Biochemical Society Annual Symposia - DNA damage: from causes to cures, Cambridge, UK, 15–17 December 2008. Contact: Biochemical Society. (Tel: +44(0)20 7280-4150; Fax: +44(0)20 7280-4167; E-mail: meetings@biochemistry.org; Web: http://www.biochemistry.org/meetings/programme.cfm?Meeting_No=SA084)

British Pharmacological Society Winter Meeting 2008, Brighton, UK, 16–18 December 2008. Contact: British Pharmacological Society. (E-mail: meetings@bps.ac.uk; Web: <http://www.bps.ac.uk/meetings/>)

Diabetes UK Annual Professional Conference 2009, Glasgow, UK, 1–3 March 2009. (E-mail: conferences@diabetes.org.uk, Web: http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Professionals/Conferences_and_events/Annual-Professional-Conference-2009/)

11th European Congress of Endocrinology, Istanbul, Turkey, 25–29 April 2009. Contact: European Society of Endocrinology, C/O Sezen Elagoz, TeamCon Congress Services Worldwide, Halaskargazi Caddesi Alp Palas Apt. No:79/1, Harbiye, Istanbul 34371, Turkey. (Tel: +90 212 343 80 03, Fax: +90 212 343 80 23, E-mail: secretariat@ece2009.com, Web: www.ece2009.com)

17th European Congress on Obesity, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 3–6 May 2009. Contact: European Congress. (E-mail: enquiries@easobesity.org)

8th European Congress on Menopause, London, UK, 16–20 May 2009. Contact: Kenes International, 1-3 rue de Chantepoulet, CH-1211 Geneva, Switzerland. (E-mail: emas@kenes.com, Web: <http://www.kenes.co/emas-congress/>)

36th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues, Vienna, Austria, 23–27 May 2009. Contact: Amanda Sherwood, PO Box 337, Patchway, Bristol, BS32 4ZR. (E-mail: admin@ectsoc.org, Web: <http://ectsoc.org>)