
NOTES AND NEWS

American College of Sports Medicine

At the 1997 American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) meeting in Denver, Colorado, Professor Ron Maughan will present the British Association of Sport and Medicine (BASM) lecture. The ACSM meeting is the world's largest and most important annual sports medicine conference and this first BASM lecture is one of the most exciting new opportunities to promote British sports medicine on an international stage. We hope that the BASM lecture will become an annual event. On this occasion the ACSM invited us to submit the names of four candidates, and their organising committee selected Professor Maughan from our nominees. The Sports Council have generously offered to help fund this venture. In future, BASM will invite the membership to nominate suitable speakers.

BASM educational fellowship

A new BASM educational fellowship will be announced later this year sponsored by Aircast. This will fund a two week fellowship in clinical sports medicine in the United States. Details of the nomination and selection procedure have yet to be finalised but the fellowship will be offered in open competition. The Journal will publish details of the award and the application procedure as soon as they become available.

FIMS gold medal

Professor Moira O'Brien, a great friend of British sports medicine and a member of the editorial board of the journal, is to be awarded the FIMS gold medal for services to sport and medicine. She served both as president of the liaison committee and of the education committee of FIMS for four years. She helped to create the baseline curriculum for the MSc in sports medicine and has worked tirelessly for the development of the specialty and its inclusion at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels within medical schools. She is also to be made a fellow of the European Society of Sports Science.

BASM educational courses

The BASM educational courses continue to be a great success. By January of this year there were already 91 bookings for the one week residential courses and even some booking for 1998.

BASM gold award

The inaugural BASM gold award was presented at the 1996 annual congress to Mr Richard Nicholas and his coworkers for their paper entitled "Patellofemoral pain in the sportsperson: Which rehabilitation exercises are best and is patellar strapping of benefit?". This work was carried out at the Brisbane

Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Centre and University of Queensland Physiotherapy Department, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The adjudicators were Professor Peter Fricker of the Australian Institute of Sport, Dr Willem van Mechelen of the Vrije University of Amsterdam, and Dr Mark Batt of the University of Nottingham. The poster award was presented to Mr Trevor Woods and his coworkers for their work entitled "The effect of endurance training on ventilation, blood lactate, and plasma potassium during incremental exercise". This competition was adjudicated by Mr Donald McLeod, president and Dr Ian Adams, chairman of BASM. At the 1997 BASM annual congress in Brighton the research paper component of the scientific programme will be given even higher profile. Abstracts accepted for oral presentation will again be published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine* and negotiations are taking place to offer a very valuable prize. The closing dates for abstracts is 1 September 1997.

Apology

We regret the late arrival of the 1996 December issue of the journal. This was due to difficulties at the printers and their two week close down over the Christmas period. Strenuous efforts are being made to ensure the arrival of the journal on time in future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Sports Medicine (course)

13–18 April 1997; Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre, Shropshire (residential)
Further details: Education Office, British Association of Sport and Medicine, c/o The National Sports Medicine Institute, Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6BQ. (Tel +44 (0)171 253 3244; fax +44 (0)171 251 0774.)

Intermediate Course: Sports Specific Injury Management and Normal Examination of Joints—Part 2

6–11 July 1997; Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre, Shropshire (residential)
Further details: Education Office, British Association of Sport and Medicine, c/o The National Sports Medicine Institute, Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6BQ. (Tel +44 (0)171 253 3244; fax +44 (0)171 251 0774.)

XIX Symposium of the European Group of Paediatric Work Physiology

16–21 September 1997. The Manor House Hotel, Moretonhampstead, Devon, UK
Further details: Professor Neil Armstrong,

Children's Health and Exercise Research Centre, University of Exeter, Heavitree Road, Exeter EX1 2LU. (Tel 01392 264812; fax 01392 264706.)

General Sports Medicine (course)

21–26 September 1997; Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre, Shropshire (residential)
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Practical Sport and Medicine (course)

2–9 October 1997; Club La Santa, Lanzarote (residential)
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16th Congress of Sports Medicine

10, 11 October 1997; Belfry Halls, Brugge, Belgium
Topics include: soft tissue injuries, physiology and nutrition, youth and physical performance, peripheral neurological disorders and sports, foot injuries and sports shoes, shoulder-arm pain and tension tests.
Further details: Dr Michel D'Hooghe, President Brucosport, Hospital A Z Sint-Jan, Ruddershove 10, B-8000 Brugge, Belgium. (Tel +32 (0)50 45 22 30; fax +32 (0)50 45 22 38.)

BASM National Congress (London and South East Region)

6–9 November 1997; Hotel Metropole, Brighton
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Intermediate Course: Sports Specific Injury Management and Normal Examination of Joints—Part 1

23–28 November 1997; Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre, Shropshire (residential)
Further details: Education Office, British Association of Sport and Medicine, c/o The National Sports Medicine Institute, Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6BQ. (Tel +44 (0)171 253 3244; fax +44 (0)171 251 0774.)