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On August 4–9, 1996, Update in Internal Medicine—1996 will be held at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York, NY, and is sponsored by the Departments of Medicine of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, NY, and Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA.

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MORPHOLOGIC FINDINGS IN RENAL DISEASES AND TRANSPLANTS: CLINICO-PATHOLOGIC CORRELATION

Morphologic Findings in Renal Diseases and Transplants: Clinico-Pathologic Correlation, sponsored by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and the American Registry of Pathology, will be held October 1–4, 1996 at the Holiday Inn, Silver Spring, MD. For information on this continuing medical education course, contact AFIP-Education, Washington, DC. Telephone: 202-782-5021/9280; Toll-free: 800-577-3749 (U.S. only); DSN 662-5021/9280.

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The Eighth International Symposium of Nephrology at Montecatini will be held October 7–9, 1996 in Montecatini Termine, Italy. The title of the Symposium is “Progression of Renal Disease: Evaluation, Growth Factors and Other Mechanisms.” The deadline for submission of abstracts for presentation is June 15, 1996. For further information regarding attendance, accommodations, or presentations, contact Claudio Bianchi, M.D., Professor of Nephrology, Unità di Nefrologia, Clinica Medica 2, University of Pisa, 56100 Pisa, Italy. Telephone: +39-50-592573; fax: +39-50-553414.

SIXTH ALEXIS CARREL CONFERENCE ON CHRONIC REJECTION AND GRAFT ATHEROSCLEROSIS

The Sixth Alexis Carrel Conference will be held in Banff, Canada on December 4–7, 1996. The meeting is aimed at transplant physicians, surgeons, pathologists, and immunologists, as well as health care professionals with an interest in transplantation. For information regarding registration and abstracts, please contact the conference organizer: Dr. Leendert C. Paul, St. Michael’s Hospital, 30 Bond Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1W8, Canada. Telephone: 416-867-3701; fax: 416-867-3709; e-mail: lpaul@utoronto.ca.

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The Eighth Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) will be held in Seoul, Korea, on August 23–26, 1998. For further information, contact Dr. Hi Bahl Lee, Hyonam Kidney Laboratory, Soon Chun Hyang University, 657 Hannam Dong, Yongsan Koo, Seoul 140–743, Korea. Telephone: 82-2-709-9171; FAX: 82-2-792-5812; E-mail: hblee@korea.com; Internet: http://korea.com.

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