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INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

6–11 August 2006, Glasgow, Scotland, UK. *XI International Congress of Parasitology.* T**opics:** • full spectrum of parasitology from microbes to cestodes; • studies from laboratory and the field and approaches from the molecular to epidemiological. **Contact: ww**w.icopaxi.org/

19-22 August 2006, Houston, Texas, USA. *II International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology.* **Main topics:** • water pollution and water quality control; • air pollution and air quality control; • land (soil, waste solid) pollution and remediation; • ecosystem restoration; • organic pollutants; • environmental analysis and measurements; • society and the environment; • environmental planning and management. **Contact:** www.aasci.org/conference

23-27 August 2006, Stanford University, Stanford, California. *VI International Symposium on Coccidioidomycosis.* **Main topics:** biology, pathology, therapy, and prevention of coccidioidomycosis. **Contact:** www.vfce.arizona.edu; cme.ucsd.edu/cocci/index.html

3-6 September 2006, Vienna, Austria. *Conference on Visibility, Aerosols, and Atmospheric Optics.* **Contact:** visibility.exp.univie.ac.at/

4–5 September 2006, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool. *"Assessing and Modelling Environmental Effects: from Organisms to Global Systems". Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry - UK Branch (SETAC-UK) 2006 Annual Meeting.*
Contact: www.setacuk2006.org

8-9 September 2006, Plovdiv, Bulgaria. *II Eastern European Conference on Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs.* T**opics:** Differences in healthcare systems in Europe lead to a fragmented clinical research that reduces the patient's enrolment in clinical studies and increases the total costs of clinical research, especially concerning rare diseases. So, it is expected that the conference on will bridge scientists, patients and industry and will become a valuable source of information of type and quality of ongoing research on rare diseases and orphan drugs in Eastern European countries. **Contact:** www.conf2006.raredis.org

8-15 September 2006, Seattle, WA, USA. *VII Wonca Rural Health Conference "Transforming Rural Practice Through Education".* Main t**opics:** • global issues affecting rural health care systems; • attracting future rural practitioners to health care; • rural health professional education; • innovations in clinical care, training and research; • computer software that can be applied to rural teaching and practice; • new ways of reaching and teaching future rural practitioners. **Contact:** www.ruralwonca2006.org/index.php

10-15 September 2006, St Paul, Minnesota, USA. *International Aerosol Conference 2006.* **Main topics:** • indoor aerosols; • instrumentation; • aerosol Physics; • health related aerosols; • control technology; • combustion and materials processing; • fundamental aerosol chemistry; • atmospheric aerosols; • aerosol education. **Contact:** www.AAAR.org

15-18 October 2006, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. *6th International Conference of the Hospital Infection Society.* **Main topics:** • the management of pneumonia; • importance of environment decontamination; • the use and applications of modelling to infection control practices; • antibiotic stewardship - improving prescribing in hospitals in the hospital setting; • practical approaches to environmental cleaning. **Contact:** http://www.his2006.com/index.cfm

2–4 November 2006, Newport, Oregon, USA. *2006 Rural Health Conference*. **Contact:** www.ohsu.edu/oregonruralhealth/

2-5 November 2006, Antalya, Turkey. *VI International Congress of Turkish Society of Toxicology "Chemical Safety and Toxicology."* **Contact:** www.toxicology.org

8-10 November 2006, Dublin, Ireland. *VII Conference of the European Academy of Occupational Health Psychology.* Abstracts are welcome on all topics concerning the application of the principles and practices of psychology to issues of occupational health and safety. **Contact:** www.ea-ohp.org/Conferences/index.asp

17–22 June 2007, Colby College, Waterville, Maine. *2007 Gordon Research Conference on Mycotoxins and Phycotoxins.* T**opics:** Conference provides an international forum for the presentation and discussion of leading edge research on the biology, chemistry, risk assessment and toxicology of fungal, algal, and cyanobacterial toxins that are known food or water contaminants. A primary goal of the meeting is to create the critical mass of creative thinking necessary to unravel the complex food safety problem presented by naturally occurring food toxins. **Contact:** www.grc.org/programs/2007/mycotox.htm

15–19 July 2007, Montréal, Canada. *XI International Congress of Toxicology: "Toxicology: Discovery Serving Society".* **Main topics:** • toxicology issues affecting children in developing countries; • toxicogenomics: what have we learned about the mechanisms of toxicity? • molecular and biochemical mechanisms in teratogenesis involving reactive oxygen species; • environmental programming of stress responses through dna methylation. **Contact:** www.ict2007.org/

2–6 September 2007, Paris, France. *International Conference on Environmental Epidemiology & Exposure. "Science, Population diversity, Caution and Precaution."* **Main topics:** • the child and the environment; • the environment and the elderly; • endocrine disruptors; • air pollution and the urban environment; • indoor air: sources of exposures and risk management; • reproductive disorders; • electromagnetic fields; • genes and the environment; • health impacts of global climate change; • medically unexplained syndromes; • mental health effects of industrial and political disasters; • cancer and the environment; • health impact assessment methodologies; • dietary exposures; • water and health: exposure to chemical and microbiological hazards; • exposures to and risks from chemicals in consumer products; • population exposure to pesticides and persistent organic pollutants; • environmental quality and health surveillance; • multimedia exposure modelling; • biomonitoring and biomarkers of exposure; • gis for epidemiological research and risk assessment; • noise pollution: exposures, perceptions and risks; • social and political perception of risk; • environmental justice. **Contact:** www.paris2006.afsset.fr

9-14 September 2007, Salzburg, Austria. *European Aerosol Conference.* **Contact:** www.aerosol-soc.org.uk/

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