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- 3 Royer P. Hormonal regulation of calcium metabolism: biology and pathology. In *Pediatric Endocrinology*, edn 2, ch. 6, pp 477–543. Eds J-C Job & M Pierson. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1981.

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35th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues, Barcelona, Spain, 23–27 May 2008. Contact: Amanda Sherwood, PO Box 337, Patchway, Bristol, BS32 4ZR. (Tel: +44(0) 1454 610255 Fax: +44(0) 1454 610255. E-mail: admin@ectsoc.org Web: <http://www.ectsoc.org>)

ECTS Training Course – Bone Markers (Satellite to 35th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues), Barcelona, Spain, 24 May 2008. Contact: Amanda Sherwood, European Calcified Tissue Society, PO Box 337, Patchway, Bristol, BS32 4ZR. (Tel: +44 (0) 1454 610255, Fax: +44 (0)1454 610255, E-mail: admin@ectsoc.org)

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68th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association, San Francisco, USA, 6–10 June 2008. Contact: American Diabetes Association. (Web: <http://scientificsessions.diabetes.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Custom.Content&MenuID=1050&CFID=892282&CFTOKEN=71437974>)

BIT Annual World Cancer Congress 2008, Shanghai, China, 12–17 June 2008. Contact: Annie Sun, 26 Gaoneng St., R401, Dalian Hightech Zone, Dalian, LN 116025, China. (Tel: 0086-411-84799479, Fax: 0086-411-84799629, E-mail: annie@bitlifesciences.com. Web: <http://www.bitlifesciences.com/cancer2008/>)

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Management of Type 2 Diabetes, London, UK, 16 June 2008. Contact: Royal College of Physicians (Tel: 020 7935 1174 Ext. 436/252/300, E-mail: conferences@rcplondon.ac.uk. Web: <http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/conferences>)

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2nd Joint Meeting of the Bone Research Society and the British Orthopaedic Research Society, Manchester, UK, 23–25 June 2008. Contact: Janet Crompton, The Old White Hart, North Nibley, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 6DS. (Tel: +44 (0) 1453 549929, Fax: +44 (0) 1453 548919, E-mail: janet@janet-crompton.com)

National Training Scheme for the use of Thyroid Ultrasound by Endocrinologists and Other Specialists in Thyroid Diseases, Croyden, UK, 24 June 2008. Contact: Joan Munt (E-mail: joan.munt@mayday.nhs.co.uk)

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Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics: Adverse Drug Reactions, Sant Feliu de Guixols, Spain, 27 June - 02 July 2008. Contact: Chiara Orefice. (E-mail: corefice@esf.org. Web: <http://www.esf.org/index.php?id=4563>)

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Genital Cutting in a Globalized Age: A Forum for Interdisciplinary Debate, London, UK, 4 July 2008. Contact: Iain Morland, Cardiff School of English, Communication and Philosophy, Humanities Building, Colum Drive, Cardiff, CF10 3EU. (E-mail: morland@cf.ac.uk. Web: http://research.iainmorland.net/index.blog?entry_id=1784298)

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)

24th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology, Barcelona, Spain, 6–9 July 2008. Contact: ESHRE Central Office, Meerstraat 60, B-1852 Grimbergen, Belgium. (Tel: +32-(0)2-269.09.69 Fax: +32-(0)2-269.56.00. E-mail: info@eshre.com Web: <http://www.eshre.com/emc.asp?pagId=206>)

Society for Experimental Biology Annual Main Meeting 2008, Marseille, France, 6–10 July 2008. Contact: Society for Experimental Biology. (Web: <http://www.sebiology.org/meetings/>)

International Conference for Gonadotrophins and their Receptors, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, 6–9 July 2008. Contact: Tracey Kennedy, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5LW. (Tel: 02084112629, Fax: 02084114777, E-mail: icgr2@mdx.ac.uk. Web: <http://www.icgr.info>)

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Society for Behavioural Neuroendocrinology Annual Meeting, Groningen, The Netherlands, 9–12 July 2008. Contact: Society for Behavioural Neuroendocrinology. (Web: <http://www.sbne.org/>)

Federation of European Pharmacological Societies Congress 2008, Manchester, UK, 13–17 July 2008. Contact: EPHAR 2008. (E-mail: meetings@bps.ac.uk Web: <http://www.ephar2008.org/>)

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

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13th International Congress on Hormonal Steroids and Hormones and Cancer, Quebec City, Canada, 27-30 September 2008. Contact: Claude Dore, 2705 Laurier Blvd, 4th Floor T4-44, Quebec City (Quebec), G1V 4G2. (Tel: 418-654-2704, Fax: 418-654-2735, E-mail: info@ichshc2008.com, Web: <http://www.ichshc2008.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>)

6th Regional Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2-4 October 2008. European Society of Endocrinology. (E-mail: info@euro-endo.org, Web: <http://www.euro-endo.org/meetings>)

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>)

National Training Scheme for the use of Radioiodine in Benign Thyroid Disease, Birmingham, UK, 15 October 2008. Contact: Helen Flood, RCP West Midlands Regional Office, Postgraduate Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham B15 2TQ. (Tel: 0121 627 2859, Fax: 0121 627 5798, E-mail: helen.flood@uhb.nhs.uk)

2008 Cardiometabolic Health Congress, Boston, MA, USA, 16-18 October 2008. Contact: Jessica Joseph, 766 Shrewsbury Ave., Suite W-203, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. (Tel: 732-758-0233, Fax: 866-218-9168, E-mail: jj@cardiometabolichealth.org, Web: <http://www.cardiometabolichealth.org>)

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/>)

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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/>)

International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research, Beijing, China, 22-25 October 2008. Contact: International Bone and Mineral Society. (Web: <http://www.ibmsonline.org/Meetings/tabid/71/Default.aspx>)

30th British Andrology Society Meeting, Gijon, Spain, 22-25 October 2008. Contact: Alireza Fazeli. (E-mail: secretary@britishandrology.org.uk, Web: <http://www.britishandrology.org.uk/meetings.html>)

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/>)

Diabetes & Endocrinology; Something for Everyone, Edinburgh, UK, 29 October 2008. Contact: Christine Berwick Education Department, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ. (Tel: 0131 247 3634, Fax: 0131 220 4393, E-mail: c.berwick@rcpe.ac.uk, Web: <http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/education/events/diabetes-endocrinol-oct-08.php>)

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/>)

36th Meeting of the British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and diabetes, Swansea, UK, 5-7 November 2008. Contact: Shirine Borbor, BioScientifica, 22 Apex Court, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 4JT. (Tel: +44 (0) 1454 642 212, Fax: +44 (0) 1454 642 222, E-mail: conferences@endocrinology.org, Web: <http://www.bsped.org.uk/>)

Therapeutic Patient Education and the 4th International Dawn Summit, Budapest Hungary, 5-11 November 2008. Contact: Daniela Morein-Bar, 1-3, Rue du Chantepoulet, P.O. Box 1726, Geneva, CH-1211. (Tel: +41 22 908 0488, Fax: +41 22 732 2850, E-mail: tpe2008@kenes.com, Web: <http://www.kenes.com/tpe/>)

Therapeutic Patient Education and the 4th International Dawn Summit, 5-8 November 2008. Contact: Daniela Morein-Bar, 1-3, Rue du Chantepoulet, P.O. Box 1726, Geneva, CH-1211. (Tel: +41 22 908 0488, Fax: +41 22 732 2850, E-mail: tpe2008@kenes.com, Web: <http://www.kenes.com/tpe/>)

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>)

16th Annual Congress of the European Society of Gene and Cell therapy, Brügge, Belgium, 13-16 November 2008. Contact: Congrex, Sweden. (Tel: +46 8 459 66 00, E-mail: esgct@congrex.com, Web: <http://www.esgct.org>)

5th European Congress of Andrology, Rome, Italy, 26 November 2008. Contact: Organising Secretariat, FASI Srl, Via R. Venuti 73, 00162 Roma, Italy. (Tel: 0697605610, Fax: 0697605650, E-mail: a.pazzaglini@fasiweb.com, Web: <http://www.andrology2008.com/>)

Tecnobios Procreazione Symposium 2008 and 3rd International Conference on the Cryopreservation of the Human Oocyte, Bologna, Italy, 26-29 November 2008. Contact: Giovanni Coticchio, Tecnobios Procreazione, Via Dante 15, Bologna, 40125. (Tel: +39 051 2867511, Fax: +39 051 2867511, E-mail: congress@tecnobiosprocreazione.it, Web: <http://www.tecnobiosprocreazione.it/en/conferences/tecnobios-symposium-congress-2008.html>)

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/>)

Second Congress of the Asian-Pacific Congress on Contraception, Macau, China, 4-6 December 2008. Contact: ComtecMed, Eagle Business Consultant (HK) Ltd., 175 Xiang Yang Road South, Shanghai 200031, China. (Tel: +86 (21) 54660451, Fax: +86 (21) 5466 0450, E-mail: robyn@comtecmed.com, Web: <http://www.comtecmed.com/apcoc/2008/>)

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/>)

Fertility 2009, Edinburgh, UK, 7-9 January 2009. Contact: Jessica Canfor, Profile Productions Ltd, Northumberland House, 11 The Pavement, Popes Lane, London, W5 4NG. (Tel: 020 8832 7311, Fax: 020 8832 7301, E-mail: info@profileproductions.co.uk, Web: <http://www.profileproductions.co.uk>)

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/)

Society for Endocrinology BES 2009, Harrogate, UK, 16–19 March 2009. Contact: Shirine Borbor, Society for Endocrinology, 22 Apex Court, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 4JT. (Tel: +44 (0)1454 642 210, Fax: +44 (0)1454 642 222 E-mail: conferences@endocrinology.org, Web: <http://www.endocrinology.org>)

2nd Joint Meeting of the International Bone and Mineral Society and the Australian & New Zealand Bone & Mineral Society, Sydney, Australia, 21–25 March 2009. Contact: International Bone and Mineral Society. (Web: <http://www.ibms2009.com>)

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>)

8th International Conference on Pig Reproduction, Banff, Alberta, Canada, 31 May–4 June 2009. Contact: Sue Charlton, F79 Edmonton Research Station, Swine Research & Technology Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 2V8. (Tel: (780) 492-0063, Fax: (780) 492-6990, E-mail: susan.charlton@ualberta.ca, Web: <http://www.icpr2009.com>)

91st Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, Washington DC, USA, 10-13 June 2009. Contact: The Endocrine Society (Web: <http://www.endo-society.org/apps/Events/Event.cfm?EventID=1254>)

International Workshop on the Molecular Pharmacology and Therapeutics of Bone Disease, Oxford, UK, 6–8 July 2009. Contact: Janet Crompton, The Old White Hart, North Nibley, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 6DS. (Tel: +44 (0) 1453 549929, Fax: +44 (0) 1453 548919, E-mail: janet@janet-crompton.com)

International Symposium on Paget's Disease, Oxford, UK, 8–9 July 2009. Contact: Janet Crompton, The Old White Hart, North Nibley, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 6DS. (Tel: +44 (0) 1453 549929, Fax: +44 (0) 1453 548919, E-mail: janet@janet-crompton.com)

International Union of Physiological Sciences 36th World Congress, Kyoto, Japan, 27 July 2009–1 August 2009. Contact: International Union of Physiological Sciences. (Web: <http://iups.mcw.edu>)

8th Joint ESPE/LWPES Meeting, New York, 9-12 September 2009. Contact: ESPE Secretariat (Tel: +44 (0)1454 642208, E-mail: espe@eurospe.org, Web: <http://www.lwpes-espe2009.org/>)

80th Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association, Palm Beach, USA, 24-27 September 2009. Contact: Patrice Dickens (Tel: (703) 998-8890, Fax: (703) 998-8893, Web: <http://www.thyroid.org>)