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American Society for Surgery of the Hand conference and courses

The American Society for Surgery of the Hand will hold its 2000 annual meeting "Overcoming Adversity: Hand Surgeons Shaping the 21st Century" from Oct. 5 to 7, 2000, in Seattle, Wash. For further information contact the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, Suite 600, 6300 North River Rd., Rosemont IL 60018-4256; tel 874 384-8300, fax 847 384-1435, www.hand-surg.org

ACS clinical congress

The 2000 clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons will be held in Chicago from Oct. 22 to 27, 2000. The program includes 33 post-graduate courses, more than 350 hours of general and specialty sessions, more than 300 research-in-progress papers, a series of press conferences

and approximately 175 scientific exhibits. For further information contact the American College of Surgeons at 633 North Saint Clair St., Chicago IL 60611-3211; tel 312 202-5000, fax 312 202-5001, www.facs.org

Techniques in advanced laparoscopic and gynecologic surgery

The Mayo Clinic Scottsdale is sponsoring the 13th annual course "Techniques in Advanced Laparoscopic and Gynecologic Surgery." It will be held from Nov. 1 to 4, 2000, at the Grand Wailea Resort, Wailea, Hawaii (www.grandwailea.com). Course director is Dr. Javier F. Magrina. Credit: AMA Category I and ACOG (to be decided). Fees are US\$670. Contact: Sarah Dorste, CME Department, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, 13400 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale AZ 85259; tel 480 301-4661, fax 480

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Peer review in biomedical publication — call for abstracts

The fourth international congress on peer review in biomedical publication will be held from Sept. 14 to 16, 2001, at the Princess Sofia Inter-Continental Hotel in Barcelona, Spain. The *Journal of the American Medical Association* and the *British Medical Journal* invite abstracts on any aspect of editorial peer review, scientific publication and the dissemination of scientific information. Abstracts that summarize new research and findings will be given priority. The deadline for abstracts is Jan. 15, 2001. For information on preparing and submitting abstracts contact Annette Flanagan, JAMA, 515 North State St., Chicago IL 60610, USA; tel 312 464-2432, fax 312 464-5824, jama-peer@ama-assn.org ■

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