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Letter From the Editors

Ortho Dedication

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII International Congress of the World Apheresis Association and the XXIII Congresso Brasileiro de Hematologia e Hemoterapia (HEMO 98). This double meeting, billed as the most important scientific event in Latin America in 1998, will be held from October 9–13, 1998 in the Meliá Hotel and WTC Convention Center, São Paulo, Brazil. Contact: Executive Secretariat, Rua Pinto Gonçalves, 53, 05005-010 São Paulo, Brazil. For registration information, phone: (55-11) 873-1822, fax: (55-11) 864-4673, or e-mail: mlosso@uol.com.br

Annual Symposium. The National Institutes of Health, Department of Transfusion Medicine, announces the 17th annual symposium, Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion, September 24–25, 1998. The symposium is cosponsored by the American Red Cross and Baxter Biotech and is free of charge. Registration is required. Contact: Karen M. Cipolone, NIH/CC/DTM, Bldg. 10, Rm. 1C711, 10 Center Drive MSC 1184, Bethesda, MD 20893-1184; fax (301) 496-9990; e-mail kcipolone@dtm.cc.nih.gov

Kentucky State Meeting. The Kentucky Association of Blood Banks will hold their annual meeting September 18–19, 1998 at the Holiday Inn-East in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information contact: Sandy Liles at (502) 561-3644.

Regional Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion. The 10th Regional Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion, Western Pacific Region, will be held November 11–14, 1999 at the International Convention Center in Taipei, Taiwan. The program will attempt to cover all issues of general and specific interest in transfusion medicine including autologous blood transfusion, cytokines and gene therapy, HIV, HLA, molecular biology, stem cell transplantation, and red cell immunohematology. For information contact: Organizing Secretariat, ISBT 10th Regional Congress, 1999, PO Box 13-131, Taipei, Taiwan 100; phone (886) 2-365-2811; fax (886) 2-364-1239; e-mail tsbt@ms13.hinet.net

Web-Based Continuing Education Modules. The Division of Medical Laboratory Science at the University of Alberta is offering six continuing education (CE) modules in transfusion medicine. The primary target audiences are medical technologists and clinical laboratory scientists. The writing module may be useful to anyone in the healthcare profession. The Web modules can be accessed free of charge. However, if participants wish to earn CE credits, have assignments marked, or participate in discussion lists, the cost is (U.S.) $50.00 per module. The courses are available via the Internet using the WWW and class mailing lists. Contact: Pat Letendre, ple tendr@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca, Medical Laboratory Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For more information, see the DISTANCE EDUCATION link on my home page: http://www.ualberta.ca/~pletendr/