2009 Indian Ocean Rim Muscle Colloquium
January 21-23, 2009 - University of Western Australia, Perth Western Australia
The Colloquium brings together in an informal atmosphere, leading muscle researchers from India, Singapore and Australia for exchange of ideas and to foster collaborations. The deadline for abstracts for poster only consideration is Friday 9th January, 2009. Abstracts should be submitted via email to Ms Felicity Waters at fwaters@anhb.uwa.edu.au as Microsoft Word documents or RTF format.
See Web Site at: http://www.anhb.uwa.edu.au/about/Muscle2009

Physiology and Physiopathology of Excitation-Contraction Coupling
January 26, 2009 – Aula Magna of Vallisneri Interdepartmental Center, University of Padua, Italy
The study of Excitation-Contraction (E-C) Coupling has a long and productive history. E-C-coupling represents one of the best understood forms of cellular signal transduction, yet the molecular basis for this signalling mechanisms has not been completely unveiled. In the recent years, stunning progress has been made combining experimental approaches of cell and molecular biology, on the one hand, and of physiology, on the other: advancements have been obtained both of physiology and physiopathology of E-C coupling. The University of Padova is part of this formidable endeavour initiated exactly 50 years ago by Massimiliano Aloisi (1907-1999), the founder of the skeletal muscle research in Padova (P. Volpe)
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2009 UK Neuromuscular Translational Research Conference
March 26-27, 2009 - International Centre for Life, Newcastle, UK
The MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases and Muscular Dystrophy Campaign annual meeting will be held on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March 2009 at the International Centre for Life, Newcastle. This two-day conference aims to showcase the best UK neuromuscular science, and highlight its translation into patient benefit. The conference will include invited keynote speakers providing state of the art overviews, as well as platform and poster presentations from submitted abstracts. Professor DK Davies will deliver the John Walton Lecture. The two-day conference is designed to engage neuromuscular scientists and clinicians. The meeting will fulfill the aims of the previous MDC run symposium with parallel sessions on 26th March for the therapy networks.
See Web Site at: http://www.cnmd.ac.uk/news/MRC_Annual_Scientific_Meeting_2009

2009Spring Padua Muscle Days
April 26-28, 2009 – Terme Euganean & Padua, Italy
Organized by the University of Padua Interdepartmental Research Center of Myology (cirMYO) the 2009Spring PaduaMuscleDays will be held in Terme Euganean & Padua (Italy). Clara Franzini-Armstrong, Helmut Kern, Staley Salmons and Stefano Schiaffino accepted invitation and will be among the Lecturers. A Tutorial on “Denervated Muscle FES Training” will be organized by H. Kern, the Sessions on “Rise2-Italy Project” and “Functional Imaging of Muscle Tissue” by S. Masiero and U. Carraro. G. Fanò and C. Reggiani ware organizing Sessions on “Physical Exercise in Extreme Conditions” and C Angelini, A. Doria and T. Mongini Sessions on “Myopathies”. Send before 28th January 2009, a 250-word Summary of your presentation. If accepted, it will be printed in BAM 19 (3), 2009. Join us Sunday April 26, 2009, taking advantage of the advanced-booking All-inclusive-package of € 350 (threehundred and fifty Euros) for Registration and 3 days Full Board Accommodation in Hotel Augustus, Montegrotto Terme (Padua), Italy. See Web Site at: http://www.bio.unipd.it/bam/2009Spring
2009 Gordon Conference on Muscle Excitation/Contraction Coupling
June 14-19, 2009 - Waterville Valley Resort, Waterville Valley, NH
The 2009 Gordon Conference on Muscle Excitation/Contraction Coupling will present results of the latest research on the cellular organelles and molecular complexes that link excitation to contraction of muscle. The conference will emphasize the multi-disciplinary approaches used, including molecular structure, electron microscopy, biochemistry, molecular genetics, cell physiology, and animal studies. Speakers will address molecular interactions controlling the gating of ryanodine receptors, global and microscopic calcium movements across the plasma membrane and from the endo-sarcoplasmic reticulum into the myoplasm, mitochondrial calcium signaling, and the regulation of calcium signaling during muscle activity and fatigue. Speakers will also discuss roles of calcium in membrane damage and repair, and in muscle development, adaptation, aging and disease. Overall, this Conference will provide a collegial atmosphere for the exchange of ideas during scheduled discussion periods and during informal get-togethers in the afternoons and evenings and foster new research directions and scientific collaborations. Chair: Kurt Beam - Vice Chairs: Paul D. Allen & Francesco Zorzato

2009 Meeting of The Society of General Physiologists
Muscle in Health and Disease
September 9-13, 2009 - Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Ma, USA
The SGP hosts its annual meeting and symposium at the Marine Biological Laboratory every September. The meeting will cover aspects of cardiac, skeletal and smooth muscle, beginning with the proteins that generate and coordinate the production of force and movement, and end with topics on the maintenance and regeneration of the tissues. Throughout the presentations, both normal and disease aspects will be highlighted. Organized by D Eisner and HL Sweeney
See Web Site at: http://www.sgpweb.org/symposium2009.html

15th International Meeting of the World Muscle Society
September 9-12, 2009 – Geneva, Switzerland
The three day congress will follow the traditional WMS formula with 3 selected topics: New methods for assessing disease progression in neuromuscular disorders; The extracellular matrix in normal and diseased muscle (including collagen and glycosylation disorders, fibrosis, patterning and cell grafting); Advances in treatment of neuromuscular disorders

38th EMC Meeting of the European Society for Muscle Research
September 12-16, 2009 – Lille, France
You are all very welcome to Lille on Saturday Sept 12th. Organizing committee:
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Pr Laurence STEVENS - E-mail : laurence.stevens@univ-lille1.fr

2009 Autumn Padua Muscle Days
October 2009, Terme Euganee & Padua, Italy
Organized by the University of Padua Interdepartmental Research Center of Myology (cirMYO) the 2009 Autumn Padua Muscle Days will be held in Terme Euganee and Padua (Italy). Suggestions for Topics, Lecturers and Speakers are welcomed. See Web Site at: http://www.bio.unipd.it/bam/