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The Neonatal Society—AGM

2 February 1984, London

Further details: Dr N R C Roberton, Department of Paediatrics, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge CB2 2QQ

Paediatric Research Society

23–24 March 1984, Liverpool

Further details: Dr R G Pearse, Consultant Neonatal Paediatrician, The Jessop Hospital for Women, Leavygreave Road, Sheffield S3 7RE

2nd International Conference on Fetal and Neonatal Physiological Measurements

2–4 April 1984, Oxford

Further details: Dr Peter Rolfe, Head of Bio-Engineering Unit, Department of Paediatrics, University of Oxford, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU

British Paediatric Association—56th Annual Meeting

10–14 April 1984, York

Further details: British Paediatric Association, 23 Queen Square, London WC1N 3A2

The Neonatal Society (and Society for the Study of Inborn Errors of Metabolism)

4 May 1984, London

Further details: Dr N R C Roberton, Department of Paediatrics, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge CB2 2QQ

9th International Cystic Fibrosis Congress

9–15 June 1984, Brighton

Further details: Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3RS

European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition

27–29 June 1984, Tampere, Finland

Further details: Professor A S McNeish, Institute of Child Health, Francis Road, Birmingham B16 8ET

The Neonatal Society

20 July 1984, Oxford

Further details: Dr N R C Roberton, Department of Paediatrics, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge CB2 2QQ

9th European Congress of Perinatal Medicine

3–5 September 1984, Dublin, Ireland

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European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology

3–5 September 1984, Heidelberg, West Germany

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16–19 September 1984, Cambridge

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European Society for Paediatric Nephrology

17–20 September 1984, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia

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International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)

17–21 September 1984, Barcelona

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Paediatric Research Society

21–22 September 1984, Bristol

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British Association for Perinatal Paediatrics—9th Symposium

28 September 1984, Liverpool

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British Commonwealth Symposium on Chronic Diarrhoea in Childhood

5–7 November 1984, London

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