

prevention and treatment.

That is why these problems were in the focus of attention at the 5<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian Scientific-Practical Conference 'Osteoporosis: Epidemiology, Clinic, Diagnostics and Treatment, Odessa, Ukraine, June 2-4, 2003. In total 215 participants attended, physicians as well as research workers. The latter included 14 Doctors of Medical Science, 12 Professors, 6 Docents and 32 Candidates of Medical Science from different regions of Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Russian Federation, Belarus and Uzbekistan. The following topics were treated:

- (i) Epidemiology of osteoporosis;
- (ii) Morphogenesis of bone tissue;
- (iii) Osteoporosis and menopause;
- (iv) Osteoporosis in children;
- (v) Mechanisms of osteoporosis development;
- (vi) Clinical and x-ray data;
- (vii) Diagnosis;
- (viii) Prevention and treatment of primary and secondary osteoporosis;
- (ix) Osteoporosis and endo-prosthetics;
- (x) Osteoporosis at orthopedic pathology;
- (xi) Osteoporosis and parodontal diseases.

Satellite symposia concerned: (i) Menopause and bone/joints diseases, (ii) Pain syndromes during bones/joints diseases: mechanisms of onset, prevention and treatment, (iii) Calcium and vitamin D in osteoporosis prevention and treatment, (iv) The osseous system and parodontal diseases, and (v) Osteoporosis issues in traumatology and orthopedics.

The conference was an exceptional professional experience for all who participated, both research workers and practitioners, as it had been an excellent stage to learn about latest information and progress in the area of study on the mechanisms of osteoporosis development, diagnostics, prevention and treatment.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian Conference on 'The Osteoporosis: Epidemiology, Clinic, Diagnosis and Treatment' will be held from April 27 to May 2, 2004 in Kiev, Ukraine.

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## Calendar of Events

*July 7-9, 2004*

### **9th International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs**

Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France

Organizer: ICCHP

Info: [www.icchp.org/](http://www.icchp.org/)

*October 4-12, 2004*

### **ISAAC 2004 Biennial Conference**

Natal, Brazil

Organizer: International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Info: [www.isaac2004.fee.unicamp.br](http://www.isaac2004.fee.unicamp.br)

*November 4-5, 2004*

### **4th European Congress on Nutrition and Health in Elderly People**

Toulouse, France

Organizer: International Academy on Nutrition and Aging

Info: [www.healthandage.com/html/min/iananda/docs/ELDERLY\\_PRG.pdf](http://www.healthandage.com/html/min/iananda/docs/ELDERLY_PRG.pdf)

*November 19-23, 2004*

### **'Technology and Aging' event Convention of the Gerontological Society of America,**

Washington, DC, USA

Organizer: Formal Interest Group 'Technology & Aging'

Info: [www.gsa-tag.org/2004/index.html](http://www.gsa-tag.org/2004/index.html)

*May 24-27, 2005*

### **5th International Conference on Gerontechnology**

Nagoya Congress Center, Nagoya, Japan

Organizer: International Society for Gerontechnology

Info: <http://www2.convention.co.jp/5isg/>

*November, 2005*

### **'Technology and Aging' event Convention of the Gerontological Society of America,**

New Orleans, LA, USA

Organizer: Formal Interest Group 'Technology & Aging'

Info: [www.gsa-tag.org/2005/index.html](http://www.gsa-tag.org/2005/index.html)