

## News and Notes

### **XI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF LEPROSY, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO 11–18 NOVEMBER 1978**

The attention of all our readers is drawn to this important Congress.

Registrations, hotel reservations, social events, tours and in general all administrative matters concerning this Congress will be handled by the Local National Committee. Please address to: *XI International Congress of Leprosy, Asociacon Mexicana de Accion Contra La Lepra A.C., Dr Vertiz 464, Mexico 7. D. F. MEXICO.*

#### **Scientific Programme**

##### WORKSHOPS

(1) Chairmen and members have been named to participate in workshops on the following themes: experimental leprosy; microbiology; immunology; experimental chemotherapy; epidemiology and control (including field therapy) and social aspects. The respective chairmen will inform members of their workshop on which day they will meet (9, 10 and 11 November) before the opening day of the Congress. Reports of these workshops will be presented to participants when they register.

##### ORGANIZATION OF CONGRESS SESSIONS

(2) After the first plenary session (on epidemiology and control), simultaneous scientific sessions will be organized under the following themes: experimental leprosy; clinical aspects; microbiology; immunology; social aspects; experimental chemotherapy; therapy; rehabilitation and clinicopathological aspects (including nerve damage).

The main presentations at each session will be made by participants who have already been informed by the chairmen of the session at which their paper will be presented.

##### FREE COMMUNICATIONS

(3) A very limited number of papers (of 10 min duration) on aforementioned themes will be accepted for reading at each of the scientific sessions.

##### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

(4) It will be an innovation at the Congress.

## CLINICAL SESSION

(5) Patients with Lucio Leprosy will be shown at the Pascua Dermatological Centre.

For information about the Scientific Programme, presentation of free papers and so on, please write to: *Dr Stanley G. Browne, Secretary General, International Leprosy Association, 57A, Wimpole Street, London W1M 7JF, England.*

**4TH LEPROSY WORKSHOP IN BOMBAY**

Leprosy research in Bombay continues to be stimulated by the periodical workshops organized by the Acworth Leprosy Hospital Society for Research, Rehabilitation and Education in Leprosy [see *Lepr. Rev.* **48**(2), 135]. The Proceedings of the 4th workshop included: Electrodermatological studies in leprosy, by V. V. Dongre and J. C. Sharaff; Recording of compound nerve action potentials in sensory nerves, by S. S. Pandya; A follow-up of private school detected leprosy cases in Bombay, by C. R. Revankar and S. S. Jha; Associated cases in the families of school children with leprosy, by R. Ganapati [see *Lepr. Rev.* **49**(1), 43–46]; Irregularity of dapsone intake in infectious leprosy patients attending an urban treatment centre, its magnitude and causes, by S. S. Naik, Honorary Secretary of the Society. His address is: *Acworth Leprosy Hospital, Wadala, Bombay 400 031, India.*

**OLD ISSUES OF *LEPROSY REVIEW***

Requests are being received, especially from developing libraries in countries where leprosy is endemic, for old issues of *Leprosy Review*, especially Volumes 1 to 30. It will be appreciated if anyone able to spare any of these will contact *The Director, Lepra, Fairfax House, Causton Road, Colchester CO1 1PU.*

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION****Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases****THE SEARCH FOR SCIENTISTS TO SEARCH FOR THE TOOLS  
TO CONTROL THE TROPICAL DISEASES**

The search for new tools to control disease in the tropical countries requires scientists of many disciplines. Molecular and cell biologists, biochemists, immunologists, parasitologists and entomologists are among those whose contributions are needed.

The research areas covered by the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases are:

- malaria, schistosomiasis, filariasis, trypanosomiasis, leishmaniasis and leprosy;
- epidemiology, biomedical sciences, biological control of vectors, and socio-economic research.

Specific fields within these research areas are developed by the Programme's Scientific Working Groups. Scientists from any country are welcome to submit proposals for research grants within the specific fields. All enquiries should be addressed to:

The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases  
World Health Organization  
1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland

For those persons seeking contact with Special Programme participants in the United Kingdom, a Special Programme Committee has been set up by a group of interested scientists there to provide such information. The Committee also has research proposal forms available. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Professor David Bradley, Chairman  
UK National Committee of the TDR  
c/o Mrs J. Beard  
Medical Research Council  
20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL, U.K.

Should scientists in other countries wish to organize such liaison Committees, we should be pleased to collaborate with them and to publicize their activities. Any suggestions in this regard should be addressed to the Director of the Special Programme.