

Field Workers Forum

(Even at the risk of repetition, we continue to supply under this heading, information which may be of value to medical and para-medical field workers. Its general object is that it should, (1) help people to do their work more effectively and (2) enable them to analyse and report findings, chance observations — and difficulties — for the information of others working in leprosy. *Editor.*)

The Leprosy Mission, 50 Portland Place, London WIN 3DG. Books and Pamphlets available from TLM, June 1979.

Miss Jane Neville has very kindly supplied the following list and information. The letters shown on the left of each item in brackets have the following meaning —

(L)= Any literate person. (A)= Auxiliary. (P)= Trained nurse, programme manager or other professional. (D)= Doctor. (S)= Specialist.

(A) *A Guide to Leprosy for Field Staff*

W. F. ROSS (ALERT Addis Ababa); Publisher—African Medical and Research Foundation; 1977; Revised edition; 62 pages; many diagrams and illustrations.

This book is for the paramedical worker and is written in simple English.

(D, P) *The Diagnosis and Management of Early Leprosy*

S. G. BROWNE; Publisher—The Leprosy Mission, London; Revised edition 1979; 35 pages with illustrations.

(P, D) *Memorandum on Leprosy Control*

S. G. BROWNE; Publishers—jointly—Oxfam, LEPRO and The Leprosy Mission; 1976; 27 pages. Outlines in simple and mainly non-technical language the modern approach to leprosy control.

(A) *A Practical Guide to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Leprosy in the Basic Health Unit*

H. W. WHEATE & J. M. H. PEARSON (ALERT Addis Ababa); Publisher—German Leprosy Relief Association (DAHWA); 1978; 26 pages; illustrated.

Written for health centre staff in Africa, and it aims to help any member of the team diagnose leprosy accurately and to initiate treatment.

(P, D) *Essentials of Leprosy*

Ed. J. M. H. PEARSON & H. W. WHEATE (ALERT Addis Ababa); Publisher—German Leprosy Relief Association (DAHWA); 1979.

- (P, A) *Physical Therapy in Leprosy for Paramedicals*
 ELLEN DAVIS KELLY; Publisher—American Leprosy Missions Inc.; 1978;
 235 pages; Bibliography; diagrams.
 This manual covers everything a paramedical should know in order
 to give good physical therapy care to patients.
- (A, P) *Anatomy and Physiology Prerequisites for Physical Therapy
 Technicians in Leprosy Service*
 Ellen Davis Kelly; Publisher—American Leprosy Missions Inc.; 1976; 174
 pages.
 A self-instructional work book (programmed learning) on anatomy
 and physiology.
- (L, A) *A Guide to Health Education in Leprosy*
 P. J. NEVILLE (ALERT Addis Ababa); Publisher—German Leprosy
 Relief Association (DAHW); Revised edition 1979; 20 pages.
 A handbook on patient education and self care.
- (D, P) *The Care of the Nose in Leprosy*
 R. P. E. BARTON; Publishers—jointly LEPROA and The Leprosy Mission; 12
 page booklet.
- (D, P) *Insensitive Feet*
 P. W. BRAND; Publisher—The Leprosy Mission, London; 1977; 88 pages;
 illustrated.
 A practical handbook on foot problems in leprosy; in particular
 discussing ways of recognizing early signs and so making it possible
 to prevent deformity.
- (D, P, A) *A Footwear Manual for Leprosy Control Programmes*
 P. J. NEVILLE (Editor) (ALERT Addis Ababa); Publisher—German
 Leprosy Relief Association (DAHW); 1977.
 This manual is printed in two parts—
 PART I contains information for Administrators of Footwear
 programmes and for the prescribers of footwear or simple
 appliances (doctors, supervisors).
 PART II is for the workshop technician; contains many drawings
 for the manufacture of the shoes or appliances.
- (D, P) *Leprosy Control Services as an Integral Part of Primary Health Care
 Programs in Developing Countries*
 HORST BUCHMANN; Publisher—German Leprosy Relief Association
 (DAHW); 1978; 80 pages; Extensive bibliography.
 This booklet represents a revised version of the author's thesis
 submitted for a degree in public health.
- (D, P) *Drugs to Combat Dapsone Resistance*
 ILEP Publication No. 1; Heathrow Report 1977. Printed by LEPROA; 20
 pages.
 Guidelines for the therapeutic selection of drugs to be used in large
 scale leprosy control programmes in view of the emergence of
 dapsone resistance.

(A, P, D) *Drug Resistance in Leprosy*

S. G. BROWNE; Publisher—The Leprosy Mission; 6 page pamphlet.

Concerns the recognition of sulphone resistant leprosy and practical recommendations as to how to deal with it.

(L) *Danger and Safety in Leprosy*

MASAYOSHI ITOH & PAUL W. BRAND; Publisher—The Leprosy Mission; 1965; 44 pages.

Cartoon pictures designed for the literate patient but which could also be used as a basis for designing posters.

(A) *Partners*

A magazine for paramedical workers in leprosy; Publisher—The Leprosy Mission; twice a year; 20 pages; illustrated.

NOTE—To receive PARTNERS in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Burma, write to The Leprosy Mission, Massey Hall, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi 110001.

A French edition is available from: La Mission Évangélique contre La Lèpre, chemin de Rêchoz, 1027 Lonay/VD, Switzerland.

(D, P) *Handbook of Leprosy*

W. H. JOPLING; Publisher—Heinemann Medical Books Ltd., London; 1978; 139 pages; illustrations and bibliography; second edition. £3.75

(D, P) *Leprosy*

A. BRYCESON and R. E. PFALTZGRAFF; Publisher—Churchill Livingstone; 1979; second edition. £4.00

(S, P) *Reconstructive Surgery in Leprosy*

E. P. FRITSCHI; Publisher—John Wright & Sons Ltd., Bristol but available from The Christian Literature Society, Post Box 501, Madras 600 003. 1971; 225 pages; illustrations and bibliography.

Handbook for surgeons, but physiotherapists and occupational therapists in the reconstructive surgery or rehabilitation team will also find it useful.

(P, D) *WHO Expert Committee on Leprosy*

5th Report; WHO Technical Report Series No. 607, 1977

£1.68

(P, D) *Leprosy in Children*

WHO; 28 pages; excellent colour photographs

*Publications may also be obtained direct from their publishers:*African Medical and Research Foundation,
P.O. Box 31025,
Nairobi, Kenya.American Leprosy Missions Inc.,
1262 Broad Street,
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003, U.S.A.German Leprosy Relief Association (DAHW),
D 8700 Wurzburg,
Postfach 348, Germany.Churchill Livingstone,
Longman Group Ltd.,
Ravelston Terrace,
Edinburgh, Scotland.

LEPRA,
Fairfax House,
Causton Road,
Colchester CO1 1PU,
Essex, England

World Health Organization,
Geneva,
Switzerland.

William Heinemann Medical Books Ltd.,
15 Queen Street,
London W.1.

Voluntary Health Association of India,
C-14 Community Centre,
Safdarjung Development Area,
New Delhi-110 016, India.

Films on Leprosy produced in October–November, 1978 by NSL
Nederlandse Stichting voor Leprabestrijding (NSL), Mauritskade
63,1092 AD Amsterdam

KARIBU (Be Welcome)

A film by: Manus van de Kamp

Camera: Garnt Koopmans

Time Length: 31 min./15 sec.

Sound; optical

Location: Kenya.

“Leprosy is neither a curse, nor a hereditary disease. Neither can one contract it from the eating of fish, nor of goat’s flesh, nor even of cassava. Leprosy is a disease, that, just like so many other types of illness, is caused by a “Dudu” (an insect), a bacillus. Yet this type of illness can be cured, if one reports straight to the nearest health centre when spotting the very first signs of the disease, and if one will take without fail the “Dawa” (tablets), prescribed by the doctor.

In that case these horrible “Dudus” won’t stand a chance to transmit the disease to other, still healthy people, and the disease won’t be able to lead to paralysis or mutilation.

For this very reason, one can with all one’s heart say: ‘Karibu’, Be Welcome, to a leprosy patient, who never fails to take his tablets, as a fully accepted member of our society.”

KUSTA (Leprosy)

A film by: Manus van de Kamp

Camera: Garnt Koopmans

Time Length: 27 min./30 sec.

Sound: optical

Location: Indonesia (Tangerang near Jakarta, Surabaya and Sulawesi, formerly Celebes.

“More than 140 million inhabitants, scattered across the Indonesian archipelago, consisting of over 13,000 islands. This is but one of the problems the Indonesian Authorities are facing in their campaign against leprosy. In some of the islands the population is so dense, that the chances of the spreading of leprosy are higher, than in the less densely populated areas of the world. So there one not seldom shows a deeply rooted fear of the disease, that they call “Kusta” (a word taken from the Sanskrit), the mean disease,

mutilitating people and bringing about intense human suffering. This film will try and give the audience a picture of to-day's efforts applied in Indonesia to establish an effective control system of the still widely endemic disease in this part of the world."

MORBUS HANSEN (Hansen's Disease)

A film by: Manus van de Kamp

Camera: Garnt Koopmans

Time length: 25 min.

Sound: optical

Location: Kenya and Indonesia

"History sometimes leads to the conclusion that for a long time the campaign in the fight against leprosy was aimed at the leprosy patient, rather than against the very cause, namely: the leprosy bacillus (the *Mycobacterium Leprae*), discovered by the Norwegian medical doctor Gerhard Henrik Armauer HANSEN in 1873. Yet this seemingly obvious conclusion appears on critical examination far from justified. For if ever the leprosy patient was discriminated against, and even banned from society in those days, it merely happened because of the fact that there was just no herbal cure for it.

This "herb" was discovered only after World War Two, when in 1948 DDS, diamino difenyl sulfon, was found to serve as an extremely effective chemo-therapeutic medicine (other chemo-therapeutic medicines, though far more costly, have meanwhile been developed).

This film wishes to confront the audience with some aspects of modern leprosy control, both in Indonesia and Kenya. For example the school (random) surveys play an important role in the continuous hunt for this disease in its most early stage."

Copies can be ordered through NSL, Amsterdam

Costs: HFL. 2.000,—per copy with English commentary, unaltered.

HFL. 2.00,—per copy with Dutch commentary, unaltered.

HFL. 2.000,—per copy with Swahili commentary, unaltered, of KARIBU.

HFL. 2.000,—per copy with Bahasa Indonesia commentary, unaltered, of KUSTA.

HFL. 5.500,—per copy with any other commentary.

HFL. 2.000,—per each extra copy of the same commentary.

Above quotes do not include shipping costs.

We reprint the following entry with grateful acknowledgement to the Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

**MEDDIA,
INTERNATIONAL SLIDEBANK OF TROPICAL DISEASE**

The Royal Tropical Institute of Amsterdam in association with the Council of European Schools of Tropical Medicine are producing a series of ten visual reading programmes on parasitic diseases.

The first on the market is one on Schistosomiasis. The issue consists of a microfiche handviewer, a sheet of 84 microfiche coloured photographs and a fifteen page explanatory booklet on the pictures. The booklet associated with the coloured photographs is excellent. The booklet starts with a brief account of the life history of schistosomiasis and then there are brief descriptions of all 84 photographs which cover the life history of the parasite and the clinical symptoms of the disease. The handviewer however is rather disappointing and focussing can be a problem but at a price of only \$2 perfection can not be expected. Schistosomiasis is the only disease so far presented but leprosy, malaria, trypanosomiasis and basically all the tropical parasitic diseases will follow making up a total of ten issues. At \$9 per disease with picture strip and instruction booklet this is a good production. At a total cost of \$65 for all ten diseases including the viewer it is excellent. It can also be purchased as unmounted slides at \$15 per disease or \$130 the set.

The Royal Tropical Institute are to be congratulated on this production.

ROYAL TROPICAL INSTITUTE, AMSTERDAM

**APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH DIRECTORY,
December 1978, WHO, GENEVA**

This is a 75-page, paperback, Directory, issued by WHO, compiled by the Appropriate Technology for Health Programme (ATH), giving information on 382 organisations, institutions and individuals in 75 countries. It is an extremely valuable document, covering a wide range of health and related disciplines, with a brief summary of the main activities and interests under each entry, and the address. The Introduction includes a plea that all those working in ATH should complete a questionnaire, so that their information may be included. Individuals and agencies working in leprosy should take note of this, since the subject is as yet by no means fully listed in this Directory.

WHO PUBLICATIONS; CATALOGUE 1947-1977

We have previously drawn attention to this complete list of WHO publications. The previously well known "Guide to Leprosy Control" (1966) is a reprint of WHO document PA/66.214. More recent publications on leprosy in this Catalogue include:—

*NOUSSITOU, F. M. ET AL. (1976)

Leprosy in Children

WHO publication, Geneva, 28 p. illus. Available in English, French, Spanish.

*SANSARRICQ, H. (1976)

La Lèpre. Epidémiologie—Principles de lutte

3ème Cours International en Langue Française de Surveillance Epidémiologique et de Lutte Contre les Maladies Transmissibles, Genève, 5-9 avril 1976 WHO document code not indicated. Available in French only.

*WALTER, J. ET AL. (1976)

Formulation of a Leprosy Programme

WHO document LEP/WP/76.4. English only. Paper presented at the WHO Expert Committee on Leprosy, Geneva, 19–25 October 1976.

*GUILBERT, J. J. (1976)

How to Organize a Short Educational Workshop

WHO document HMD/76.1 addendum

*WHO Catalogue of Publications 1947–1973;

*Supplement to the WHO Catalogue of Publications, 1974–1976.

Health Centre Laboratory Manual for Tropical Countries by Monica Cheesbrough FIMLS Tech. RMS

We have previously drawn attention to this Manual which is available from Rural Communications, South Petherton, Somerset, U.K., TA13 5BS. Cost £1.50 plus 54 p. postage in U.K. and Europe; 95p and 43p postage in developing countries.

Not to be confused with this, is the preparation of a further “hospital laboratory manual for developing countries”. We are indebted to the WHO Chronicle for the following entry:—

In preparation a hospital laboratory manual for developing countries

Miss M. Cheesbrough, a former WHO Temporary Adviser, is currently engaged in the preparation of a low-cost laboratory manual that can be used for both working and training purposes in district and regional hospitals in as many developing countries as possible.

Readers who have found it necessary to modify a laboratory method, to develop a new technique, or to design new equipment for the diagnosis of diseases prevalent in developing countries, and who would like to share this information with others, are requested to send full details, together with illustrations if appropriate, to Miss M. Cheesbrough, c/o Dr J. McArthur, Landbeach, Cambridge CB4 4ED, England, as soon as possible.

(Those with considerable experience in laboratory work in leprosy should remember that others may find it difficult to assess — and write — on subjects such as fluorescence in the detection of acid-fast bacilli in leprosy, nasal smears, the choice of sites for slit-skin smears, the best use of various fixatives, etc. Monica Cheesbrough would welcome correspondence.)

RURAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES, 17 St James' Street, South Petherton, Somerset, England

RCS have kindly written to remind us that amongst their many activities they are the UK distributors for **WHERE THERE IS NO DOCTOR**, by David Werner. It costs £3.91, including postage (£2.40 to people in developing countries).