

## Reports, News and Notes

### **XII International Leprosy Congress, New Delhi, India, 20–25 February 1984**

An information brochure has already been widely circulated giving details of the Workshops, Sessions of Congress, fees and instructions to authors. Abstracts should reach Dr S G Browne, Secretary General, International Leprosy Association, 16 Bridgefield Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2DG, England, not later than 30 June 1983.

### **XI International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria, Canada**

This will be held in Calgary, 16–22 September 1984 and the programme will include plenary sessions, symposia, workshops and free communication (oral and poster) sessions. The subject matter will include the following:

- 1 Malaria and other parasitic and infectious diseases of the tropics.
- 2 Nutrition and health in the tropics.
- 3 Health care services for tropical communities.
- 4 Population dynamics: maternal and child health protection.
- 5 Environmental health protection: water, liquid and solid wastes, disease vectors.
- 6 Impact and management of tropical disease problems in the temperate zone.
- 7 The development process: impact on health in the tropics.

The objectives are to provide a review of current knowledge of the major disease problems of the tropics; an assessment of the state-of-the-art for prevention, control and treatment of these diseases.

The Committee requests that participants give special consideration to progress being achieved and problems still unsolved in addressing curative and preventive measures. New and significant findings and concepts will be particularly welcome.

Apply: Secretariat, Conference Office, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4.

### **British Council Tuberculosis Course, September 1983**

This will be directed by Professor Wallace Fox of the Medical Research Council Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases Unit, Brompton Hospital, London, and Professor D A Mitchison, Honorary Director at the Medical Research Council Unit for Laboratory Studies of Tuberculosis, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London. The first week will be at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and the second week at the Cardiothoracic Institute. There will be a 3-day review of leprosy at the National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, organized by Dr M J Colston.

Apply to British Council representatives in any country.

**Second European Course in Tropical Epidemiology, Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, August–September 1983**

The course is open to physicians and other persons with a professional interest in the field of tropical medicine and hygiene. It will provide participants with additional skills in the epidemiological ascertainment of local health problems and service priorities, especially in the planning of local field studies. Emphasis will be on the adaptation of standard epidemiological methods in the particular conditions of most developing countries, on the interpretation of data obtainable in such countries, and on the reporting of field studies. The number of participants will be limited.

The 1983 course will be organized at the Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam. The following institutes and schools collaborate in the development and conduct of the course: Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam; Institute for Tropical Medicine, Antwerp; Institute of Tropical Hygiene, Heidelberg; Liverpool School of Tropical Hygiene; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Further information can be obtained from: H J Nordbeck, Epidemiology and Statistics Section, Department of Tropical Hygiene, Royal Tropical Institute, Mauritskade 63, 1092 AD Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**ILEP Catalogue on Training, 1983**

A catalogue of training centres has been produced by ILEP, London. The nine centres listed are as follows:

ALERT, All Africa Leprosy and Rehabilitation Training Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Bamako, Institut Marchoux, Bamako, Mali.  
Carville, National Hansen's Disease Center, Carville, U.S.A.  
Dakar, Institut de Léprologie Appliquée, Fann, Dakar, Senegal.  
Fontilles, Sanatorio de Fontilles, Alicante, Spain.  
Karigiri, Schieffelin Leprosy Research and Training Centre, Karigiri, India.  
Ujung Pandang, National Leprosy Training Centre, Indonesia.  
Wau, National Leprosy Training and Demonstration Centre, Wau, Sudan.  
Yaounde, Centre d'Enseignement de l'OCEAC, Yaounde, Cameroon.

Details have also been supplied of courses run by Dr Jacinto Convit in the Pan-American Centre for Research and Training in Leprosy and Tropical Diseases, Instituto Nacional de Dermatología, Caracas, Apartado 4043, Correo de Carmelitas, Caracas 1010, Venezuela. His courses for 1984 have not yet been finalized, but are likely to be on similar lines. Full addresses are in the ILEP catalogue and full details of 1983 and subsequent courses may be obtained on application to the centre concerned. It should be noted that in most cases bookings have to be made far in advance.

**AIGA publications: *Some important questions about Hansen's disease, and some plain answers***

We are indebted to Fay Diers Lindsay, Editor, AIGA Publications, 744 Frances Harriet Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70815, U.S.A. for a copy of this 9-page booklet. It uses question and answer format to raise some basic questions about leprosy, and to answer them in simple easily understood terms. It is unusual in having a translation into Hausa (one of the Nigerian languages) and the organization seems to be interested in the translation of similar material into languages such as Arabic, Spanish, Hawaiian pidgin, Vietnamese and Tagalog.

**CHROMACOPY: photocopies in colour**

Not altogether surprisingly, in view of the astonishing progress in black-and-white photostat technology, it is now possible to make copies in colour from colour originals. Copies can also be made from three-dimensional objects provided they are not more than 4 inches (10 cm) deep. Apply for further details to either Chromocopy Franchise, DPM Design Consultants Ltd, DPM House, 63 Poland Street, London W1V 3DF or Chromocopy Overseas Office, 227 East 56th Street, New York, New York 10022, U.S.A. The charges are far from high and the quality is good.

***Excerpta Medica Abstract Journals. Leprosy and related subjects (Section 51)***

In addition to the clinical, experimental, legal, political, psychological and public-health related aspects of leprosy and the leprosy bacillus per se, this relatively specific section includes material on tuberculosis and other mycobacterial diseases and related pathology, particularly to the extent that their management, prevention or epidemiology may be relevant to the leprosy problem.

All this information which is currently found not only in specific leprosy journals but scattered over primary journals in many different disciplines is concentrated in a single convenient source, and is published with the aid of the Netherland Leprosy Relief Association. The subscription price (10 issues per year) is Dfl 190.00 and for America and Canada US\$65.00 (including postage). Back volumes are available. Apply to: Excerpta Medica, PO Box 1126, 1000 BC Amsterdam, The Netherlands or PO Box 3085, Princeton, New Jersey, 0840, USA.