

Post-congress workshops and seminars

Full accounts of these workshops will no doubt eventually be available for publication and at this stage it is only possible to give the following information:

1 Workshop on the Defective Macrophage in Leprosy, 27–28 February 1984

Venue: The Foundation for Medical Research, 84-A, R G Thadani Marg, Worli, Bombay, 400018, India

Further information from: Dr N H Antia, The Foundation for Medical Research, 84-A, R G Thadani Marg, Worli, Bombay 400018, India.

Resource personnel: 1, Staff of the immunology division of FMR. 2, Invitees participating in the seminar.

'The immunology division of the Foundation for Medical Research was one of the first groups to initiate studies on the role of macrophage in the immune defect in leprosy. Since 1976, extensive work has been carried out in assessment of *Mycobacterium leprae*-induced alterations in the macrophage membrane, characterization of macrophage-derived suppressor factors and genetic control of macrophage susceptibility of *M. leprae*. The results demonstrate a central macrophage defect in leprosy and have provided new means to evaluate immunomodulating agents and anti-leprosy drugs.*

2 Workshop on Health Education in Leprosy, 27–28 February 1984

Venue: Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation, Hindinagar, Wardha, Maharashtra 442103, India.

Further information from: Mr S P Tare, Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation, Hindinagar, Wardha, Maharashtra 442103, India.

Resource persons: Mr S P Tare, Director; Prof. R K Mutatkar, Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Poona, Poona, India.

* For those attending this meeting in Bombay, Dr Antia and his colleagues (T J Birdi, P R Mahadevan, N F Mistry and P R Salgame) produced a comprehensive review on *The Defective Macrophage in Leprosy* with the following main headings:

Ch. I, 'The role of the macrophage in a normal immune response', pp. 1–11; Ch. II, 'Parasite survival mechanisms within the host', pp. 12–21; Ch. III, 'The immune defect in leprosy', pp. 22–40; Ch. IV, '*M. leprae* induced alterations in the macrophage', pp. 41–102; Ch. V, 'Evidence for an inherent susceptibility to *M. leprae* as reflected in the macrophage', pp. 103–57; Ch. VI, 'An overview', pp. 158–74; Ch. VII, 'Applications derived from monitoring of macrophages *in vitro* functions', pp. 175–92; 'References', pp. 193–208.

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3 Seminar on Foot Care, 6 March–9 March 1984

Venue: Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital, Salur, Vizianagaram Dt, Andhra Pradesh 532591, India.

Resource persons: 1, Dr P W Brand (Carville); 2, Dr E P Fritschi (Karigiri).

4 Seminar on Eye Problems in Leprosy, 6 March–9 March 1984

Venue: Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital, Salur, Vizianagaram Dt, Andhra Pradesh 532591, India.

Resource persons: 1, Mrs Margaret Brand (Carville); 2, Staff of the Ophthalmic Unit, Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital

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