

## Teaching Materials and Services

### **Announcement for the International Course on Management of Rehabilitation and Prevention of Impairment and Disability (RPOID) in 1999**

After the successful introduction of the modular concept into the RPOID course 1998, we have now decided to run a separate 2-week course in RPOID management, which will be followed by a 4-week RPOID skills course in January/February 2000.

The 1999 **RPOID management course** will aim at teaching concepts in rehabilitation and POID, approaches to rehabilitation, rehabilitation and POID management, including monitoring and evaluation of activities in these areas. The course will be based on the concepts and terminology used in the International Classification of Impairments, Activities and Participation (ICIDH-2) published by the WHO.

For a limited number of participants an opportunity will be offered for additional in-service training during the week following the management course (29 November to 3 December 1999). Selected participants will be assigned on a one-to-one basis to a tutor who will guide them through a self-learning programme.

Available topics include institutional rehabilitation, CBR, expanding the services of a leprosy hospital to serve people with other rehabilitation needs, agricultural rehabilitation, statistics and information systems, footwear, prosthesis and orthoses, physiotherapy and occupational therapy. These placements will be available strictly by arrangement prior to the course only.

*Dates:* 15–26 November 1999 (2 weeks)

*Target Group:* Managers of rehabilitation and/or POID programmes, senior hospital staff, senior leprosy control staff and doctors with managerial responsibilities for RPOID activities.

**The RPOID skills course** will aim at RPOID-related assessments, such as nerve function assessment, psychosocial assessment, ADL assessment, impairment assessment and socio-economic assessment, treatment and rehabilitation interventions. The second course will therefore concentrate on skills acquisition. Through optional workshops the second course will offer the opportunity to study certain topics in more depth. The course will include a 1-week field trip to practise the learned skills in a real programme setting.

*Dates:* 10 January to 4 February 2000 (4 weeks)

*Target group:* Physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers and field staff with responsibility for the assessment, treatment and/or rehabilitation of people needing RPOID interventions.

Teaching/learning methods (both courses): Lectures, group discussion, group assignments, individual assignments, practical work in small groups, problem-based learning, self study, presentations, and simulation exercises. The teaching medium is English. Because of the complicated nature of the subject, a high fluency in both spoken and written English is required. Experience in leprosy work will be an advantage, but is not essential.

*Venue:* The Green Pastures Training Centre in Pokhara, Nepal.

*Course fees* (including board and lodging): \$175 per week.

*Further information:* Detailed information can be obtained from: The Training Officer, GPTC, PO Box 28, Pokhara 33701, Nepal. Tel: +977 61 24562, Fax: +977 61 20430, e-mail: gptc@inf.org.np.

### **Forum on leprosy up and running**

After many painful experiences, the Internet 'Forum on Leprosy' is now up and running. There are various 'categories' where those who already are on-board and those thinking about joining, will be free to post articles. When posting articles, look for the 'Send New Message' on the top browser bar and hit that button. Then 'Choose a category' under which to file your message.

The categories embrace most of the various aspects of leprosy—'Clinical Pathology', 'Research', 'Immunology', 'Leprosy Organizations', 'Reconstructive Surgery', 'Rehabilitation/Occupational Therapy', 'Immunology', 'Reactional States', 'Diagnosis and Differential Diagnosis', 'Bookshops on the Net where leprosy books are available', 'Prevention of Disability', 'Epidemiology', 'Control', 'Social and Psychological Aspects', 'Chemotherapy/Drugs', 'Treatment' etc. There is a department where everyone may feel free to contribute out of their expertise. If you would like to join, forward your details and e-mail address to: Keith Skillicorn, International Benevolent Services, 'Rosehaven', Unit 4, 953 North East Road, Modbury, South Australia 5092, Australia. Your e-mail address will be sent to 'DELPHI' (the organization which provides this facility), who will e-mail you the Registration Form. It takes only minutes to fill in the details and e-mail it back to DELPHI. There is no charge.

### **TALC (Teaching Aids at Low Cost) 1999 Newsletter**

Despite difficulties in many countries, TALC's books, slides and accessories continue to get through to health workers to ease suffering. In the health field malaria remains more prevalent than any other disease so it is disappointing that the book on malaria, which we had hoped to include in the 1998 catalogue, is still not ready and will be unavailable for some time.

The need for TALC books, slides and equipment, which help to save lives and prevent suffering, has never been greater.

'To prevent this downward trend of "continuing medical ignorance", from which no-one is immune, we need continuing medical education. For this we need books, journals, etc'. Wrote Dr Tekolla Belaingh Desalegn, Head Dept. Surgery, Deder Hospital.

This year we have a number of new books and slide sets which we feel meet an urgent need. You will find them in the 1999 catalogue.

We would like to draw your attention to a new venture for TALC. This is a range of books listed under '*Speciality Titles*'. These do not come in the normal TALC low-cost range, but are well established text books written for doctors, nurses and midwives, which we can distribute at an affordable price. They include the comprehensive 20th edition of *Mansons Tropical Diseases* which runs to over 1700 pages; *Hutchinsons Clinical Methods*, *Myles Textbook for Midwives* and *Tropical Medicine & Parasitology*, also the excellent *Bailliere's Nurses and Midwives dictionaries*. There is also a colour illustrated book on **dermatology** and two books on **first aid**. Perhaps if you need a speciality item, or library pack you might approach a local NGO who could fund your needs for ongoing education.

TALC has always played a major part in the battle against AIDS and HIV. The *Strategies for Hope* series of books and videos which we distribute on this subject, is widely acclaimed. Dr Sandra Anderson of the UNAIDS Regional office in South Africa: comments 'The content of the books are superb and they are so captivating and user friendly. The conclusions are both insightful and helpful. In brief, the books are inspired and inspirational'. The latest **Strategies for Hope** book, *Under the Mupundu Tree*, addresses the dual epidemic of HIV and tuberculosis and is accompanied by a video. *Clinical*

*Tuberculosis* has now been translated into 17 languages. Most are available in the country of origin. TALC distributes the English, French, Spanish and Portuguese editions. The new 1999 English edition has been totally revised and includes the effects of HIV.

TALC is the major distributor of Child-to-Child publications which include a number of reading books each with a health message incorporated in the story. A new reading book for the 1999 catalogue is *Five Friends of the Sun* designed to raise children's awareness and recognition of land mines.

Our District Hospital and Clinic/Health Centre libraries continue to be popular with over 1400 orders, which gives an indication of the need they are fulfilling. We have now decided to add two new libraries, one on surgery and one on women's health, and we anticipate a considerable demand for these items. It is interesting to note that the World Health Organisation's Blue Trunk Library project to set up libraries in hospitals and clinics resulted in over 5000 books being ordered from TALC.

On another topic, if you are in London you will be very welcome to visit the resource centre situated at the Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH. This is located on the 2nd floor in the Library. There you will find a large amount of health information including a section on each country. You will also find the TALC sales corner, (open 10 am until 4 pm) where you can look at and buy TALC books and accessories and view and order our slide sets.

You may not know that TALC has partnership organizations that assist us to market our books and equipment in local currency in both South Africa and Australia. We are interested in forming new partnerships in other countries and if you feel you might be able to help we would be pleased if you could contact us.

On the staff side TALC has had a number of changes and new appointments. Our long-serving chairperson, Judy Arthur, has retired as has credit controller Margaret Wilson. Each of them has contributed over 10 years valuable service to TALC.

With the appointment of our new Chairman, Gerry Dingley, from the commercial world, the opportunity has been taken to re-organize the management structure.

**Operations:** Maggie Fowler will be responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of TALC. This will encompass sales, distribution and administration.

**Development and Planning:** Indira Benbow will undertake this area aimed at our future growth.

**Management Accounts:** We have appointed Stephen Mawle to this new position.

We are confident that our new structure will ensure that TALC remains at the cutting edge of meeting demands from the developing world for healthcare education and flexible enough to meet the changes of the future.

Finally we are always looking for good quality low cost primary health and medical materials and TALC would also like to hear more about what materials you find most useful and what medical teaching materials you would like us to provide in the future.

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## **Fellowships and Grants from The Wellcome Trust, London**

From an extensive list of fellowships and grants available from The Wellcome Trust in London, the following appeared in the latest issue of *Wellcome News*, Issue 17, Q4, 1998:

### **Training fellowships for research into infectious diseases for scientists from tropical and developing countries**

The Trust recognizes the continuing threat of infectious diseases in tropical and developing countries

and wishes to develop sustainable research expertise in these countries in order to address health problems arising from infectious diseases. The awards are intended to provide both training and research experience for applicants, who must be based in a developing or tropical country. The training will be obtained at international centres of excellence in the UK, Republic of Ireland, or any country in the developing or restructuring world, and a substantial period of research will be undertaken in the applicant's home country. For instance, a 4-year award would normally include a minimum of 2 years' research in the home country over the period of the award. AIDS/HIV-related studies relevant to tropical regions are fully supportable.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Applications are invited from postdoctoral basic scientists or medical graduates with up to 6 years' research experience (postdoctoral) who are nationals of developing countries. Applications may be considered in exceptional circumstances from those who are educated to first-degree or Master's level, who are able to demonstrate substantive potential for research and operational leadership and have research experience equivalent to a PhD, as evidenced by their publication record. Applicants will wish to become independent research scientists through high-quality research into infectious diseases of regional significance to their home country. The research proposal must include a clear argument outlining the relevance of the project to the home country. Applications will be assessed on the basis of the candidate's achievements in research, the scientific merit of the proposal and the appropriateness of the research for the proposed location. The nature of the training component and the training site chosen must be appropriate for the proposed research.

#### FUNDING

Awards will be for a maximum of 4 years, and are non-renewable. Fellowship support may include a salary/stipend appropriate to the countries in which the candidate will be studying/working, as well as project-dedicated and travel expenses. All expenses must be fully justified. Consideration may also be given to the expense of attending a course leading to a recognized qualification in a discipline relevant to the fellowship research programme.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The preliminary approach to the Trust should include an outline of the proposed research, an approximate budget and curriculum vitae of the applicant, together with a written guarantee of subsequent employment from the host institution in the applicant's home country and a letter of support from a suitable sponsor at the training institution. Applications will be considered throughout the year.

Further information about the initiative can be obtained from: The Grants Section (Tropical), The Wellcome Trust, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE, UK. Tel: +44 (0) 171 611 8409. Fax: +44 (0) 171 611 7288. Web: [www.wellcome.ac.uk](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk).

*NB: Applicants may not apply for more than one Trust fellowship scheme at any one time.*

### **Project grants in tropical health services research for medicine in developing countries**

The Trust has a long-standing interest in tropical medicine research and awards are offered to encourage research into the effectiveness of health interventions in developing countries. Applications for these awards may relate to any disease, infectious or non-infectious, that is of importance in tropical regions. Cancer research and HIV-related studies relevant to tropical regions are also acceptable.

Health services research is defined as the identification and quantification of healthcare needs, and the quantitative study of the provision and use of health services to meet them. Such research is usually multidisciplinary and should preferably involve formal links to ministries of health or non-governmental organizations, and provide evidence that the research findings might be adopted in policy and practice.

The awards will provide research costs for up to 3 years for studies that focus upon issues relating to the effectiveness of health services in tropical countries. Applicants must hold an established academic post in an appropriate university or research institute in the UK, Republic of Ireland or in a developing country.

Enquiries should be directed to: The Grants Section (Tropical), The Wellcome Trust, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE, UK. Tel: +44 (0) 171 611 8641. Fax: +44 (0) 171 611 7288. E-mail: tropical@wellcome.ac.uk.

The Trust offers a range of awards for UK and overseas nationals who wish to undertake research in any branch of the natural or clinical sciences that has a bearing upon human or animal health. Further schemes that may be relevant to individuals with an interest in tropical medicine are available. Details of all awards are available upon request from the Trust or can be viewed on [www.wellcome.ac.uk](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk).

### Tuberculosis: Important International Media

The following information is based on a list of media published by WHO in 'TB Advocacy. A Practical Guide'. 1999, page 21. WHO Global Tuberculosis Programme, WHO, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland. The e-mail details may represent individuals or offices within the main organization and thus be of limited value.

#### TUBERCULOSIS (TB): Important International Media

(Expanded from 'TB Advocacy. A Practical Guide' 1999, page 21. WHO Global Tuberculosis Programme, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland).

	Name	Address	Telephone/Fax/www/e-mail
1	Associated Press (AP)	12 Norwich St., London, EC4A 1BP United Kingdom	Tel: 0171-353-1515 Fax: 0171-353-8118 www: <a href="http://www.ap.org">www.ap.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ap.org">info@ap.org</a>
2	Agence France Presse (AFP)	11-15 Place de la Bourse, Paris 75002, France	Tel: 33-1-40-41-4646 Fax: 33-1-42-33-4466 www: <a href="http://www.afp.com">www.afp.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:contact@afp.com">contact@afp.com</a>
3	International Herald Tribune	181 avenue Charles de Gaulle, Neuilly, 92521 France	Tel: 33-1-46-37-9300 Fax: 33-1-46-37-5212 www: <a href="http://www.ihf.com">www.ihf.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:ihf@ihf.com">ihf@ihf.com</a>
4	Washington Post	1150, 15th Street, NW Washington DC, 20071, USA	Tel: 202-334-7470 www: <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com">www.washingtonpost.com</a>
5	New York Times	229 West 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10036, USA	Tel: 212-556-1234 www: <a href="http://www.nytimes.com">www.nytimes.com</a>
6	Cable News Network (CNN)	1 CNN Centre, Atlanta, GA USA	Tel: 404-827-1503 www: <a href="http://www.cnn.com">www.cnn.com</a>
7	Economist	25 St James Street, London SW1A 1HG, United Kingdom	Tel: 0171-839-7000 Fax: 0171-839-2968 www: <a href="http://www.economist.com">www.economist.com</a>

**TUBERCULOSIS (TB): Important International Media** *(Continued)*

	Name	Address	Telephone/Fax/www/e-mail
8	Financial Times	Number One, Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL United Kingdom	Tel: 0171-873-3000 Fax: 0171-873-3084 www: www.ft.com
9	British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)	76 Bush House, The Strand, London WC2B 4PH, United Kingdom	Tel: 0171-240-3456 www: www.bbc.co.uk e-mail: worldservice.letters@bbc.co.uk
10	Centre for Disease Control	1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta GA, 30333 USA	Tel: 404-639-3311 Fax: 404-639-8960 www: www.cdc.gov e-mail: rfp5@cdc.gov
11	Reuters	Reuters Group plc, 85 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4AJ United Kingdom	Tel: 0171-250-1122 Fax: 0171-542-9780 www: www.reuters.com e-mail: health@rtlondon.co.uk

**TALCS Partnership Book Programme**

Since the mid 1960s TALC has distributed over 7 million slides (colour transparencies), accompanied by a variety of written suggestions as to how the slides can be used to improve their teaching. And from the early 1970s, TALC has provided about 1 million low-cost books, every effort being made to identify and, where necessary, develop books which would be particularly appropriate for those in primary health care.

Recently we have become more concerned with what use is made of the books that we distribute. Two experiences illustrate the need for this. It is likely that these experiences could have occurred anywhere in the world, but the first was from South America.

When visiting one of the best community health workers in a South American programme, the worker was asked to use his copy of *Where There is No Doctor* to find out what action he would take if a case of poliomyelitis occurred in a village. He thumbed through the book, threw it down and said he would send the child to hospital—although some of the villages are cut off for many weeks in the wet season. This worker, like many others, had not been trained ‘around’ a book. He had never been taught how to use the index of a book, and how to use a book to extend his knowledge and ability.

The second experience is related by a well experienced doctor who teaches medical assistants in central Africa.

‘We tried to create a reading culture amongst our students, particularly as we got more into problem based learning. However, we discovered that students who had been in schools that use the “parrot fashion” style of teaching had no inclination and little ability to read. We therefore reduced our reading list to five essential books, and included the price of them in school fees. Students were given the books, and all problems were confined to the tests within these books, apart from problems in the community. Other sessions were given to specified reading. Without such discipline, books were carried around to protect papers carried inside them—or to look important.’

TALC believes these experiences are common to many countries in the developing world. This has led us to develop three initiatives:

- 1 Encourage programmes around a book. If less well educated health workers are to use books regularly then training programmes need to be developed which involve the trainees using the book. TALC hopes to identify those who could make use of books such as *Where There is No Doctor*, *Disabled Village Children*, *A Book for Midwives* and *Nutrition for Developing Countries*. All of these

and some other TALC books are appropriate for use where health workers are literate and can read English. TALC would also encourage those who are running the courses to undertake a refresher weekend after 6 months to see how well the books are being used. Working in partnership with such teachers TALC hopes to obtain grants to supply the book for training and also for continuing use by the trainee.

2 Small Libraries in Health Centres and District Hospitals. Even the low cost books provided by TALC are equivalent to a week or more salary for many health workers. For this reason it is unlikely that many will be able to 'own' more than one or two books. We looked at experience from around the world in running small libraries and found that except for schools there was almost none. Unfortunately unless the small library is planned it so often ends up locked in the senior worker's office or the books rapidly disappear from open shelves. For this reason TALC considers it is necessary to develop libraries run by small democratic committees representing all levels of workers in the health unit. So far TALC has sent out over 1200 library packs but we have not yet managed to develop a research programme to find out what happens to these books.

3 Develop local NGOs to provide books and other low cost material for local currency. TALC works closely with an organization in Nigeria providing books and has also helped in the development of a small TALC in South Africa. However, TALC considers that to widen this approach we need to work with other organizations and we were happy to join a small loose consortium with Healthlink (formerly AHRTAG), a nonprofit organization that reaches some 2 million health workers around the world with their free health newsletters, and FSG-MediMedia, which produces Africa Health and Medicine Digest, two of the most widely read journals in the developing world. The consortium hopes to develop small offices in the capitals of developing countries which can respond to local needs for health education from the mass of such information available (but so far poorly organised) in the North to areas in the South where it is so desperately needed.

For further details please contact: Professor David Morley, Teaching Aids at Low Cost, PO Box 49, St Albans AL1 5TX, United Kingdom.

## **The Research Training Programme of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**

A recent summary of a pamphlet on the Research Programme by Professor Harrison C Spencer, Dean, reads as follows:

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine has an internationally excellent reputation in public health and tropical medicine, is a leading postgraduate medical institution in Europe and is Britain's national school of public health. A special strength of the School's research is its multi-disciplinary nature with leading researchers having a very wide range of backgrounds including public health medicine, epidemiology, clinical medicine, infectious diseases, parasitology, medical microbiology, virology, chemotherapy, biochemistry, immunology, genetics, molecular biology, entomology, statistics, demography, health economics, public health engineering, medical anthropology, health promotion, environmental health management, psychology, sociology, and health policy.

The School has been providing advanced and interdisciplinary training for future senior academics, policy makers, practitioners, and research workers, in the international medical and public health community, for nearly 100 years.

This leaflet tells you about the School's research training programme and the opportunities for research study leading to the University of London degree of DrPH (Doctorate in Public Health), MPhil (Master of Philosophy), and the PhD (Doctor of Philosophy). It provides an overview of the work being carried out within departments and of the possibilities for research study.

The degree of DrPH offers experienced professionals in the field of Public Health an opportunity to pursue doctoral level studies relevant to their interests and needs. The course develops high level

professional, research and enquiry skills, and is best suited to those who wish to further a career in professional, operational and management aspects of public health.

The British MPhil and PhD research degrees involve the presentation of a thesis on a research topic, which will be in a field appropriate to student's or their sponsor's needs. Under the supervisor's guidance, students develop the intellectual and technical skills required for research and gain insight into the nature of research, which will provide the foundation for a future research career.

The diversity of our students and staff is exceptional; staff come from 35 countries and our 600 postgraduate students from 95 countries and this provides a rich environment for students to learn and to learn from each other. School alumni are now working in more than 140 countries; many former students hold prominent positions in health ministries, universities and international organizations throughout the world.

I am delighted to report that the School's excellence in all departments has been recognized in the UK's Research Assessment Exercise, a peer review exercise to grade research activities at all UK academic institutions.

*The London School celebrates its centenary in 1999, after 100 years it remains an exciting place in which to train, please join us.*

The Department of Infectious & Tropical Diseases in the school is described as follows:

The Department encompasses all of the laboratory-based research in the School as well as research on the clinical and epidemiological aspects of infectious and tropical diseases. The Department is headed by Professor Peter Smith and the range of disciplines represented is very broad and inter-disciplinary research is a feature of much of the activity. The spectrum of diseases studied is very wide, including major research groups with a focus on malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, vaccine development and evaluation, and vector biology and control. The Department is organised into five large research units comprising: Immunology, Pathogen Molecular Biology & Biochemistry, Disease Control & Vector Biology, Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Clinical Research. There is close interaction between scientists in different research teams and thus research students have excellent training opportunities across a wide field. The Department has strong overseas links which provide a basis for field studies and international collaboration in developed and developing countries. Students are encouraged to broaden their education through participation in specialist courses on the School's Masters programme, which has a modular structure, and by attending and participating in the many and varied research seminars that take place in the School. The Department provides a stimulating environment for postgraduate students and an excellent preparation for an international research or practical career. The description of the work of the Units within the department which follows will help identify where students would most appropriately carry out their research degree training.

If you would like further information about research opportunities leading to MPhil, PhD or DrPH degrees, or taught courses (MSc and short programmes) please contact the School for a Prospectus.

The School Prospectus, which is available on the internet ([www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus)), contains detailed information about entry requirements, application details, tuition fees, the costs of living in London, accommodation, and medical and postgraduate study in London, one of the world's great capital cities.

If you would like a Prospectus or have other queries please contact or send the form below to: The Registry, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, 50 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP. Tel: +44 (0) 171 927 2239. Fax: +44 (0) 171 323 0638. e-mail: [registry@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:registry@lshtm.ac.uk). internet: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk>.

### **TALMilep: Teaching and learning materials for leprosy**

TALMilep is an Action Group of ILEP—the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations which produces and supplies teaching materials on leprosy and related subjects free or at low-cost.



**Leprosy:** A. Bryceson and R. E. Pfaltzgraff (1989)—a readable reference book for medical students, general practitioners and physicians. £2.00.

**Essentials of Leprosy:** Dr Leo Yoder (1996)—this booklet contains information on leprosy care and treatment suitable for a range of health workers. FREE.

**A Guide to Eliminating Leprosy as a Public Health Problem** (1997), WHO—a pocket guide to diagnosis and management. FREE.

**Leprosy for Field Staff:** Alison Summers (1993)—this excellent book is aimed at health workers in specialized leprosy programmes or general health workers who see leprosy on a regular basis. FREE.

**Atlas of Leprosy:** Guinto *et al.*, Sasakawa (1997)—this book of colour photographs is most suitable for use in areas such as East Asia where leprosy is seen in lighter skins. FREE.

**Leprosy in Africans:** Jacyk (1986)\*—an booklet containing colour photographs with short notes in English and French. Arabic translation available on request. A popular and practical reference guide for health workers. FREE.

**Care of the Eye in Hansen's Disease:** M. Brand (1993)\*—outlines the management of eye complications in leprosy for ophthalmologists and other health workers FREE.

**Insensitive feet:** P. Brand (1994)—a good background to the problems of insensitive feet. FREE.

**Prevention of disabilities in patients with leprosy a practical guide:** H. Srinivasan (WHO 1993)—for those involved in patient assessment, treatment and teaching self-care to people with leprosy. Price (for use in developing countries) £9.50.

**Essential action to minimise disability in leprosy patients:** J. Watson (1994)\*—an excellent book with clear text and illustrations written for general health workers caring for people with leprosy. FREE.

**Leprosy Surgery for General Hospitals:** H. Srinivasan, WHO.

FREE (for use in developing countries).

**Guide to health education in leprosy:** P. J. Neville (1993)—contains messages for patient education. FREE.

**Don't treat me like I have leprosy:** Frist—a book about the history of leprosy and the importance of social issues. FREE.

**Tuberculosis Guide for low-income countries:** IUALTD—FREE.

**\*Also available in French**

All of these can be ordered directly from TALMilep. A more detailed list of books can be obtained from TALMilep. TALMilep is currently reviewing and updating the materials it supplies as a result some titles may be replaced by new or revised publications.

TALMilep also distributes a catalogue of training courses and a video catalogue which reviews leprosy related videos and gives information on how to order them.

For people developing health training materials locally for leprosy in general, combined or specialist programmes, TALMilep can help by sharing information on what has been produced elsewhere and can provide technical and editorial advice.

**INFOLEP**, TALMilep's sister organization, provides a leprosy information service and bibliography through mail and the world wide web (<http://infolep.antenna.nl>). It is based at the offices of the Netherlands Leprosy Relief (NLR).

For further information and to order books, please contact: The Teaching and Learning Materials Co-ordinator, ILEP, 234 Blythe Road, London W14 0HJ, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 171 602 6925. Fax: +44 171 371 1621. e-mail: [ilep@ilep.org.uk](mailto:ilep@ilep.org.uk). Website <http://www.oneworld.org/ilep>.

## **WHO conferences in TB treatment**

### **September 15–18, 1999**

Conference on Global Lung Health and the 1999 Annual Meeting of IUATLD

Venue: Palacio de Congresos, Madrid, Spain

*Details:*

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### **November 13–15, 1999**

Middle East Regional Meeting of IUATLD

Venue: Kuwait City, Kuwait

*Details:*

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### **April 10–13, 2000**

9th International Congress on Infectious Diseases

Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina

*Details:*

International Society for Infectious Diseases, 181 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, USA

Tel: +1 517 277 0551

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### **April 13–15, 2000**

Future Challenges for Chest Physicians in Europe and the 1st European Regional Meeting of IUATLD

Venue: Budapest Convention Centre, Budapest, Hungary

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