

CALL FOR PAPERS

INTEGRATION OF LEPROSY CONTROL WITH PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Papers are sought for a special issue of *Leprosy Review* on the topic of integration of leprosy control with primary health care.

Leprosy has traditionally been managed by specialized vertical services in most endemic countries. However, with declining prevalence and shortened treatment, it is increasingly argued that general health care staff could, and should, be able to manage leprosy without a significant increase in their workload. Integration will strengthen the ongoing decentralization processes within the health services. Successful integration of leprosy services will be an important demonstration of operational capability to achieve similar goals in other disease specific campaigns. But what will it mean for the quality of care of people affected by leprosy and for leprosy workers?

The June 2002 issue will focus on Integration, setting out the theory and practice on how effective and sustainable leprosy control can be achieved through its integration with the work of the general or primary health care system. We are eager to publish as much data as possible in this special issue and would like to encourage potential authors.

If you have data that you would like to publish in this special issue, please analyse it and write it up. Papers for this issue should be submitted by **December 2001** at the latest and will go through the usual peer review process.