

NEWS and NOTES

This department furnishes information concerning institutions, organizations, and individuals engaged in work on leprosy and other mycobacterial diseases, and makes note of scientific meetings and other matters of interest.

Argentina. *80th anniversary of Asociación Argentina de Dermatología.* The Asociación Argentina de Dermatología was founded 80 years ago in 1907, making it one of the oldest dermatological societies in the world. To celebrate this anniversary, an international meeting will be held 14–17 October 1987 in Iguazú National Park, where the world-famous falls are situated. Members of the dermatological community and their families are invited. The scientific program is outstanding, and there will also be a program of social events and activities. For detailed information contact: Prof. Dr. Pedro H. Magnin, President, Asociación Argentina de Dermatología, Gral. Urquiza 609, 1221 Buenos Aires, República Argentina. — (From correspondence from Prof. Magnin)

China. *National conference on MDT of leprosy held in Cheng-du.* For the purpose of spreading multidrug therapy (MDT) of leprosy to the whole country, a national conference was held in Cheng-du under the auspices of the Ministry of Public Health last December. Leprologists from experimental units reported their experiences in fieldwork of MDT of leprosy. The preliminary results revealed that the therapeutic effect of MDT recommended by WHO was satisfactory for multibacillary leprosy and clofazimine was acceptable by most Chinese leprosy patients despite the skin discoloration, especially in the rural areas. Dr. Ma Haide, Advisor to the Ministry of Public Health, appealed to the leprologists to spread MDT to all leprosy patients in the whole country as soon as possible in order to eliminate leprosy in the main by the end of this century. A manual for MDT of leprosy will be edited and published by the Minister of Health, and training courses on MDT of leprosy will be held at various levels in this country in 1987.—Prof. Ye Gan-yun.

Germany. *Foundation of the Hansen Institute, Würzburg.* The Germany Leprosy Relief Association in cooperation with the Missionsärztliche Institut, both of Würzburg, announce the foundation of the Hansen Institute. The Institute was to begin work at the end of 1986 in the following areas: a) supervision of the introduction of multiple drug therapy in the context of world leprosy control; b) the foundation of a demonstration laboratory with simple equipment and techniques suitable for Third World conditions; and c) information on leprosy.

India. *Bombay Acworth Seminars 1985–1986.* The Acworth Leprosy Hospital Society for Research, Rehabilitation and Education in Leprosy in Bombay recently celebrated its 15th anniversary. The following seminars were held over the year:

a) The Role of Phenolic Glycolipid-I in Leprosy, 31 October 1985. This seminar was moderated by Dr. P. R. Mahadevan, and consisted of three presentations dealing with the significance of this material, its origins from *M. leprae* and infected tissues, and the serodiagnosis of leprosy using phenolic glycolipid-I in ELISAs.

b) Experience in Rehabilitation of Leprosy Patients Pertaining to Bombay City, 20 December 1985. The chairperson of this seminar was Dr. R. Ganapati. The recommendations of the seminar included suggestions that regularity of treatment rather than bacteriological negativity should be considered in making patients eligible for vocational training. Noninfectious leprosy patients should not be debarred from employment. Health education is needed for the success of rehabilitation programs in leprosy.

c) Experience in Control of Leprosy and Tuberculosis in an Urban Area, 27

February 1986. The moderator of this workshop was Dr. K. V. Desikan. The program dealt with the pathogenicity of mycobacteria, and the chemotherapy, epidemiology, methods of case detection, and difficulties in control programs for both diseases.

d) Workshop on Leprous Neuritis, 15 July 1986. The pathology of leprosy neuritis was presented by Dr. S. S. Pandya. Dr. R. Ganapati presented data on neuritis as a clinical and field problem in an urban project. Dr. H. Srinivasan presented his papers on entrapment neuropathy and the role of decompression surgery. Dr. Atul Shah presented work on sensory-motor recovery of function following decompression surgery.

e) The Role of Medical Colleges in Reaching the Goal of Leprosy Eradication, 12 September 1986. Dr. S. K. Noordeen was the resource person. Dr. S. V. Nadkani and Dr. V. R. Mehta spoke on the teaching of leprosy in medical schools. Dr. Gopa Kothari discussed the role of various disciplines in teaching leprosy to medical students. Dr. R. Ganapati commented on the participation of the medical fraternity in the leprosy control program in Bombay. Dr. S. K. Noordeen gave an overview of global leprosy, and discussed recent developments in a candidate leprosy vaccine containing armadillo-derived killed *M. leprae* and BCG.—(From materials received from S. S. Naik)

Mass vaccination studies initiated. On 3 February 1987, mass vaccination studies of the Cancer Research Institute (Tata Memorial Centre) antileprosy vaccine were initiated in Jeur village, Akkalokot taluka, Solapur district, Maharashtra State. It is hoped that within the next two to three years approximately 100,000 contacts will be vaccinated and followed for five to seven years. This is the first antileprosy vaccine for which mass vaccination studies have begun in India. Our best wishes go with Dr. M. G. Deo and his colleagues in this formidable undertaking.—RCH (From materials supplied by Dr. M. G. Deo, Research Director, Cancer Research Institute, Parel, Bombay, India)

Premananda Memorial Leprosy Hospital opened. On 18 February 1987 the Premananda Memorial Leprosy Hospital was opened in Calcutta. Presiding at the opening ceremony were A. D. Askew, International Director, The Leprosy Mission (TLM), London, and W. R. Edgar, International Director-Designate of TLM.—(Invitation received from Dr. R. H. Thangaraj)

The Netherlands. *Amsterdam will host 1988 International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria.* The XII International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria will be held 18–23 September 1988, in the International Congress Centre RAI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (immediately following the XIII International Leprosy Congress at The Hague). This modern Congress Centre includes lecture halls, exhibition rooms, lounges and restaurants, and provides outstanding facilities for formal presentation of lectures and posters as well as informal discussions.

The congress site offers efficient public transportation to the city center. Two municipal parks and a railroad station with connections every quarter hour to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol are located within walking distance. Amsterdam itself has much to offer and will fascinate visitors in many respects. The canals, churches and museums are well known and within easy reach of the Congress Centre. Interesting social and cultural activities for delegates and accompanying persons are being arranged, including a reception in the Rijksmuseum.

The Congress will cover the broad field of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. It will provide a forum for critical review of current knowledge and new findings pertaining to health and problems of health services in the tropics. Topics relevant to the entire field of Tropical Medicine will be discussed in a well-structured way: biomedical, immunological, clinical, epidemiological and public health aspects are to be brought together. The program will include Reviews, Round Tables and Poster Sessions. Reviews will be given on some main topics. Round Tables, organized in advance with invited speakers and participants selected on the

basis of the abstracts submitted, will be used to elaborate on aspects of the main topics. Most individual contributions (free communications) will be in the form of posters. The schedule will allow ample time for viewing posters and for discussions with presenting parties. In addition, Poster-Discussion Sessions will be held. The Congress language will be English.

It is anticipated that the Second Announcement and Call for Free Communications will be sent out in September 1987, with a February 1988 deadline for submission of abstracts. For further information contact XIIth International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria, % OBA bv, Europaplein 12, 1078 GZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Telephone (31) 20-44 08 07.

The Philippines. *LWM course offered at Cebu.* On 5–31 October 1987, the Leonard Wood Memorial (LWM) Leprosy Research Center, Cebu, will offer the course "Epidemiological Aspects in Operational Management of Leprosy Control." This course provides basic statistical methods in collection and evaluation of data in relation to leprosy control and management. For details contact: Director, Leonard Wood Me-

morial, P.O. Box 727, Cebu, The Philippines.

Spain. *Fontilles International Courses 1987.* XXIV Curso Internacional de Leprologia para Médicos y XXX Curso Internacional de Leprologia para Misioneros y Auxiliares Sanitarios organizado por el Sanatorio San Francisco de Borja de Fontilles y patrocinado por la Soberana Orden Militar de Malta con la colaboración de la Escuela Profesional de Dermatología de la Universidad de Valencia, Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo, y profesores de dermatología de las facultades de medicina.

El XXIV Curso tendrá lugar en el Sanatorio de Fontilles desde el día 2 al 7 de Noviembre de 1987 dirigido por el Dr. J. Terencio de las Aguas, Director Médico del Sanatorio.

El XXX Curso tendrá lugar en el Sanatorio de Fontilles desde el día 5 al 24 de Octubre de 1987 dirigido por el Dr. J. Terencio de las Aguas, Director Médico del Sanatorio.

U.K. *The Leprosy Mission International's (TLM) teaching and learning materials in leprosy.* Book titles, prices and instructions for ordering TLM materials is given below.

Titles	Single copy price in £
Leprosy—Diagnosis and Management	
1. Handbook of Leprosy: <i>W.H. Jopling. Heinemann Medical Books Ltd. 1984—New edition includes differential diagnosis and multidrug therapy. *E.L.B.S. edition for developing countries only.</i>	7.95 3.25
2. Leprosy: <i>A. Bryceson and R.E. Pfaltzgraff. Churchill Livingstone 1979, 2nd Edition—Covers principles involved in the study of leprosy as well as the clinical and social aspects of the care of leprosy patients.</i>	5.25
3. Diagnosis and Management of Early Leprosy: <i>S.G. Browne. The Leprosy Mission, London 1983—A small illustrated booklet.</i>	Free
4. A Manual of Leprosy: <i>R.H. Thangaraj (Editor). The Leprosy Mission, New Delhi, India 1983, 3rd Edition—402 pages, 22 authors—Subjects covered include diagnosis, management, multidrug therapy, treatment of complications, deformity prevention and leprosy control.</i>	2.00

Multidrug Therapy	
5. Drug Resistance in Leprosy: <i>S.G. Browne. The Leprosy Mission, London 1983</i> —A six page pamphlet introducing the problem of drug resistance.	Free
6. Chemotherapy of Leprosy for Control Programmes: <i>W.H.O. Geneva 1982</i> —Technical Report Series No. 675.	1.10
7. *Questions and Answers on the Implementation of Multiple Drug Therapy (MDT) for Leprosy: <i>A.C. McDougall, Oxfam Practical Guide No. 3.</i>	1.50
8. The Introduction of Multidrug Therapy for Leprosy: <i>Ilep, London 1984</i> —Brief notes to help those planning the introduction of multidrug therapy.	Free
9. *Multidrug Therapy—A Working Guide: <i>E.S. Thangaraj. The Leprosy Mission New Delhi 1984.</i> 88 pages; Outlines an action plan to implement MDT	0.75
Laboratory	
10. Technical Guide for Smear Examination for Leprosy: <i>D.L. Leiker and A.C. McDougall. INFOLEP, Amsterdam 1983</i> —34 page booklet covers all main aspects of smear examination.	1.25
11. Skin Biopsy in Leprosy: <i>D.S. Ridley. Documenta Geigy 1985.</i>	Free
Primary Health Care Workers	
12. A Practical Guide to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Leprosy in the Basic Health Unit: <i>H.W. Wheate/J.M.H. Pearson. Ilep, London. 3rd edition 1985.</i>	Free
13. *Leprosy in Africans: <i>W.K. Jacyk, D.A.H.W. 1986.</i> 52 colour photographs with short notes in French and English describing leprosy and other skin conditions.	1.00
14. A Guide to Health Education in Leprosy: <i>P.J. Neville. ALERT, Addis Ababa 1983</i> —20 page booklet covering topics for patient education. Suitable for translation and adaptation to local situations.	Free
15. *Health Education in Leprosy Work: <i>L.J. van Parija. Ilep 1986.</i> 94 pages; 8 training units help staff understand leprosy from patients' point of view and improve communication skills.	Free
16. Better Care in Leprosy: <i>M. Laugesen. V.H.A.I. New Delhi, India</i> —Pocket sized booklet to reach rural health workers in India about leprosy. Drawings or photographs on every page; question and answer format.	0.35
17. A Guide to Leprosy for Field Staff: <i>ALERT, Addis Ababa 1983</i> —Written for paramedical workers who care for leprosy patients in outpatient clinics. Could be translated or adapted for local training of health staff.	0.75
Deformity Prevention, Social Aspects, Surgery.	
18. *Preventing Disability in Leprosy Patients: <i>J.M. Watson. The Leprosy Mission London 1986.</i> Covers main causes of disability and action needed to combat it. For staff involved full-time in treating leprosy patients, and physiotherapists.	1.50
19. *Essential Action to Minimise Disability in Leprosy Patients: <i>J.M. Watson. The Leprosy Mission London 1986.</i> Summary of action section of "Preventing Disability". For general medical workers who treat a few leprosy patients.	Free
20. Insensitive Feet: <i>P.W. Brand. The Leprosy Mission, London. Revised Edition 1981</i> —A practical handbook on foot problems in leprosy.	Free

21. A Simple Sandal: <i>P.J. Neville. ALERT, Addis Ababa 1981</i> —Two chapters extracted from the larger Footwear Manual. Booklet contains information for the construction of a simple protective sandal.	Free
22. A Footwear Manual for Leprosy Control Programmes: <i>P.J. Neville (Editor). ALERT Addis Ababa 1983.</i> Part I contains information for the administrative and medical staff of footwear programmes.	Free
Part II contains instruction details for the technician.	1.00
23. Physical Therapy in Leprosy for Paramedicals: <i>E.D. Kelly. American Leprosy Missions, 1981</i> —A training manual in 2 parts. Levels I and II (bound together) describe the care of insensitive hands, feet and eyes, basic anatomy and exercises.	Free
Level III includes training techniques for pre and post operative care in reconstructive surgery.	Free
24. Surgical Reconstruction and Rehabilitation in Leprosy: <i>E.P. Fritschi. The Leprosy Mission, New Delhi, 1984</i> —A revised edition of "Reconstructive Surgery in Leprosy" (1971).	4.00
25. Care of the Eye in H.D.: <i>M.E. Brand. 2nd Edition 1986. The Star, Carville, U.S.A.</i> To be published soon.	Free
26. The Social Dimension of Leprosy: <i>A. Kaufmann, S. Gebre Mariam and P.J. Neville. Ilep 1982</i> —A training manual based on 10 case studies which view leprosy from the patients' point of view.	Free
Magazine for Paramedical Workers	
27. Partners: <i>The Leprosy Mission, London.</i> Two issues a year.	Free
	Free

* New books on this list.

Requests should be sent to: Teaching and Learning Materials, The Leprosy Mission (International), 50 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG, England. Money (Sterling bank draft or money order made payable to The Leprosy Mission) must accompany order. Please indicate method of postage: Sea mail will be used free of charge unless otherwise requested, but airmail postage will be charged.—(From materials from Miss Jane Neville)

OXFAM-LEPRA: Packs of Teaching-Learning Materials for Leprosy; 1982-1986. In early 1982, following a discussion between representatives of OXFAM and LEPRA (British Leprosy Relief Association) in Oxford, it was decided to assemble a pack of English-language teaching/learning materials for leprosy, mainly as a service of

information and for nursing and paramedical tutors, doctors, and other senior staff with responsibility for teaching. Initially, 25 packs were made up. A few were donated to key institutions and international agencies, but the majority were sold at about £15.00 per pack plus the cost of postage. However, there was an unexpected and continuing demand. During the years 1982 and 1983, 200 packs were assembled and sold to individuals, training centers, control programs and institutions in virtually all the leprosy-endemic areas. In late 1983/early 1984, it was decided to phase out the 20-document pack, largely because of its considerable weight and cost of postage, but also because more appropriate documents had become available. The smaller pack of 10 documents costs £10.00 and contains the following:

"Chemotherapy of Leprosy for Control

Programmes" (1983), WHO Technical Report Series 675. 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

"Questions and Answers on the Implementation of Multiple Drug Therapy (MDT) for Leprosy" (1984), The Health Unit, OXFAM, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ, U.K.

"Leprosy" (1979) by Bryceson and Pfalzgraff, published by Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, U.K.

"The Diagnosis and Management of Early Leprosy" (1983) by Brown, published by The Leprosy Mission International, London, U.K.

"Better Care in Leprosy" (1978), published by the Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi, India.

"Insensitive Feet" (1981) by Paul Brand, published by The Leprosy Mission International, London, U.K.

"Technical Guide for Smear Examination for Leprosy by Direct Microscopy" (1983) by Leiker and McDougall, published by Leprosy Documentation Service (IN-FOLEP), Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

"Atlas of Leprosy" (1983), published by the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation, Tokyo, Japan.

A few advance copies were distributed in 1983, 132 in 1984, 200 in 1985, and 207 in 1986. In the period of 1982-1986, over 10,000 documents have thus been distributed from the OXFAM Health Unit in Oxford. Despite limited publicity and adver-

tising, there is clearly a continuing demand from many parts of the world and it is intended to continue the service more or less indefinitely. [Orders to: Health Unit, OXFAM, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ, England.]

U.S.A. Dr. Paul Brand honored. Dr. Paul W. Brand, F.R.C.S., was honored with the U.S. Surgeon General's Medallion on 12 September 1986 at the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center, Carville, by Dr. C. Everett Koop, Surgeon General. The award was presented "... for his skill and compassion which have restored and revived the hopes of seriously disabled persons."

Dr. Brand retired from his position as Chief, Rehabilitation Branch at Carville in August with 20 years of government service. He will continue to serve the Center as Senior Consultant.

We congratulate Dr. Brand on another well-deserved honor.

Leprosy cases for 1986. According to Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports from the Centers for Disease Control, there were 254 cases of leprosy reported in 1986. This compares to 352 cases reported for 1985 and a median for the years 1981-1985 of 251. The largest number of new cases were reported from California (118), followed by the Pacific Trust Territories (63), Hawaii (38), Texas (23), and New York City (18).