

## **Announcement...**

### **International Dermatopathology Symposium**

The 2nd International Dermatopathology Symposium, entitled "Dilemmas and directions in differential diagnosis" will be held at Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London 12-15 July 1981. The symposium is co-organized by Prof. E. Wilson Jones and Dr. Martin Black of the Institute of Dermatology, University of London, and Dr. A. Bernard Ackerman of the Section of Dermatopathology, New York University School of Medicine. The emphasis will be on histologic clues to diagnosis by conventional microscopy, clinical, electron microscopic and immunopathological aspects of inflammations, neoplasms, malformations and deposits of abnormal materials in the skin.

All enquiries should be addressed to : Marcus Summersfield, London Symposium 1981, Conference Co-ordinates, Regent House, 60 King Street, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 3SH, with the exception of specific enquiries regarding the medical aspects of the programme which should be addressed to : Prof. E. Wilson Jones, Institute of Dermatology, St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London WC2H 7BJ.

### **Pediatric Dermatology Seminar VIII - Preliminary Notice**

The 8th annual Pediatric dermatology seminar will convene at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, February 26—March 1, 1981. It will be followed by a twelve day post-seminar tour to Tahiti and New Zealand with an optional extension to Australia.

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### **International Congress of Dermatology**

The XVI International Congress of Dermatology will be held in Tokyo, Japan, May 23 to 28, 1982. The Congress includes a scientific program (special lectures, case presentations, advances in dermatology, symposia, courses, workshops, informal discussion groups, free communication, poster communications, Japanese Dermatological Association seminars, and a scientific exhibition) and social events (performance of traditional Japanese Kabuki drama, a concert with a world-famous conductor, a short suburban sightseeing tour, and programs for accompanying persons). The Congress site is the Hotel New Otani, Tokyo's prestige hotel which has been the site of many international congresses. English, French, Spanish, German and Japanese may be used in the Congress, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the main educational sessions.

The First Circular including detailed information regarding registration, hotel accommodations and group travel is now available on request to :

Prof. Makoto Seiji, M.D., Secretary General, the XVI International Congress of Dermatology, C.P.O. Box 1560, Tokyo 100-91, Japan.

All interested persons are cordially invited to participate in the Congress.

### **Report on the meeting of the International Committee of Dermatology**

The International Committee of Dermatology met in Tokyo, April 19-20, 1979 to discuss the organization and scientific aspects of the XVI International Congress of Dermatology. The definite date for the International Congress was confirmed to be Sunday, May 23rd - Friday, May 28th, 1982. Abstracts of all papers presented at the XVI International Congress as well as proceedings of this Congress will be published. Abstracts of the papers to be given should be ready before the Congress at a time determined by the Organization Committee; the proceedings volume was agreed to include full length reports of Special lectures, of the papers on advances in dermatology, papers presented in the symposia and case-presentation I and II. Summaries of workshops and posters will also be published as will be free communications either in abstract or full length, the latter at the

discretion of the editorial committee. English will be the publication language. Summaries of courses, informal discussions and exhibits will not be published.

The ICD decided to pass a resolution to the effect that each national society should be requested, through the Secretary-General, to form a standing committee on international matters to serve as a liaison with the ICD and organizing committee of the International Congress. The Secretary - General has prepared a manual of the International League of Dermatological Societies which is to be sent to the presidents, secretaries and delegates of the national societies.

A committee for extracongressional matters was created which is to present thoughts on international actions for mutual help in dermatology under the sponsorship of the ICD. This committee consists of Professors Winkelmann (Chairman), Civatte, Dominguez-Soto, Seiji and Wilkinson.

Finally, new members of the ICD will have to be elected at the International Congress in Tokyo. Present members of the ICD who will be replaced in 1982 according to the bylaws are Professors Baer, Braun-Falco, Cordero, Jablonska and Padilha-Goncalves. The Secretary-General was requested to write to the member societies and ask for proposals of 10 names for the vacancies with only two names to be named from any one country.

The ICD unanimously accepted a resolution put forward by Dr. Wilkinson which reads as follows :

#### *Presentation of patients at dermatological meetings*

Apart from the educational aspect, close scrutiny of the skin is a necessary part of clinical diagnosis in dermatology. Though modern technology has evolved alternative methods of presenting dermatological case materials for discussion, there are limitations to all audiovisual techniques in current use. At the present time, therefore it may sometimes be necessary and even advantageous to the patient that he or she is presented personally at meetings of dermatologists for accuracy of diagnosis or the establishment of the best treatment. We regard this practice as acceptable, provided that the patient gives his informal consent and the presentation is carried out under conditions of adequate space and time and with dignity and humanity on the part of all concerned.