

NOTES

NEDERLANDSE VERENIGING VAN RHEUMATOLOGEN

Fourth Jan van Breeman Oration, 1968

The Dutch Society of Rheumatologists has pleasure in announcing the Fourth Dr. Jan van Breeman Oration which will be given on November 9, 1968, at the Rheumatism and Rehabilitation Centre, Amsterdam. The speaker will be Dr. L. Sokoloff, from the National Institutes of Health,

Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A. This Oration is given every two years in honour of the late Dr. Jan van Breeman, who was a pioneer in the fight against Rheumatism in the Netherlands.

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S.E. ASIA AND PACIFIC AREA LEAGUE AGAINST RHEUMATISM

I Congress, February, 1968

The first congress on Rheumatic Diseases to be held in Asia took place in Bombay in February, 1968, under the auspices of the League, which is affiliated to the International League. There was a gratifying full attendance.

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Presidents: Dr. M. M. Desai (*India*)
Dr. T. C. Highton (*New Zealand*)
Dr. L. Manahan (*Philippines*)
Dr. T. Sugiyama (*Japan*)

Treasurer: Dr. J. Hassal (*Australia*)

Secretary

General: Dr. I. C. Isdale (*New Zealand*)

The office bearers for the coming four years are:
President: Dr. R. G. Robinson (*Australia*)

REQUEST FOR TISSUE SAMPLES

Dr. Bernice G. Wedum of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. U.S.A., would be grateful for rheumatic nodules which have recently formed in the course of rheumatic carditis, to aid the Department's tissue culture studies on rheumatic fever.

The nodules should be just in the process of forming, although nodules of any age will be welcome. Because of the possibility of confusion with other lesions we should prefer not to have nodules from the scalp.

Self-addressed air express containers with tissue culture fluid together with certain details concerning the tech-

nique of biopsy will be made available to those who feel they may be in a position to help.

Sections of hearts of children who have died in the course of a first attack of rheumatic carditis would also be appreciated.

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CORRIGENDUM

A correction is necessary for our article on Rheumatoid Lymphadenopathy (*Ann. rheum. Dis.*, 1968, 27, 253). The reference to the classic study of Short, Bauer, and Reynolds should read "in their own series of 293 patients, 86 (29.4 per cent.) had significant lymph node enlargements compared with 26 (8.9 per cent.) of 293 controls". We are also incorrect in the final sentence of the first

paragraph, as these authors did attempt to correlate lymphadenopathy with duration of disease, and found no difference in the frequency of this manifestation between patients with disease duration of one year or less and the remainder.

We apologize for these errors, as in the world of rheumatology to misquote this work is the equivalent of misquoting the Bible in theological circles.

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