

## Notes

### European League against Rheumatism

The General Assembly of Delegates met in Paris on May 26, 1973. Great Britain was represented by Prof. E. G. L. Bywaters (scientific section) and Dr. George Kersley (community agencies).

Diplomas of Honorary Membership were presented to Dr. Jacques Forestier, Prof. N. Svartz, Prof. G. Edström, and Prof. L. Michotte, also posthumously to Prof. A. Robecchi, Prof. F. Lenocho and Dr. W. S. C. Copeman.

New rules for the European League were agreed upon, and amongst other things incorporated the National Community Agencies, the objects of which are:

- (1) The care and welfare of the arthritic community;
- (2) Fund raising;
- (3) Pressure on the authorities for better legislation;
- (4) Public relations.

It was agreed that contributory payments from the Community Agencies would be the same as those from the scientific bodies of their respective countries with certain special exceptions.

A small Executive Committee of Officers was formed in order to reduce expenses and improve efficiency, but the Bureau will continue as an advisory body in matters of policy. It was agreed that all officers should hold office for a limited term.

It was agreed that there should be four standing committees: scientific, educational, clinical, and community. Under 'clinical' was included the Committee on International Nomenclature. Likewise, there would be four secretaries for the League. Dr. Dixon, Prof. Fallet, and Prof. Orloff were appointed; and one other, probably from eastern Europe, will be appointed later.

It was announced that East Germany had officially joined the League.

The principle of federation of Continental Leagues to form the International League was discussed, particularly to avoid competition over fund-raising. This principle had been put to the International League and a working party was dealing with it.

The next meeting of the European League will be held at Helsinki, Finland, on June 1 to 7, 1975, and then probably at Baden Baden in 1979. After the meeting at Kyoto this year (1973), the next International meeting will be held at San Francisco in 1977.

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### Arthritis and Rheumatism Council

*Symposium, Harrow, July, 1973*

A symposium on 'Radioactive Colloids in the Treatment of Arthritis' was held at Northwick Park Hospital and the Clinical Research Centre, Harrow, on July 6, 1973. Three sessions were devoted to Characteristics of Radio-isotopes (Chairman: Dr. N. Veall), Biological Effects of Radiation (Chairman: Dr. J. T. Scott), and Clinical Application (Chairman: Dr. B. M. Ansell).

The proceedings are to be published as a Supplement to the November issue of the *Annals*.

*Symposium, Oxford, September, 1973*

A symposium on 'Rehabilitation of the Arthritic Patient in the Community' is being held at the Oxford Polytechnic, Headington, on September 14, 1973. The four sessions are devoted to 'Preparing for home care', 'Special problems (Children, Arthritis in Industry, Outdoor Transport)', 'Comfort and leisure at home', and 'The future pattern of care', under the chairmanship of Dr. A. G. Mowat, Dr. A. G. S. Hill, Dr. P. J. R. Nichols, and Prof. Verna Wright.

### South African Rheumatism and Arthritis Association

*IV Conference, Durban, May 14 to 17, 1974*

The IV South African Conference on Rheumatism, Arthritis, and Allied Disorders will be held in Durban on May 14 to 17, 1974. Enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Dr. W. G. McNeill, Medical School, P.O. Box 39 Congella, Durban, Natal, South Africa.

## British Association of Manipulative Medicine

*Tenth Birthday Symposium, October, 1973*

A symposium on New Views on the Spine will be held in the Wellcome Auditorium, Euston Road, London NW1, on Sunday October 21, 1973, from 9.30 am to 6 pm.

MORNING SESSION (*Chairman: Prof. P. D. Wall*)

Apophyseal joint menisci and their role in spinal pain (Karel Lewit, *Prague*)

Anatomical arthrograms of facet joints (John Glover, *Cardiff*)

Perceptual and reflex contributions of cervical arthrokinetic receptors (Parry Wyke, *London*)

AFTERNOON SESSION (*Chairman: Guy Beauchamp*)

The adult backache sequelae of missed Scheuermann's disease (Alan Stoddard, *Brook Hospital, Woolwich*)

Factors in the causation of scoliosis (An hypothesis) (Robert Burns, *British Association of Manipulative Medicine*)

Normal and selected abnormal motion of the spine based on cineradiography (Adrian Bosman, *Society for Back Pain Research*)

Reflex mechanisms in locomotor medicine (Karel Lewit)

Applications must be received by October 7, 1973

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