

## Notes

### Postgraduate course: Clinical Immunology/Arthritis Update

*September 29 and 30, 1977, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco*

The objective of this course is to review the recent advances in clinical rheumatology and immunology concentrating on systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, and immunodeficiency states. Upon completion of this course the participating physicians should be familiar with the newest techniques in evaluating and treating patients with these diseases. For information, write or phone Extended Programs in Medical Education, Room 569-U, University of California, San Francisco, California 94143. Tel: (415) 666-4251.

### National Conference on Clinical Trials Methodology

*October 3 and 4, 1977, Masur Auditorium, Clinical Center, Building 10, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.*

#### **Proposed programme**

October 3

Introduction: importance of clinical trials and studies of clinical trials (Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson)

When and how should a clinical trial be stopped? Panel discussion (Chairman: Dr. Curtis Meinert).

Who will be effective as a clinical trials investigator and what are adequate incentives? (Chairman: Dr. Robert Gordon).

Patient recruitment: problems and solutions (Chairman: Dr. Thaddeus Prout).

October 4

Quality assurance of clinical data. Panel discussion (Co-chairmen: Dr. O. Dale Williams and Mr. Fred Ederer).

Some ethical problems of clinical trials (Chairman: Dr. Robert Levine).

Possible activities to promote communication among investigators in clinical trials (Chairman: Dr. Harold P. Roth).

No registration or notification of planned attendance is required.

Further information obtainable from Dr. Robert Gordon, Building 1, Room 107, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, USA.

### Professor M. I. V. Jayson

Dr. M. I. V. Jayson has been appointed to the Chair of Rheumatology in the University of Manchester following the retirement of Professor J. H. Kellgren. Formerly Senior Lecturer in the University of Bristol. Professor Jayson has a wide range of research activities, including the structure and function of collagen, problems of back pain, and the use of arthroscopy in the rheumatic diseases.

### Dr. Helen Muir, F.R.S.

Dr. Helen Muir, who is Head of the Biochemistry Division of the Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology and a member of the Editorial Committee of the *Annals*, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. Dr. Muir is an authority on the biochemistry of connective tissue; her recent Heberden Oration, 'Molecular approach to the understanding of osteoarthritis', appears on page 199 of this issue.