

Change in style of references

In accordance with the Vancouver agreement many medical journals are to standardise the instructions they issue to authors on the preparation of articles. References will be cited by the numerical system already familiar in many journals, including the *British Medical Journal*. A paper (or book) cited in the text is referred to there by a superscript number. In the list of references the papers (or books) appear in the numerical order in which they are first cited in the text, not in alphabetical order by authors' names. For convenience in preparing the typescript the reference number may be typed between parentheses on the line, not superscript. The titles of journals will be abbreviated in accordance with the style of *Index Medicus*. In the typescript they should either be abbreviated in that style or given in full. This journal

will change to the numerical system from the first issue of 1980. *Authors submitting papers are asked to adopt it now in order to facilitate editing*. Three examples follow:
¹Green A B, Brown C D, Grey E F, A new method of measuring the blood glucose. *Ann Rheum Dis* 1980; 64: 27-32.

²Green A B, Brown C D, *Textbook of Medicine*. London: Silver Books, 1980.

³Grey E F, Diseases of the pancreas. In: Green A B, Brown C D, eds. *Textbook of Medicine*. London: Silver Books, 1980; 349-362.

Copies of the Vancouver agreement (50p, post free) are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, British Medical Journal, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR.

Notes

HLA conference

The Eighth International Histocompatibility Workshop and Conference will be held on 7-9 February 1980 at the Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, California. They will be on all aspects of HLA, such as transplantation, disease association, and genetics. Papers will be selected on the basis of the highest scoring abstracts. Abstracts should be one 8½ × 11 in (21 × 28 cm) typewritten page. The submission deadline is 2 November 1979. Acceptances will be mailed by 30 November 1979. The selected papers will be published in an issue of a regular refereed journal. Further information from Dr Paul I. Terasaki, Department of Surgery, UCLA School of Medicine, 1000 Veteran Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90024, USA.

Society for clinical trials

The Society for Clinical Trials has recently been organised to promote the development and exchange of information on the methodology of clinical trials and on research using similar methods. The society plans to achieve these goals through meetings and publications and by attracting members from various disciplines. Membership is open to anyone interested. Further information from Dr C. R. Klimt, Secretary, Society for Clinical Trials Inc., 600 Wyndhurst Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210, USA.

The Metro A. Ogryzlo international fellowship

Members of the Canadian Rheumatism Association have established an annual fellowship in memory of their colleague, the late Dr Metro A. Ogryzlo. The fellowship is designed to provide advanced training in clinical rheumatology at a Canadian rheumatic disease unit. The stipend attaching to the Ogryzlo fellowship will be \$20 000 US per annum. Candidates should arrange their own place of training in Canada. Canadian citizens are not eligible. The successful candidate will probably have completed his training in general medicine and have a substantial prospect of returning to an academic position in his own country. The Arthritis Society will administer this fellowship on behalf of the Canadian Rheumatism Association. Further details from the Managing Director, Arthritis Society, 920 Yonge Street, Suite 420, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3J7. Applications for the academic year 1980-1 should reach the Arthritis Society not later than 15 October 1979.