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### First world symposium on anti-phospholipid antibodies

It is proposed to hold a symposium on clinical, biochemical, and immunological aspects of antiphospholipid antibodies on 5 October 1984 (fee (including catering) £10-00). Recent studies have shown that antiphospholipid antibodies are clinically associated with thrombosis in SLE and lupus-like disorders. Other clinical associations may include recurrent abortion, thrombocytopenia, and CNS disease. Further details from Dr Graham R. V. Hughes, Rheumatology Unit, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS.