

Notes

Laboratory markers of joint inflammation and damage

A one day workshop to explore new measures of inflammation and tissue turnover in arthritis will be held on 15 May 1987 at The London Hospital Medical College. Details from Paul W Thompson, Bone and Joint Research Unit, The London Hospital Medical College, Turner Street, London E1 2AD.

Vasculitis workshop

A one day meeting on basic and laboratory aspects of vasculitis will be held at Guy's Hospital on 11 April 1987.

Posters are invited. Numbers limited to 120. Fee £10. Further details from Professor Panayi, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT.

Conference on pain and its management

The Annual Day Conference at the University of Leeds will be devoted to pain and its management and will be held on 7 May 1987. Registration £20. Further details from Dr H A Bird, Clinical Pharmacology Unit, Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate HG1 2PS.

Obituary

Dame Honor Fell, DBE, FRS (1900–1986)

Dame Honor Bridget Fell, who died on 22 April 1986, was one of the most remarkable biologists of the twentieth century. Educated at Winchcliffe School, Oxford and Madras College, St Andrews, she went on to Edinburgh University and took a BSc degree with first class honours in zoology in 1922 and obtained her PhD in 1924. Her working life extended for some 63 years and she was active at the laboratory bench until a very few weeks before her death. Most of this time was spent in the Strangeways Research Laboratory, which she developed from a small laboratory to a major institute.

Recognition of her work led to her election to a fellowship of the Royal Society in 1952—she was the ninth woman to gain this distinction. In 1955 she was elected to a fellowship of Girton College. Among her many distinctions are included honorary degrees from Edinburgh, Oxford, Cambridge, London, and Harvard. She was appointed honorary fellow of Somerville, fellow of King's College London, and a foreign member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Science. She received the Prix

Charles Leopold de Science de l'Institut de France and in 1963 she was created Dame of the British Empire. It was typical of her that she rated as more important than all these honours the ability to make a successful experiment. She took great pleasure in the fact that Dr Strangeways's original reason for setting up the laboratory was arthritis research and she was able to lead the laboratory back to becoming a major institute for studying the basic mechanisms of articular diseases.

Many members and associates of the Strangeways Laboratory have expressed an interest in contributing to a memorial for her. The trustees, governors, and director of the laboratory have decided that it would be most appropriate to set up a fund to provide an Honor Fell Research Fellowship. This would provide a fund to enable young scientists to receive laboratory training at the Strangeways Research Laboratory, and it is felt that this would be an appropriate way to remember her achievements in the field of tissue culture, and her lifelong interest in imparting these skills to other scientists. Contributions should be sent to Roger Lawrence, Administrative Secretary, Strangeways Research Laboratory, Worts Causeway, Cambridge CB1 4RN. All donations will of course be acknowledged.

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