NOTICES

Keratoconus Self Help and Support Association

For some time keratoconus patients at Moorfields Eye Hospital have met as a self help and support group. On 10 March 1994 this was formally constituted as the Keratoconus Self Help and Support Association. Mr Roger Buckley, MA, FRCS, FRCOphth, Director of Moorfields Contact Lens Department, accepted the Association’s invitation to become its president. The Association aims to heighten awareness of keratoconus, its effects, and management, both within the medical and optical professions and generally. Funds are to be raised for publication of a pamphlet for this purpose. While the condition does not lead to blindness, for some the deterioration is such that a corneal transplant is the only option. Even then a contact lens may still be needed. There will be active support for research, regular meetings, and other activities including fundraising and a newsletter. Links are already being established with related societies and associations. Nor will the Association lose sight of its principal purpose, help and support for keratoconus sufferers. All keratoconus sufferers are welcome to join and associate membership is open to any interested non-sufferer. Further details: Mike Oliver (chairman), 39 Eversley Road, London SE7 7LF.

British and Eire Association of Vitreo-Retinal Surgeons

The next meeting of the British and Eire Association of Vitreo-Retinal Surgeons (BEAVRS) will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Bristol, on 20–21 October 1994. Further details: Mr R H B Grey, Bristol Eye Hospital, Lower Maudlin Street, Bristol BS1 2LX. (Tel: 0272–230060; Fax: 0272–284686.)

Third International Symposium on Ocular Inflammation

The 3rd international symposium on ocular inflammation will be held on 22–25 October 1994 in Fukuoka, Japan. Further details: Registration Secretary, c/o JTB Communications Inc, New Kyoyo Center Building, 5F, Shiojoki, Shimachi, Shimogyo-ku Kyoto 600, Japan.

The First Asia-Pacific Symposium on Visual Sciences

The First Asia-Pacific Symposium on Visual Sciences (1st APS-VS) will be held in Guangzhou, China, on 2–5 November 1994. It is also a satellite symposium for the Third Congress of the Federation of Asian and Oceanian Physiological Societies. For further details: Professor De-Zheng Wu, Eye Research Institute, Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center, Sun Yat-Sen University of Medical Sciences, 54 Xianlie Road, Guangzhou 510060, PR China. (Tel: +86–20–777 3370; Fax: +86–20–777 5271.)

Glucoma Society (UK & Eire) 15th Annual Meeting

The 15th annual meeting of the Glaucoma Society (UK & Eire) will be held on 24 November 1994 at the Central Conference Centre, 90 Central Street, London ECIV. There will be scientific sessions in the morning and afternoon for free papers followed by the Allergan Guest Lecture, which will be delivered by Professor Elke Lutjen-Drecoll from Erlangen, Germany. Further details: Vicki Scott, Glaucoma Society (UK & Eire), Glaucoma Unit, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London ECIV 2PD.

Office of Continuing Medical Education

A course entitled ‘1995 Update in the Management of Age-Related Macular Degeneration’ will be held on 21 January 1995 at the Thomas B Turner Building, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, sponsored by The Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute of Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Further details: Program Coordinator, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Office of Continuing Medical Education, 720 Rutland Avenue, Turner 20, Baltimore, MD 21205-2195, USA. (Tel: (410) 955-2959; Fax: (410) 955-0807.)

Photonics West '95

The International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE) will hold a conference entitled ‘Photonics West '95’ on 4–10 February 1995 at the San Jose Convention Center, San Jose, California, USA. This meeting consolidates three established California meetings, OE/LASE, Biomedical Optics, and the IS&T/SPIE Symposium on Electronic Imaging Science and Technology. Further details: SPIE, PO Box 10, Bellingham, WA 98227-0010, USA. (Tel: 206/676–3290; Fax: 206/667–1445.)

4th International Symposium on Ocular Circulation and Neovascularisation


International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision

The 33rd ISCEV symposium will be held in Athens, Greece, 16–20 June 1995. The congress is organised by the International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision. Further details: Secretariat, Erasmus Conference Centre, International Congress Organisers, 227 Kifissias Ave, 145 61 Kifissia, Greece. (Tel: (01) 6125022/3, 8054004; Fax: (01) 6125021.)

The Jules François Prize, 1997

The Jules François Prize of the Belgian ophthalmological societies of $US 10,000 will be awarded for the sixth time in 1997 to a young scientist who has made an important contribution to ophthalmology. The aim of the prize is to encourage scientific research in ophthalmology. There is no special theme. Fundamental as well as clinical research will be considered. The age limit is 40 years by 31 December 1995. The application: a curriculum vitae, and three copies of published papers must be forwarded to the secretary of the Jules François Foundation. The closing date for applications is 31 December 1995. Further details: Dr J D’Haenens, Secretary of the Jules François Foundation, E Beernaertstraat 34, B-8400 Oostende, Belgium.