patients with Sorsby's fundus dystrophy and age-related macular degeneration was thought to be caused by thickening of Bruch's mem-
brane interfering with metabolic exchange across Bruch's membrane between the chorio-
capillaris and the retinal pigment epithelium. The results may indicate that Bruch's mem-
brane changes associated with peau d'orange in patients with PXE have little effect on function and seem to interfere significantly with delivery of the metabolic substrates necessary for normal function to the photoreceptor cells.

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Medical Screening: The Way Forward

Medical screening provides many opportunities for the prevention of disease and handicap. What can it offer and what are its limitations? Based on several case studies, a one day conference entitled Medical Screening: The Way Forward, organised jointly by BMJ and Journal of Medical Screening, will be held on 26 January 1994 at the QE2 Conference Centre, London to examine the medical, scientific, ethical, social, psychological, and econ-
omic aspects of screening. For details: Pru Waiters, BMA Conference Unit, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR. (Tel: 071–383 6005; Fax: 071–383 6400.)

Optics '94

Optics '94, an international exhibition on eye wear, technology, and equipment for optom-
try and ophthalmology will be held on 18–20 February 1994 at the World Trade Center, Singapore. A conference on better eye care will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. Further details: Lines exposition and management Services Pte Ltd, 318-B King George's Avenue, Singapore 0820. (Tel: (65) 2998611; Fax: (65) 2998633.)

International Society of Ocular Trauma

The 3rd International Symposium on Ocular Trauma will be held in Cancun, Mexico in March 1994. Further details: Secretariat, PO Box 50006, Tel Aviv, 61500, Israel. (Tel: (972) 3) 5174571; Fax: (972 3) 5175674.)

Third Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Squint Club

The Third Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Squint Club will be held in Melbourne, Australia on 4–6 March 1994. Further details: Dr W E Gillies, 82 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000, Australia (tel: 61 3 654 5860; fax: 61 3 650 4404).

International Ophthalmal Excimer Laser Congress

The first annual United Kingdom International Ophthalmal Excimer Laser Congress will be held on 15 and 16 April 1994 at Redworth Hall Hotel and Country Club, County Durham. Details: Ms Judith Ritchey, Sunderland Eye Infirmary, Queen Alexandra Road, Sunderland, UK SR2 9HP. (Fax: 0191-569 9275.)

Fourth Breton Workshop on Autoimmunity

The Fourth Breton Workshop on Autoimmunity will be held on 15–16 April 1994 in Brest, France. Further details: Secretariat, Laboratory of Immunology, Brest University Medical School Hospital, BP 824–29 609 Brest cedex, France. (Tel: (33) 98 22 33 84; Fax: (33) 98 80 10 76.)

European Society of Traditional
Ophthalmology and Traditional Chinese Medicine

The 3rd international symposium of traditional medicine will be held on 12–22 May 1994 in Japan. Further details: Dr J Polleti, Société Européenne d'Ophthalmologie Traditionelle, CHIC Tarbes, BP 1330, 65013 Tarbes Cedex, France. (Tel: 62 51 54 55; Fax: 62 51 51 62.)

American Academy of Optometry

A meeting of the American Academy of Optometry will be held on 28–30 May 1994, at the Amsterdam Marriott Hotel, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Further details: Academy Office, 4330 East-West Highway, Suite 1117, Bethesda, MD 20814, USA. (Tel: (301) 718-6500; Fax: (301) 656-0989.)

International Conference on Biomedical Periodicals

The International Conference on Biomedical Periodicals will be held on 16–18 June 1994 in Beijing, China. Further details: Dr Yongmao Jiang, International Conference on Biomedical Periodicals, c/o Publishing House of Medical Journals, Chinese Medical Association, 42 Dongsi Xidajie, Beijing 100710, China. (Tel: 86–1–5133531 ext 362; Fax: 86–1–5123754.)

XXVII International Congress of Ophthalmology

The International Council of Ophthalmology will hold its XXVIIth International Congress on Ophthalmology on 26–30 June 1994 in Toronto, Canada. Further details: Congress Canada, 191 Niagara Street, Toronto, Canada M5V 1C9. (Tel: (416) 860–1772; Fax: (416) 860–0380.)


The first Allied Health Personnel Conference will be held in conjunction with the XXVIIth International Congress of Ophthalmology on 26–30 June 1994 in Toronto, Canada. Further details: Congress Canada, 191 Niagara Street, Toronto, Canada M5V 1C9. (Tel: (416) 860–1772; Fax: (416) 860–0380.)

Welsh Cataract Congress 1994

The Welsh Cataract Congress 1994 will be held on 6–10 September 1994. Details from: Eula Mae Childs, coordinator, Colleen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, 6501 Fannin, NC200, Houston, TX 77030, USA. (Tel: (713) 798–5941; Fax: (713) 798–4364.)

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 Kyoto Center Building, 5F, Shikoku, Shimachii, Shimogyo-ku Kyoto 600, Japan.

Correction

We regret that, in the perspective in the August issue (1993; 77: 515–24), reference 134 was incorrect. The correct reference is:
