

## Notes

### Elderly persons

A multidisciplinary seminar on the 'Elderly person with failing vision—the problems and how best they can be met' will be held on 6 November 1979 at New Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge, by the Department of Geriatric Medicine, Cambridge, jointly with the Disabled Living Foundation. Details from Miss Margaret Dowden, Conference Secretary, Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, London W14 8NS (tel. 01-602 2491).

### Contact lens technology

The annual course in contact lens technology will be held at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, on 29 November–1 December 1979. Further details from David Paton MD, Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, 6501 Fannin (NC 200), Houston, Texas 77030, USA.

### Glaucoma

The 29th annual symposium on glaucoma will be held at the New Orleans Academy of Ophthalmology on 22–26 March 1980. Details from Paula Di Leo, Executive Secretary, New Orleans Academy of Ophthalmology, 931 Canal Street, Suite 517, New Orleans, LA 70112, USA.

### Afro-Asian Congress

The VIIth Afro-Asian Congress of Ophthalmology will take place in Tunis on 26–29 October 1980. The provisional programme has for its main subjects 'Virus eye diseases' and 'Trauma of the eye'; for its symposia 'Ocular microsurgery', 'Fundus in metabolic diseases'; 'Onchocercosis', 'History of ophthalmology', and 'Educational trends in ophthalmology'; and for round table discussions 'Paramedicals and prevention of blindness', and 'Traditional medicine'. Further details from the Secretariat, Institut d'Ophthalmologie, Bab Saadoun, Tunis, Tunisia.

### Road safety

The 2nd International Congress on Vision and Road Safety, sponsored by the International Road Safety Council, will be held at the International Conference

Centre in Paris (Porte Maillot) on 20–22 November 1980. Subjects under discussion will be night vision, road lighting, vehicle lighting, traffic signals, and reflecting signals. Registration fee is Fr750. Further information from R. Pansard, General Secretary, Linas 91310, Monthery, France.

### Correction

In the paper entitled 'Ocular and cardiovascular effects of local and systemic pindolol' (*BJO*, 1979, 63, 63–66) by Smith, S. E., Smith, S. A., Reynolds, R., and Whitmarsh, V. B., the caption to Table 1 contained an error. The concentration of plasma pindolol should have been given in nmol/l instead of  $\mu\text{mol/l}$ .

### 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*.

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- 1 Green A B, Brown C D, Grey E F. A new method of measuring the blood glucose. *Br J Ophthalmol* 1980; 64:27–32.
- 2 Green A B, Brown C D. *Textbook of Medicine*. London: Silver Books, 1980.
- 3 Grey E F. Diseases of the pancreas. In: Green A B, Brown C D, eds. *Textbook of Medicine*. London: Silver Books, 1980; 349–362.

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