Correspondence

Coloboma of optic nerve

SIR, In the June 1978 issue of the *BJO* (p. 347) I described the histopathology of a coloboma of the optic nerve which had simulated a tumour clinically. In citing the pertinent literature I overlooked a reference in the Czech literature which reported a similar case: Vrabec, J., Kolobóm vstupu zrakového Nervu, *Ceskoslovenská Oftalmologie*, 1971, 27, 2.

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Notes

Keeler fellowship

The Keeler fellowship for 1980-81 has been awarded to Dr T. A. S. Buchanan of the Department of Ophthalmology, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Dr Buchanan will spend a year as fellow in neuro-ophthalmology with Professor Hoyt at the University of California, San Francisco, commencing 1 August 1980.

Oculoplastic surgical dissection

A semiannual oculoplastic surgical dissection course will be held at Tarrytown, New York, under the sponsorship of New York Medical College, on 22-25 October 1980. Fee \$650. Further details from Ms P. Tamkin, c/o Dr P. Guibor, 630 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, USA.

Contact lens course

An annual course in contact lens technology will be held at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, on 4-6 December 1980. Further details from Professor David Paton, Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, 6501 Fannin (NC 200), Houston, Texas 77030, USA.

Intraocular lens implants

The International Intraocular Lens Implant Symposium will be held in Singapore on 27 January-1 February 1981. It is organised by the International Intraocular Implant Club, the Netherlands Intraocular Implant Club, and the United Kingdom Intraocular Implant Club. Participation is limited. Further details from the Organising Secretary, c/o Mt Elizabeth Travel Service Pte Ltd., Suite 107 1st Floor, Mt Elizabeth Medical Centre, Mt Elizabeth, Singapore 0922.

Ocular and adnexal tumours

A course on current thinking in the management of ocular and adnexal tumours will be held in San Francisco on 4-6 February 1981. Subjects to be discussed include masquerade syndromes; lid and conjunctival tumor management; controversies in the management of choroidal melanoma; iris tumors and ocular metastases; retinoblastoma; and advances in orbital tumor diagnosis and management. Further information from Dr Devron H. Char, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143, USA.

Toronto refresher course

The Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Toronto will hold its annual refresher day course on 6 and 7 February 1981. The guest speaker will be Dr A. J. Bron and the Walter Wright lecturer Dr Peter Laibson whose topic will be 'Corneal and External Diseases'. Further information from the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Toronto, 1 Spadina Crescent, Room 115, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2J5, Canada.

Laser meeting

The Laser and Advanced Retinal Meeting will be held in Penang, Malaysia, on 1-5 March 1981. This meeting is organised by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and the Ophthalmological Society of Malaysia. Participation is limited. Details from Dr Michael S. H. Oh, c/o Penang Medical Centre, 1 Jalan Pangkor, Penang, Malaysia.

Annual congress of Ophthalmological Society

The Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom will hold its Annual Congress next year at the University of Southampton Medical School on 8-10 April 1981. Further information from Miss M. M. Hallendorf, Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, Royal College of Surgeons, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

International congress of ophthalmology

The 24th International Congress of Ophthalmology will be held at San Francisco on 31 October to 5 November 1982. These meetings go back 125 years to the first congress held in Brussels. Their purpose is to bring together ophthalmologists to exchange new ideas and information in order to advance the treatment of eye diseases around the world. The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology will be combined with the congress. Abstracts of papers, exhibits, or films must be received by 15 December 1981 on submission forms requested from Frederick C. Blodi, MD, ICO, Box 3030, San Francisco, California 94119, USA. Further information from Dr Bruce Spivey at the same address.