NOTICES

Glaucoma Group

DAVID COLE TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

The David Cole Travel Fellowship, instituted by Merck Sharp & Dohme in memory of Professor David Cole, will assist up to two; a position to a hospital or research centre during the academic year starting 1 October 1995. The award will be equivalent to £2000. The purpose of the award is to enable the successful applicant to gain experience and knowledge in pursuit of a specific project related to glaucoma.

Wellcome General Overseas Travelling Research Fellowships 1994-95

The purpose of these fellowships is to allow postdoctoral scientists and medical graduates to gain further research experience by working in leading laboratories in the UK or the Republic of Ireland. Applications are invited from such workers who wish to undertake research projects in one of the natural or clinical sciences, which has a bearing on human or veterinary medicine, with the exception of cancer. Applicants may be from any country outside Europe, with the exception of New Zealand and the USA for whom special schemes are available. Awards will be made on the basis of the research proposal. The research proposed should be relevant to the research interests of the candidate in his/her own country. Awards are made for one year in the first instance, although requests for an extension may be considered. Fellowships provide a stipend within the range from £13,941 to £27,869 per annum, depending on age and experience. They also include the cost of research, attendance at scientific meetings, and return travel.

Candidates must be nominated by a sponsor in the UK or the Republic of Ireland, through whom all initial inquiries should be made. A preliminary proposal should include a one or two page outline of the research proposed, the curriculum vitae of the candidate, and a letter indicating that he/she has a position to return to at the end of the fellowship. There are no special deadlines for this scheme and applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Requests for application forms should be addressed to: Dr J M Wilkinson, The Wellcome Trust, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE; Tel: 0171-611 8407.

Candidates from New Zealand and the USA should contact the Health Research Council of New Zealand, Auckland, NZ or the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, Morrissville, NC 27560, USA, respectively, for details of appropriate schemes.

Vth International Symposium on Sjögren’s Syndrome

The Vth International Symposium on Sjögren’s syndrome will be held on 15-17 June 1995, in Noordwijkheer, the Netherlands. Further details from: Conference secretariat: A A Kruize, Department of Rheumatology F02.223, University Hospital Utrecht, p/o Box 85500, 3508 GA, Utrecht, the Netherlands. (Tel: +31 30 507357, Fax: +31 30 523741.)

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.)

4th European Symposium of Traditional Ophthalmology

The 4th European Symposium of Traditional Ophthalmology will be held in Milan, Italy on 25-26 June 1995. Further details: Dottore Marzio Vanzini, Via Berletta 22, 40132 Bologna, Italy. (Tel: 39 51 38 24 01; Fax: 39 51 62 32 006.)

San Diego Eye Bank

The San Diego Eye Bank is holding its 15th annual current concepts in ophthalmology conference on 11-13 August 1995 at the San Diego Princess Resort. Further details: Britta A Sullaway, Public Relations, San Diego Eye Bank, 3702 Ruffin Road, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123, USA. (Tel: (619) 694-0444; Fax: (619) 694-0581.)

The 21st International Pupil Colloquium

The 21st International Pupil Colloquium will be held from 29 August to 2 September 1995 at Schloss Haigerloch, Tübingen, Germany. For further details: Helmut Wilhelm, University Eye Hospital, Department of Pathophysiology of Vision and Neuro-Ophthalmology, D-72076 Tübingen, Germany. (Tel: +497071 294786; Fax: +497071 295038.)

European Strabismological Association

The 22nd meeting of the European Strabismological Association (ESA) will be held in St John’s College, Cambridge, UK on 6-8 September 1995. Application papers, including abstract forms, can be obtained from: Mr J S Elston, MD, FRCOphth, Oxford Eye Hospital, Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HE, UK.

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 Cameron House, Loch Lomond, Glasgow on 5-6 October 1995. Members will be contacted with further details in due course; any other doctors wishing to attend should contact Dr H M Hammer or Dr T Barrie, Glasgow Eye Infirmary, 3 Sandyford Place, Glasgow G3 7NB. (Tel: 0141-211 6767; Fax: 0141-211 6770.)

Joint European Research Meeting in Ophthalmology and Vision

JERMOV, the Joint European Research Meeting in Ophthalmology and Vision, will hold its second meeting in Montpellier on 14-18 October 1995. Further details: JERMOV Secretariat – Chairman Agency, Les Portes d’Antigone 43, Place Vauban, 34000 Montpellier, France. (Tel: +33 67 15 99 00; Fax: +33 67 15 99 09.)

The Jules François Prize, 1997

The Jules François Prize of the Belgian ophthalmological societies of SUS 10 000 will be awarded for the sixth time in 1997 to a young scientist who had 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.

Correction

Because of a printer’s error the wrong figure appeared as Figure 2 in the paper by Ono et al that was published in the March issue of the journal (BJO 1995; 79: 270-6). The correct figure is given below.

Figure 2 Quantitative PCR of HTLV-1 provirus DNA in the samples. An autoradiogram of the membrane hybridisation of the PCR products (30 cycles) with internal oligomer probe, G3, is presented. The membrane was exposed to X-Omat AR film for 1 hour. (A) Fivefold dilution series of the positive control (50-5 to 5-4 from lanes 1 to 5); (B) samples from HU patients (lanes 6 to 10); (C) samples from asymptomatic carriers (lanes 11 to 13).