

Announcements

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The First International Symposium on Recent Advances in Prenatal Diagnosis will be held at the 'Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi' in Bologna, Italy, on 15 and 16 September 1980. The Symposium, organised by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Bologna University and by the 'F Angelini' Research Institute, Rome, will include a number of Round Tables on the main aspects of prenatal diagnosis. Presidents of the Congress are Professor P E Polani (London) and Professor C Orlandi (Bologna).

Further information can be obtained from A C 'Assistenza Congressi', Via P Palagi, 21-40138 Bologna, Italy; tel 051-394882.

**NOMENCLATURE FOR HIGH RESOLUTION
BANDING OF HUMAN CHROMOSOMES**
Many laboratories now use high resolution banding

techniques and it has become apparent that an internationally agreed system of nomenclature is necessary to deal with all the new information that has become available. At a meeting of the Standing Committee on Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature held in Edinburgh in July 1979 it was decided (1) that a nomenclature for high resolution banding of human chromosomes is necessary and (2) that it is essential that this nomenclature be an extension of *An International System for Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature: ISCN (1978)*. The standing committee together with its consultants are now working on this revision of ISCN (1978) and hope to publish it late in 1980. We wish to draw this to the attention of human cytogeneticists who may at present be concerned about the lack of an agreed nomenclature to deal with the large number of bands that can now be visualised.