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(2) Dermatoglyphs: Penrose L S. Memorandum on dermatoglyphic nomenclature. *Birth Defects* 1968;4:No 3.

(3) Enzymes: WHO Scientific Group. Standardization of procedures for the study of glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase. *WHO Tech Rep Ser* 1967;No 366.

(4) Blood coagulation: International Committee of Haemostasis and Thrombosis (Graham J B *et al*). A genetic nomenclature for human blood coagulation. *Thromb Haemostas* 1973;30:2–11.

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Announcements

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WORLD CONGRESS ON MENTAL RETARDATION

A World Congress on Mental Retardation of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Retardation will be held in Toronto, Canada, on 22 to 26 August 1982. To receive full information on the programme, study tours, travel, presentation of papers, etc, write IASSMD, Kinsmen Building, York University Campus, 4700 Keele Street, Downsview, Ontario, Canada M3J IP3.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF SYMPOSIUM HONOURING DR C C LI

The Graduate School of Public Health of the University of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a symposium honouring the distinguished geneticist, Dr C C Li. It will be held in Pittsburgh on 27 and 28 September 1982 before the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics. The complete programme will be published in the near future.

GENETICS IN CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

The course entitled Genetics in Clinical Oncology will be offered for the second time on 7 to 8 October 1982 in New York City by the Laboratory of Genetics, Department of Pathology, Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases. The objective of the course is to provide current knowledge of genetics as it pertains to clinical oncology in such a manner that will take on practical value. Topics to be covered will include (1) current theory, including that of 'new genetics', concerning the aetiology and nature of cancer, (2) the role of chromosome changes in leukaemia and solid tumours, (3) the role of heredity in predisposing a person or a family to cancer, and (4) practical matters such as genetic counselling for the cancer patient or family and indications for genetic and cytogenetic work-up. The course has been approved for 15 credit hours in Category I of the Physicians Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. The fee for the course, including registration, reception, and luncheons is $200. Co-directors: Dr R S K Chaganti and Dr James L German III. For more information, write or call Dr Chaganti at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, New York 10021, USA (tel: 212/794-7100).

A REGISTER OF CASES OF TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS

With support from the Tuberous Sclerosis Association, which publishes *Scan*, a register based on all cases in their files is being compiled. It is restricted to members of the Society who are agreeable to this being made available for such purposes as seem reasonable to Mrs Hunt, the Secretary, and myself, Professor J H Edwards. It will be simplest if any cases are referred through membership of the Tuberous Sclerosis Association (Church Farm House, Church Road, North Leigh, Oxford), but I will also welcome information for a confidential file (names, maiden names, birth dates of affected individuals, and parents, hospital numbers, and consultants) relating to individuals who do not wish to be registered. Under no circumstances will any communication be made from the restricted file except to the consultant, and this file will not be available to the Tuberous Sclerosis Association. (Professor J H Edwards, Department of Medical Genetics, Old Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LU.)

HOMOCYSTINURIA

An international co-operative questionnaire study of patients with homocystinuria due to cystathionine synthase deficiency is in progress with the aim of improving knowledge about the natural history and the treatment of this disease. Any physician who is caring for such a patient and is willing to complete a brief questionnaire is urged to telephone or write to Dr S Harvey Mudd, National Institute of Mental Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bldg 32A, Room 101, Bethesda, Maryland 20205, USA. Tel: (301) 496-3528.

THE CELL REPOSITORY OF NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES

This new cell bank, the first and only one which is dedicated solely to neuromuscular diseases, is located at the deBelle Laboratory for Biochemical Genetics, McGill University—Montreal Children's Hospital Research Institute, and is supported and maintained by the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada. The purpose of this Repository is to collect and bank a wide variety of fibroblast cell strains derived from patients with neuromuscular

diseases and to make these cells available at a nominal charge to all legitimate investigators. We welcome any appropriately characterised cell cultures for repository inclusion. For further information and cell strain contribution write to: Drs H Goldman or Sergio Pena, The Cell Repository of Neuromuscular Diseases, deBelle Laboratory for Biochemical Genetics, Montreal Children's Hospital, 2300 Tupper Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3H 1P3.

Correction

In the article 'Retardation of ovarian growth in male-sterile mice carrying an autosomal translocation' by Mittwoch *et al* (*J Med Genet* 1981;**18**: 414–7), the mouse translocations were printed throughout using human instead of mouse cytogenetics nomenclature, that is, t instead of T. We apologise for this error.