

NEWS and NOTES

This department furnishes information concerning institutions, organizations, and individuals engaged in work on leprosy and other mycobacterial diseases, and makes note of scientific meetings and other matters of interest.

Germany. *Deutschen Gesellschaft für Tuberkulose und Lungendrankheiten.* The 25th meeting of the German Association for Tuberculosis and Diseases of the Lungs will take place in Hamburg from 20 to 23 September 1972.

General guidelines for discussion are as follows:

1. Environmental factors and reaction-organ lung (bronchitis, mycoses, sili-cosis, asbestoses, damages of the lungs by medication and biocidal agents).
2. Mycobacteria and mycobacterioses, tuberculosis, especially epidemiology, therapy, organization of control, evaluation, other mycobacterioses (leprosy, Buruli ulcers).
3. Prospective ways of research from experiment and clinics (sarcoidosis, influencing the growth in connecting tissues in fibroses of the lungs and bronchitis).

The opening ceremony will take place on 19 September 1972, followed by a reception and cold buffet. In addition to the scientific meeting, there is a participants' program for those attending the meeting.

Questions or information regarding the meeting are to be directed to the Chairman, Professor Dr. E. Freerksen, 2061 Borstel, Forschungsinstitut, Germany.

Spain. *The 11th International Leprosy Course for Missionaries and Paramedical Personnel* will be held October 2-28, 1972, under the direction of Dr. José Terencio de las Aguas. The course will take place in the Sanatorio de Fontilles, Alicante, Spain, and is organized by the Soberana Orden Militar de Malta and the Colonia Sanatorio de San Francisco de Borja de Fontilles.

Lectures will be given on laboratory technics, diagnosis and treatment of leprosy. Those wishing to attend this course should direct their inquiries to the Inter-

national Executive Committee for the Assistance of Lepers, 3 Place Clarapède, Geneva, Switzerland, before August 30, 1972, and at the same time to the Colonia Sanatorio de San Francisco de Borja de Fontilles, Alicante, Spain. Preference will be given first to missionaries, second to those who propose to work in missions, and third to the assistants who work in leprosy centers.

Attendance at this course is gratis since the cost is assumed by the Orden de Malta.

Prizes of the Spanish Academy of Dermatology. *Sainz de Aja Prize*, 15,000 pesetas. Iberian-American physicians who wish to compete should submit an original and unedited, typed, triple-spaced paper on a free theme in dermatology or venereology. It should be received by the Academy, Calle Sandoval 7, Madrid, Spain, before December 1, 1972, in a sealed envelope with title but without the author(s) name. In a second envelope, addressed to the Academy, should be the paper with title, name of author and his address.

The papers will be studied by a commission of three members of the Academy, designated by the Junta Directiva, who will decide on the paper to be awarded the prize. They can declare the prize un-awarded if there should be no paper sufficiently qualified. On the other hand, they can grant second prizes without cash award if there should be several deserving papers.

The prizes will be conferred in the first session of 1973. The papers which are awarded prizes will remain the property of the Academy and will be published in the *Actas Dermosifiliográficas*.

Academia Espanola de Dermatologia Prize, 15,000 pesetas. This prize is open to physicians of any nationality. Requirements for the papers and bases for the award are the same as for the above prize.