

## Notices

### Symposium on death from asthma

A symposium entitled "Death from Asthma—Can We Prevent It?" that is to be held at East Birmingham Hospital Postgraduate Medical Centre on 13 July 1983 will be of interest to everyone concerned with the management of patients with asthma. The topics will include the recognition of asthma from a clinical and pathological viewpoint, a coroner's impression, lessons from the studies on deaths from asthma, patient education, emergency treatment, and self-referral schemes. Speakers will include Drs Alistair Brewis and Fleming Carswell, Professor Tim Clark, Drs Michael Dunnill, Andrew Johnson, David Stableforth and Charles Stewart, and Mr Andrew Nunn. Further details from Miss MC Wood, Postgraduate Medical Centre, East Birmingham Hospital, Bordesley Green East, Birmingham B9 5ST.

### European Working Group for Cystic Fibrosis

The 12th annual meeting of the European Working Group for Cystic Fibrosis will be held in Athens, Greece, on 3–4 October 1983. This meeting will be preceded on 1–2 October by the annual meeting of the International Cystic Fibrosis (Mucoviscidosis) Association at the same venue. Further information from Ron Tucker, Executive Director, Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, Alexandra House, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3RS.

### Fifth International Congress of Laser Medicine and Surgery

The Fifth International Congress of Laser Medicine and Surgery, sponsored jointly by Sinai Hospital of Detroit and the International Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery, will be held at the Westin Hotel in Detroit's Renaissance Center from 7 to 9 October 1983, and will include an extensive display of technical and scientific laser exhibits. The subjects to be covered include bronchoscopy and cardiovascular applications. Further information may be obtained from Sinai Hospital of Detroit or from the

Registration Supervisor, Fifth International Congress of Laser Medicine and Surgery, Charles B Slack Inc, 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086, USA.

### Dr Alexander Capes Memorial Fund

Applications are invited from nurses for a grant from the Dr Alexander Capes Memorial Fund to help them enlarge their experience in thoracic nursing. Consideration will be given to applicants from Britain wishing to study at other centres at home or abroad and to overseas applicants who wish to study in Britain and return home afterwards. Applications, giving details of the proposed study, should be sent to the Administrative Secretary, British Thoracic Society, 30 Britten Street, London SW3 6NN, by 16 June. June.

## Corrections

### Intrapleural *Corynebacterium parvum* for malignant pleural effusions

In the paper by Drs R Felletti and C Ravazzoni (January p 22) work attributed to Grant<sup>12</sup> in line 8 of the second paragraph should have been attributed thus: "Miller *et al*<sup>11</sup> conducted a comparative trial of intrapleural mustine hydrochloride versus *Corynebacterium parvum* and showed favourable results with the latter." The reference to Grant applies to a letter about the paper by Miller *et al* published with a reply from the authors.

### Beta-blockers in bronchial asthma: effect of propranolol and pindolol on large and small airways

In the paper by Dr D Patakas *et al* which appeared in the February issue (p 108) it was reported in the abstract and in table 2 that PEFr had fallen by 87.4%  $\pm$  13.2%. This should have been 12.6%  $\pm$  1.6%.