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A European manual for users of the NHP will be available in 1990.

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**International Conference on "Doctors at work: General Practice in facts and figures"**. This conference will be held in Utrecht on May 10 and 11, 1990. The aims of the conference are (1) to present the major results of the Dutch National Study on general practice; (2) to assess its value for Dutch health policy; and (3) to evaluate its scientific impact, based on the following six topics of the National Study: Psychosocial problems in general practice; Social inequality; The patient; Primary and specialist health care; Inter-doctor variance; Information systems in general practice.

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#### **The First European Conference on the Epidemiology of Rheumatic Diseases**

This conference will be held on September 16-19, 1990, in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. Topics will be (1) Epidemiology of work related diseases of the musculoskeletal system, (2) Epidemiological characteristics of rheumatoid arthritis in Mediterranean countries. There will be sessions for free papers. Enquiries to: Professor Ivo Jajić MD DSc, Rheumatology Department, Vinogradska 29, 41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

#### **International conference on Assessing AIDS Prevention, October 29-November 1, 1990, Montreux, Switzerland.**

This conference will bring together researchers and public health practitioners involved in the development, the implementation, and especially the assessment of AIDS prevention among different populations and subpopulations throughout the world. The conference will consist of invited speakers, workshops and submitted presentations (oral and poster), and will address issues and methods related to the assessment of prevention campaigns and strategies, and the social impact of different facets of the epidemic. Deadline for abstracts 31st March.

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