populations. Surveys are reported from Japan, China, Indonesia, Korea, and Kuwait. This is perhaps not surprising in view of the symposium location. For those interested in studying the causes of cataract, this geographical perspective is valuable. For those involved in planning health services in the United States and Europe it has little of value. In the United Kingdom, where epidemiological "needs" assessment is becoming standard practice, the major textbooks on ophthalmology contain more relevant and comprehensive data on cataract prevalence rates, which are strongly age related, and other associated risk factors, eg, diabetes, infections. Previous symposia proceedings (volumes 15 and 17 in Developments in Ophthalmology) probably contain reports of large American and European ophthalmic surveys which have been undertaken over the last 30 years. This new volume complements those reports. International collaboration to study the epidemiology of cataracts is an important recent development.

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Health Professions in 1992: The European Challenge. Conference in the Guildhall, London EC2, under the auspices of the Royal Society of Health. Date 28 April; fee £75; contact address: Conference Department, The Royal Society of Health, 38A St George’s Drive, London SW1V 4BH; tel 071-630 0121, fax 071-976 6847.

The 22nd National Congress and 1st European Meeting of Industrial Medical Officers will take place in Nantes, France, on June 2-5 1992. Special themes will be: Occupational medicine and the environment; Health, aging and work; and Occupational dermatosis of chemical origin. Further information from Dr Grenhaus, Médecine du Travail, 3 rue Linée—BP 799, 44029 Nantes Cedex 04, France.

An International Congress for Infectious Diseases will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, on June 7-11, 1992. Abstracts are required by February 1st 1992. Further details from the conference secretariat: WKV, c/o Interconvention, A-1450 Vienna, Austria (fax 43-1 2369 648).

Second Summer Course in Biostatistics. An intensive three week application oriented biostatistics course will take place at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, India, from 15 June to 3 July 1992. Further details from Professor P S Sundar Rao, Department of Biostatistics, Christian Medical College, Vellore 632002; tel 22603; fax 416 25035. Final date for registration 30 April.

13th Scientific Meeting of the International Epidemiological Association. "New Pathways in Epidemiology". Date: September 26-30, 1993; place: Sydney, Australia; contact address: Conference Secretariat, 13th Scientific Meeting of the IEA, PO Box 746, Turramurra 2074, NSW, Australia; tel 61 2 449 1525, fax 61 2 488 7496.