

none was associated with CLL or CTCL. Some pigmentary changes were described in these cases, but in a pattern quite different from that seen in our patients.

To date of approximately 6000 patients treated with denileukin difitox the manufacturer has only nine reports of visual disturbance including these patients (data on file at Ligand Pharmaceuticals). Formal review of these reports has not revealed a clear pattern of ocular involvement. However, the similarity of the two cases reported here is striking, and raises the possibility of a novel toxic retinopathy.

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## NOTICES

### Macula of Paris

This meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at the InterContinental Paris Le

Grand Hôtel, 2 Rue Scribe, 75009 Paris, France. For further information, please contact Gisèle Soubrane, MD, Department of Ophthalmology, University Créteil-Paris XII, Avenue de Verdun, 40, 94010 Creteil, France. Or email Anne-Sophie Caron at: as.caron@colloquium.fr

### Back of the eye

The latest issue of *Community Eye Health* (No 57) assesses treatments for age related macular degeneration and other back of the eye conditions. For further information please contact: Journal of Community Eye Health, International Resource Centre, International Centre for Eye Health, Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT, UK (tel: +44 (0)20 7612 7964; email: Anita.Shah@lshtm.ac.uk; online edition: www.jceh.co.uk). Annual subscription (4 issues) UK £28/US\$45. Free to developing country applicants

### Managing human resources

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### 8<sup>th</sup> EUNOS Meeting – 2007

The 2007 European Neuro-ophthalmology Society meeting (EUNOS; www.eunos.org) will be taking place in Istanbul, Turkey on 26-29<sup>th</sup> May 2007. For further information please visit www.eunos2007.org or contact Pinar Aydin aydinp@eunos2007.org

### Teaching courses on Retinal and Vitreous Surgery

Several teaching courses on Retinal and Vitreous Surgery have been organised throughout 2006 and 2007 around the world in association with the International Faculty. For further information on each of these courses please contact Ingrid Kressig, Univ.-Augenklinik Theodor-Kutzer-Ufer 1-3, 68164 Mannheim, Germany; email: Ingrid.kressig@augen.ma.uni-heidelberg.de; website: http://kressig.uni-hd.de/.

### EVER 2006

The EVER 2006 meeting will take place in Vilamoura, Portugal on 4-7<sup>th</sup> October 2006. For further information please contact the EVER Office, Kapucijnenvoer 33, 3000 Leuven, Belgium; website www.ever.be

### Recruitment halted on ESCRS study on antibiotic prophylaxis of endophthalmitis following clear beneficial result

THE ESCRS has terminated recruitment for their two year study of antibiotic prophylaxis of endophthalmitis following cataract surgery. Quarterly analysis of the figures to date

by the study's statisticians at the University of Strathclyde clearly indicates a beneficial treatment effect. In January 2006 the Data Monitoring Committee recommended that the study be unmasked and found the result to be so clear that they recommended to the Study Chairman that recruitment be halted.

The study has found that the risk of contracting endophthalmitis following phacoemulsification cataract surgery is significantly reduced by an intracameral injection of cefuroxime at the end of surgery.

The escrs Study, a partially masked, randomized, placebo controlled, multi-national study conducted at 24 ophthalmology centres across Europe commenced recruitment in September 2003. A preliminary report on the primary results will be published in the March 2006 issue of the Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. Complete follow-up data and analyses will be reported at the XXXIV Congress of the ESCRS in London in September 2006 and will subsequently be published in the Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

For further information contact Caroline Fitzpatrick European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, tel: +353 1 209 1100, caroline.fitzpatrick@escrs.org.

### Prevention of Blindness Fellowship Programme

Application are invited for BCPB Fellowships to start in 2007. The aims of the Fellowships are to fund research and training in prevention of blindness for high caliber clinicians and scientists from the UK and overseas. Projects must further the goals of VISION 202: THE RIGHT TO SIGHT, the elimination of avoidable blindness. In 2007, BCPB seeks to fund one Fellow from the UK and one Fellow from a low-income country to undertake projects that focus on Africa.

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- Demonstrate that their project is innovative and increases knowledge of the causes of blindness and/or its prevention in line with the priorities of VISION 2020
- Demonstrate the ability and ambition to pass on their skills in blindness prevention

The fellowships will be worth up to £60,000pa for 2 or 3 years. Applications must be submitted jointly by the Fellowship candidate and the supervisor at the host institution in the UK.

For full information and an application form, see www.bcpb.org or contact Jackie Webber at BCPB, 59-60 Russell Square, London WC1B 4HP or by email: info@bcpb.org. Closing date for applications is 30 September 2006.

## CORRECTION

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In the Scientific report titled, Incidence and severity of keratoconus in Asir province, Saudia Arabia (*Br J Ophthalmol* 2005;**89**: 1403–6) figure 2 was incorrect. The original legend printed for figure 2 has also changed. The authors apologise for this error. A full corrected figure is available on the BJO website at <http://www.bjophthalmol.com/supplemental>.