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NEWS

Fellowship of Engineering

Medical engineering is the application of engineering principles to clinical medicine for the benefit of patients. The Fellowship of Engineering has launched a report entitled 'Engineering in Medicine' which contains a compilation of information from a number of sources and contains chapters on 'Markets for medical devices', 'Human resources and education', 'Funding of research', 'Technology transfer' among others.

Copies of the Report can be obtained from: The Engineering Affairs Department, The Fellowship of Engineering, 2 Little Smith Street, London SE1P 3DL (cost £14.95). Further information can be obtained from Miss Jose Spring on 071 222 2688.

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The European Medical Research Group has been formed by Young AEMIE (European Association of Internal Medicine) with the support of the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, to provide a meeting place for professional and social contact among physicians in training, particularly those from continental Europe. Regular meetings are held at the Medical Society of London. An invited lecture is given, preceded by poster presentations and followed by a buffet supper.

Members of the Group are mailed regularly about the meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4 June 1991.

European research fellows and other visiting doctors who would like details of these meetings should write to:

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It is felt that an international journal dealing with lupus will have an important

place in the bringing together of clinical and laboratory observations. The journal will publish quarterly initially. As well as original papers, it will include editorials and review articles. There will be a correspondence section but case reports will be kept to a very minimum. The journal will cover the increasing number of international conferences on lupus. This interest is gathering momentum with the setting up of the International Conference Series on Lupus, the next of which will be held in London in April 1992.

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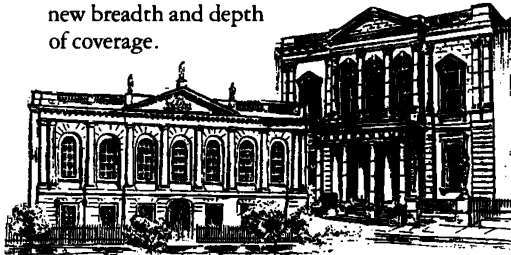
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