

From the Secretary's Office

The IIIrd Advanced course on Diabetes Mellitus was held at the Department of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi from 16th to 20th February 1987. Forty three physicians from all over India attended the 35 hour Advanced Course.

Proceedings of the Course are available in book form [Edited by Dr. Ramesh Khardori, MB, MD, Dipl ABIM, Endocr & Metab (USA)]. Copies can be had from the Secretary RSSDI upon payment of Rs. 10/- per copy.

The theme for the next annual scientific meeting of RSSDI to be held at Pune in January 1988 is **“Diabetes and the nervous system.”** Work on the following aspects is invited for presentation :

- * Diabetic neuropathies: complications or concomitant, reversible aspects of neuropathy
- * Asymmetric neuropathies
- * Autonomic neuropathies
- * Spinal syndromes
- * Profile of cerebrovascular lesions in diabetes
- * Neurological emergencies

Nutrition section :

The theme for the nutrition section at next years annual scientific meeting is **“Protein in diabetic diets.”** Scope for investigation includes :

- * Biological qualities of proteins (vegetarians versus non vegetarians)
- * Specific proteins as insulin secretogogues (essential amino acids)
- * Satiety value of proteins (value in weight reduction)

In certain cases, quality or quantity of protein intake should be modified. What are the guidelines for modification in Indian conditions ?

- * Diabetic renal disease
- * Diabetic pregnancy
- * Diabetes in childhood

Indo-US Diabetes Association :

Please send us the names of Indian scientists in USA who could be enrolled as members of the **Indo-US Diabetes Association**, affiliated to the RSSDI.