NOTES AND NEWS

BASM annual general meeting
Preparations for the BASM AGM in October in Brighton are well advanced. The short papers section, which was such a success last year, will again be an important feature of this year’s congress. Those who wish to submit short papers should write for an application form and further details to BASM 1997, Medipost Ltd, 100 Shaw Road, Oldham, Lancashire OL1 4AY. (Tel 0161 678 0233.)

BASM Gold award
Authors whose papers are selected for presentation at the BASM AGM will compete for the BASM Gold award and there will also be a prize for the best poster. The British Journal of Sports Medicine will publish the abstracts of all those papers accepted for presentation.

BASM travelling fellowship
AIRCAST are to fund a BASM travelling fellowship to the value of £2,000, which will enable the successful applicant to visit the United States. This fellowship will be awarded on the basis of a submitted proposal, and details of the first award will be announced at the 1997 BASM conference. It is expected that the winner will visit an academic unit, hospital or sports medicine centre for about two weeks.

Lottery funding
Sports Medicine will benefit from considerable extra funding generated by the lottery. Applications for funding were approved to many sports medicine centres around the United Kingdom. The sum, in excess of two million, must be matched by capital funding raised by each clinic. There is no revenue funding and hospitals, laboratories, and clinics will have to show that they can be self financing in the future.

National Sports Medicine Institute
There have been a number of changes in personnel and structure at the National Sports Medicine Institute. The post of medical director is now vacant but is unlikely to be advertised until plans for the British Academy of Sport are known. A position of chief executive, a non-medical position, was advertised but was not filled when the Journal went to press.

Higher professional training
Many of those interested in sports medicine are watching and waiting with great interest for the outcome of current negotiations about a future academic board to foster higher professional training for doctors. Although BASM is a multidisciplinary organisation, members voted at the 1996 AGM to form a subgroup to represent the interest of doctors in any future discussions. We understand that the board is making progress at present although there are as yet no concrete proposals.

American College of Sports Medicine
Professor Ron Maughan of Aberdeen delivered the BASM lecture at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). The title of the lecture was "Rehydration and recovery after exercise". Members of BASM are invited to submit nominations to the Executive for future recipients of this award. Nominees should be experts of international renown who have undertaken high quality research suitable for presentation to this prestigious audience.

Funding for educational events abroad
Many members of BASM were present at the 1997 ACSM meeting, including two who were funded by the Sports Council through BASM. Funding is available annually for two members to attend an educational event abroad, not necessarily the ACSM meeting. Members who wish to apply for grant support should apply in writing to BASM enclosing a copy of their curriculum vitae and a two page summary stating why they request support and how this grant will help both their own career and sports medicine in general.

The Journal on the Web
The British Journal of Sports Medicine now has its own home page on the Web. The contents of the latest issue can be found at www.bjsportmed.com

An archive of contents, instructions to authors, details of the editorial board, and subscription information can also be found there.

Rescue and resuscitation
The Motor Racing Safety Fund has launched a new publication entitled “Rescue and Resuscitation”. It is a four page news sheet for doctors and rescue crews involved in motor sport and is available from the MRSF, PO Box 781, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8ZZ. The first issue includes a call for more volunteer doctors to provide medical cover for events, and those who are interested can have their name included on the medical register held by RACMSA, Motor Sports House, Colnbrook, Slough, SL30HG.

Sports medicine distance learning course
A list of doctors who successfully sat for a Diploma in Sports Medicine was given in the previous issue of the journal (p 4). Dr Audrey Rowland of Bridgend Recreation Centre and the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, should have been included in this list.