

## E.O.R.T.C. News

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### NEW COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF CLINICAL TRIAL DATA

Richard Sylvester represented the E.O.R.T.C. Data Center at the BMDP-77 tutorial given in London on 30–31 August. The purpose of the tutorial was to familiarize potential users with the new BMDP series of computer programs.

These new statistical programs are a big improvement over the old series and represent a welcome addition to the literature. New programs which are of particular interest to people who are involved with the statistical analysis of clinical trial data have recently been added. Of particular interest are new programs on the analysis of contingency tables and a new program for the analysis of life tables and survival functions. New programs which may be used to identify important prognostic factors are in the design stage and will be available in the near future.

Those wishing further information concerning the BMDP programs should write to the Health Sciences Computing Facility, Department of Biomathematics, School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024, U.S.A.

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### FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CLINICAL BIOSTATISTICS BRUSSELS, 2–3 MAY 1979

Free communications are invited until 15 March, 1979. The abstracts should be sent to Dr. M. Staquet, Institut Jules Bordet, 1 rue Héger-Bordet, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. Registration fee (including the Society membership for 1 yr): 20 U.S. dollars (700 Belgian Francs).

Location of the meeting: Institut Jules Bordet, Brussels.

For details and information, please contact Dr. M. Staquet, 1 rue Héger-Bordet, 1000 Brussels, Belgium—Phone: 538.57.90—Telex: 22773.

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### E.O.R.T.C. SYMPOSIUM ON PROGRESS AND PERSPECTIVES IN LUNG CANCER TREATMENT BRUSSELS, 3–5 MAY 1979

European Organization for Research on Treatment of Cancer (E.O.R.T.C.)  
Institut Jules Bordet  
Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Ten topics will be discussed: Early Detection of Lung Cancer; Regional Extension of Lung Cancer; Detection of Distant Metastases; Staging and Prognostic Factors; Limits of Surgical Control; Adjuvant Radiotherapy to Surgery; Immuno and Chemotherapy Adjuvant to Surgery; Treatment of Inoperable Patients by Radiotherapy; Treatment of Inoperable Patients by Chemotherapy and Small Cell Anaplastic Carcinoma.

With the participation of: P. Alberto (Geneva), R. Baldwin (Nottingham), N. Bleehen (London), M. Cohen (Washington), A. de Coster (Brussels), A. de Schrijver (Gent), J. Frühling (Brussels), H. Hansen (Copenhagen), L. Israel (Paris), C. Mountain (Houston), A. Naef (Geneva), P. Rubin (Rochester), D. Sanderson (Rochester), T. Shields (Chicago).

In addition to invited lectures, free communications will be selected. Abstracts (40 lines maximum) should be addressed to the executive secretary. Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 February 1979.

Organizing Committee: Chairman: J. Henry—R. de Jager, Y. Kenis, J. Klastersky, J. Lustman-Marechal, P. Rocmans, M. Staquet, P. Vanderhoeft and P. van Houtte.

Executive Secretary: Ms. D. Eeckhoudt, E.O.R.T.C. Data Center, Institut Jules Bordet, 1 rue Héger-Bordet, 1000 Brussels, Belgium—Phone: 538.57.90—Telex: 22773.

Location of the Symposium: 2 rue Evers, 1000 Brussels (1st floor). Attendance will be limited to the first 200 registrations. Registration fee: 3000 Belgian Francs.