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Abstracts are invited for all areas of physiotherapy practice, administration, alternative therapies, education, ethics etc. by September 1994 (forms available in January 1994 from WCPT Congress Registrar, APTA, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1488, USA).

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5 - 7 June 1994, Copenhagen.
"Physiotherapy in Stroke Management"

A wide range of topics in Stroke Management will be addressed, with emphasis on practical implications - the congress will discuss essential issues in current physiotherapy for the stroke patient.

Keynote speakers, plenary sessions, open discussions and workshops will provide the basis for a critical look at aims and objectives in physiotherapy. Further information may be obtained from Danske Fysioterapeuter, Scientific Secretariat, WCPT-Europe Congress 1993, Nørre Voldgade 90, DK-1358 Copenhagen, Denmark.

OBITUARY - MISS M R WHITE

by C P Rodseth

Miss Margaret White, former head of the Department of Physiotherapy at the University of Cape Town, died on 3 June 1993, a few hours after suffering a severe stroke.

Miss White trained as a physiotherapist at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, qualifying under the old conjoint dispensation, CSMMG, ME, LET in 1939.

In 1944 she joined the Physiotherapy Service and saw service in North Africa and Italy. Her interest in chest physiotherapy took her to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in 1953 under the Colombo Plan to assist in establishing a Thoracic Unit at the General Hospital in Colombo.

It was on her way back to the UK, 18 months later, that she passed through Cape Town and the seed of her decision to return permanently was sown, and in 1959 Miss White was appointed to the teaching staff of the Department of Physiotherapy, University of Cape Town under Miss MHS Roper.

She soon felt the need for a formal teaching qualification so, in 1963, she went to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne as a student teacher of physiotherapy.

Miss White returned to Cape Town as a lecturer at the beginning of 1966 and succeeded Miss Roper as Head of the Department in 1967 which position she held until her retirement at the end of 1976 having been appointed to the rank of senior lecturer in 1971. After retiring she went to live in the seaside town of Hermanus.

Probably the major achievement of her term as departmental head was to implement the transition of the course from a three year University diploma to a four year degree, the first full group of students graduating in 1975.

Margaret White was a "lady" in the very best sense of the word and she will be remembered with affection and respect by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

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