

## REPORTS OF NOTE

**MEXICAN AND U.S. ACADEMIES  
PRESENT JOINT RESEARCH  
1995**

Two new reports resulting from a collaborative effort between the Mexican and United States Academies of Sciences and Engineering were released on March 20, 1995, in Mexico City. These reports are the first fruitful results of a newly combined endeavor between the two academies.

One of the reports examines different options to protect Mexico City's water supply from contamination and overuse. The work of Charles T. DuMars of the University of New Mexico and Ismael Herrera-Revilla of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México wrote this bilingual report, *Mexico City's Future Water Supply*, which is available through the Office of News and Public Information, (202) 334-2138 at the National Academy of Sciences.

The other report is on Mexican science, technology and economic performance. *Technology and Industrial Modernization in Mexico* provides an extensive overview of how science and technology can benefit long-term economic growth. Written in Spanish, this report through individually authored chapters examines how industrial development could improve the Mexican economy. This report can be obtained from the Academia de la Investigación Científica in Mexico City, at 011-52-5-550-3948.

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**SHARING LABORATORY  
RESOURCES: GENETICALLY  
ALTERED MICE  
1994**

This report is a summary of a workshop which was held at the National Academy of Sciences on March 23-24, 1993. The workshop was a result of the many concerns of using genetically altered laboratory mice as models with which to evaluate the elements that influence the sharing of scientific reagents. The com-

mercialization of laboratory/biomedical products has had both positive and negative effects. It has been a source of jobs, but it has also raised questions about conflicts of interest. This short report summarizes the views expressed by representatives of the biomedical community, academic institutions, the government and various companies. The workshop's events have played an important role in answering key questions, providing useful information and paving the way for the action that has occurred since the 1993 meeting.

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**PROJECT PROFESSIONALISM  
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Vital to the art and science of medicine, professionalism has been an important aspect of certification since the creation of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) in 1936. The fundamental principle of certification reflects a set of standards for physician competence with regard to knowledge, skills, attitude and behavior. This set of attitudes and values constitutes the true meaning of professionalism.

In 1990 the ABIM began a process to define professionalism; to raise the concept of professionalism in the consciousness of all in internal medicine; and to provide a way for program directors to incorporate the concepts of professionalism in their training programs and assess professionalism in their candidates.

This process became Project Professionalism, a subcommittee of the ABIM Committee on Evaluation of Clinical Competence. The subcommittee's goals comprise this report. They defined the aspects of professionalism as well as what constitutes unprofessional behavior, explored various approaches to portray scenarios emphasizing elements and principles of professionalism, developed questions to assess aspects of professionalism on certification and recertification examinations, and in the educational context of workshops and small group discussions. The subcommit-

tee also presented workshops and conferences of the professional medical community to discuss this issue.

The report was designed to provide a framework for excellent standards of professionalism. The report goes into greater detail and provides guidelines for ideal professional behaviour that the medical field would like to achieve.

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**HEALTH CARE REFORM THROUGH  
INTERNAL MARKETS:  
EXPERIENCE AND PROPOSALS  
1995**

This report is a collection of papers that were presented at a conference on internal health care markets in Montreal in May 1994. The different chapters examine the current health care markets in several European nations, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. The volume presents a wide array of perspectives and opinions to bear on both experience with prospects for internal markets.

The book makes it clear that the internal market approach to health care will continue to exist. Its implementation for whatever reason needs to be considered carefully. Both experience and experiments suggest that a lot can go wrong with poorly designed internal markets. No country can assume that their health care system is ideal.

The editors of the report, Monique Jerome-Forget, Joseph White and Joshua M. Wiener hope that this collection of papers will contribute to practical discussions of how internal markets can guarantee equal access to health care and can control costs while increasing its value to its users.

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