

kept on the methods of collecting and preparing graft tissue for sterilization; on the type of radiation source used, dose rate, packaging, temperature, etc; on the actual surgical use of the prepared tissue; and on the post-operative follow-up.

It was also recommended that close liaison between WHO and IAEA be maintained, that a manual be prepared and published on methods of radiosterilization of biomedical products and that regional training courses be organized to acquaint surgeons and specialists with techniques of sterilizing and preserving biological tissues for human transplants.

power reactors - a correction

A note in the last issue of the Bulletin (Vol. 11 No. 3, page 26) stated that for reasons of economy the experimental fast breeder reactor at Dounreay, UK, which had been operating and producing 12.5 megawatts of electricity since 1959, had been closed down.

To quote the words of Mark Twain on seeing an account of his death, this report was much exaggerated. The facility affected was the Dounreay Materials Testing Reactor, a 22.5 MW tank type reactor, which had been in use since 1958. The original fast breeder reactor is still functioning, and close to it a prototype is under construction to produce 250 megawatts of electricity. It is due to start operating next year.