



Unit IV Talks and Courses

Introduction

In the following pages we take a look inside international medical meetings. We recommend upper-intermediate English speakers to quickly go over them and intermediate English speakers to review this section thoroughly in order to become familiar with the jargon of international congresses.

Course Example

We take as an example the 5th European Congress of Endocrinology which will be held in the city of Turin (Northern Italy) from 9 to 13 June 2001.

Program Planning

We first discuss the scientific program as set out in Table 1. The elements of the program in Table 1 are explained more fully as follows:

- *Satellite symposia*: Scientific events sponsored by pharmaceutical firms where new drugs, techniques or devices are presented to the medical community.
- *Plenary lecture*: This event takes place usually both at the beginning and at the end of the day gathering all participants around an outstanding member of the medical community.
- *Symposia*: Conferences divided into three to five sections, of 30 to 45 minutes each and conducted by different experts. They are focused on different aspects (pathophysiology, diagnosis, treatment strategies, controversial facts, etc.) of a given matter.