

piled a directory of postgraduate centres for the second year running. To qualify for entry into the directory the centre does not have to be an identifiable building but simply a place where a programme of postgraduate medical education is organized on a regular basis by a clinical tutor.

This edition contains 280 entries (69 more than the previous one) and includes the name of the dental adviser to each region. The country is divided by regions, and as well as the names of the deans, clinical tutors, and specialty tutors, comprehensive charts showing the kind of facilities available at each centre are given.

Directory of Postgraduate Medical Centres 1973-4, obtainable free of charge from: Council for Postgraduate Medical Education, 9 Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, London NW1 4HG.

Psychiatrists in Training

The Association of Psychiatrists in Training has recently published the proceedings of its second symposium, held in Cardiff in July. The objective of the association, in which the symposium plays a part, is to maintain an open dialogue with the Royal College of Psychiatrists about the satisfactory linkage of postgraduate training with postgraduate diplomas and allied matters. The symposium deals mainly with examination formats—actual and desirable—in the U.S.A. and in Britain, the pass rates, and the training leading to examination. *Examinations and the Training of Psychiatrists*. The Association of Psychiatrists in Training. Second Symposium. Ed. Paul O'Farrell. Obtainable from Dr. J. R. Hamilton, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh EH10 5AQ, price 50p, plus 5p postage.

Aids to Commonwealth Travel

University staff throughout the Commonwealth can find information about finance available for research and study or teaching visits to a Commonwealth country other than the one in which they presently serve in *Awards for Commonwealth University Staff 1974-76*. This booklet, already in its second edition, is published by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and gives details of fellowships, visiting professorships and grants available. It is the companion volume to *Scholarship Guide for Commonwealth Postgraduate Students 1973-75* (see B.M.J. 3 February, p. 303), and the volumes are part of the Association of Commonwealth Universities' policy of helping the movement of staff and students between universities in a practical fashion. *Awards for Commonwealth University Staff 1974-76*. Available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF. Price £1. Can. \$3.50, post free (by surface overseas).

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

At the annual meeting of the college held on 6 December the following office bearers were elected: *president*, Dr. J. W. Crofton; *vice-president*, Dr. R. F. Robertson.

The following office bearers have been re-elected: *treasurer*, Dr. W. Macleod; *secretary*, Dr. J. Syme; *registrars*, Dr. Hugh MacLeod.

COMING EVENTS

British Small Animal Veterinary Association.—Symposium, "Pet Animals and Society," 30-31 January 1974, London Zoo. Details from Mr. M. D. Keeling, Veterinary Surgery, Gardner Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Edgware Postgraduate Medical Society.—Details of the monthly programmes, including some Sunday morning meetings, are obtainable from the postgraduate secretary, Edgware General Hospital, Edgware, Middx. (Tel. 01-952 2381, extn. 354.)

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

*For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.*

Monday, 7 January

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Clinicopathological conference.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Mr. M. H. Irving: Surgical Pathology of the Spleen.

Tuesday, 8 January

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. Hinchcliffe: Clinical Measurement of Vestibular Function.
ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Professor A. J. Harding Rains: Postgraduate Training in a Specialty.

Wednesday, 9 January

CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE, LONDON.—5 p.m., Professor A. Guz: Dyspnoea.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—6 p.m., Professor C. T. Dollery: Consequences of Retinovascular Occlusions—Haemodynamic Aspects; 7 p.m., Mr. R. K. Blach: Consequences of Retinovascular Occlusions—Clinical Aspects.
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Professor G. F. M. Russell: Difficulties in Learning Arithmetic and Learning How to Read.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arris and Gale lecture by Mr. S. Desai: Induction and Analysis of Immunological Unresponsiveness in Experimental Renal Allografts.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor O. Wrong: Is Your Colon Really Necessary?

Thursday, 10 January

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Professor C. R. Lowe: Epidemiology of Congenital Malformations.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. Hinchcliffe: Clinical Measurement of Auditory Function.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor A. York Mason: Villous Tumours of the Rectum.

B.M.A. NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

The Diary of Central Meetings published below may be changed at short notice. Committee members are therefore advised to check with the Association time and place of meetings.

- JANUARY
- 8 Tues. Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 11.00 a.m.
 - 10 Thurs. Joint Negotiating Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 9.30 a.m.
 - 10 Thurs. Staff Side of Joint Negotiating Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 11 a.m.
 - 15 Tues. Joint Consultants Committee (at Drapers Hall, Throckmorton Street, London E.C.2), 10 a.m.
 - 15 Tues. Scottish General Medical Services Committee (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.
 - 15 Tues. Joint Working Party on the Control of Potentially Dangerous Drugs (Board of Science and Education), 2 p.m.
 - 16 Wed. Council, 10 a.m.
 - 17 Thurs. General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.
 - 17 Thurs. Panel on Health Care Teams (Board of Science and Education), 10 a.m.

- 18 Fri. Panel on Gaps in Medical Research (Board of Science and Education), 2.30 p.m.
- 21 Mon. Working Party on Services for the Elderly (Board of Science and Education), 11.30 a.m.
- 24 Thurs. Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.
- 24 Thurs. General Medical Services Committee (Wales) (at Hotel Commodore, Llandrindod Wells), 2.30 p.m.
- 30 Wed. Study Leave Working Party (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.
- 30 Wed. Distinction Awards Working Party (C.C.H.M.S.), 2 p.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.*

Aldershot and Farnham Division.—Sunday, 13 January, visit to Frimley Park Hospital.

Armagh and West Down Division.—At Armagh Health Centre, Tuesday, 8 January, 8.30 p.m., clinical meeting.

Bournemouth Division.—At postgraduate medical centre, Boscombe, Friday, 11 January, 7.45 for 8 p.m., business meeting; 8.30 for 8.45 p.m., Dr. Cicely Saunders: "Terminal Care." Ladies are invited.

East Kent Division.—At Postgraduate Medical Centre at Canterbury, Thursday, 10 January, 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Dr. P. E. Brown: "Oriental Medicine."

Gloucestershire Branch.—At Charles Cookson Clinic, Gloucester, Thursday, 10 January, 7.15 p.m., Dr. J. D. J. Havard (Under Secretary, B.M.A.): "The Relations between the B.M.A. and Parliament."

Hendon Division.—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 8 January, 8.30 p.m., Mr. A. Lawrence Abel: "Blood Letting Through the Ages" (illustrated). Guests are invited.

Kingston-on-Thames Division.—At Kingston Medical Centre, Tuesday, 8 January, 8.30 p.m., wine tasting and international cheeses. Guests are invited.*

North Devon Division.—At North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, Friday, 11 January, 8.15 p.m., Dr. P. R. Gilbert: "Acupuncture." (Supper provided, 7.30 p.m.)*

North-east Ulster Division.—At Ballymoney Health Centre, Tuesday, 8 January, 8 p.m., Mr. W. B. Sproule: "Estimation of Amniotic Fluid Surfactant in Antenatal Prediction of Respiratory Distress in the Newborn."

North of England Division.—At Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, Thursday, 10 January, 7 for 7.30 p.m., Dr. J. H. Walker: "Studies in Medical Care."

South Middlesex Division.—At Red Lion Hotel, Hounslow, Thursday, 10 January, 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. A. Flemming will speak on "N.H.S. Reorganization and Local Arrangements." (Preceded by dinner, 7 p.m.)*

South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch.—At Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny, Thursday, 10 January, 3 p.m., jointly with Monmouthshire Division, clinical meeting.

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