

year. He also gave the expenditure, excluding salaries, in England in 1974-5 on postgraduate and postexperience education and training for administrators and engineering staffs in the NHS.

	Expenditure £	Percentage of NHS budget
Administrators and other senior NHS staff (including doctors) engaged on administrative duties	850 000*	0.025
Central expenditure		
Expenditure by health authorities	Not centrally available	
Engineering staff	200 000	0.006

*Includes non-recurrent expenditure for training related to NHS reorganisation.

MEDICAL NEWS

Chair of neuroradiology, Institute of Neurology

Dr E P G H du Boulay has been appointed to the chair of neuroradiology at the Institute of Neurology. Dr du Boulay, who is 54, graduated in 1945. After house appointments in London and Derby and service in the RAF, Dr du Boulay was appointed consultant radiologist at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases and St Bartholomew's Hospital, giving up his post at St Bartholomew's in 1971. Dr du Boulay has published extensively on neuroradiological subjects.

Chair of paediatrics, Guy's Hospital

Dr R J Robinson has been appointed to the Ferdinand James de Rothschild Chair of Paediatrics at Guy's Hospital Medical School. Dr Robinson, who is 43, graduated from Oxford in 1959. After house appointments in Oxford and London, Dr Robinson was research fellow at the Children's Hospital Medical Centre, Boston, and visiting lecturer at the University of Kentucky Medical Centre. In 1967 Dr Robinson was appointed senior lecturer at the Institute of Child Health, being seconded to St Charles's Hospital as honorary consultant paediatrician from 1969 to 1970. He was appointed consultant paediatrician and paediatric neurologist to Guy's Hospital in 1971, and in 1973 was appointed director of the department of paediatrics.

BMA: future meetings

1976

8 to 10 April, Exeter, Annual Clinical Meeting.

27 June to 2 July, Dublin, Conjoint BMA/Canadian Medical Association, Irish Medical Association Annual General and Scientific Meeting.

12 to 13 July, London, Annual Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees.

13 July, London, Conference of Representatives of Hospital Medical Staffs.

13 July, London, Community Medicine Craft Conference.

14 July, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, scientific sessions.

15 to 17 July, London, Annual Representative Meeting.

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11 to 16 July, Glasgow, Annual Representative Meeting and craft conferences.

22 to 24 September, Holland, Joint Clinical Meeting with Royal Netherlands Medical Association.

COMING EVENTS

Symposium on muscular dystrophy—30 March-1 April, Jerusalem. Details from the Secretariat, "Alyn" Hospital, POB 9117, Jerusalem, Israel.

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, 2 February

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS—6 pm, Blake Marsh Lecture by Dr W A Heaton-Ward: Psychosis in mental handicap.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud Memorial Lecture in Psychoanalysis by Professor Roy Schafer: Self-control.

Tuesday, 3 February

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—8 pm, Leo Laboratories Second Annual Marjory Warren Memorial Lecture by Dr J Schouten: Growing old in Europe.

Wednesday, 4 February

ASSURANCE MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Medical Society of London, 5 pm, Professor J S Cameron: The prognosis of proteinuria.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation lectures: 6 pm, Dr A M Halliday: Clinical neurophysiology of demyelinating disease. 7 pm, Mr A C Bird: Ocular manifestations of multiple sclerosis.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr R Rodnight: The validity of some current biochemical ideas on the aetiology of schizophrenic syndromes.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS—5.30 pm, 10th Kettle Memorial Lecture by Professor M G P Stoker, FRCS: Models and reality in tumour cell biology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5.35 pm, Watson Smith Lecture by Professor D A Price Evans: The immunology of bronchial carcinoma.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 pm, Dr P J Butterworth: Mechanisms for the regulation of enzyme activity.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, growing points in renal medicine.

Thursday, 5 February

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5.30 pm, Professor Arthur Jones: Aspects of tumours of the neck and their treatment.

Friday, 6 February

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—3 pm, Mr J Goodfellow: Osteoarthritis.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

FEBRUARY	
4 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10.30 am.
5 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.15 am.
5 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
11 Wed	Committee on the EEC, 2 pm.
11 Wed	Joint Meeting of Executive and Negotiations Subcommittees (CCHMS), 2 pm.
12 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
19 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

Blackpool and Fylde Division—At Victoria Hospital, Wednesday, 4 February, 8.15 pm, special meeting.

Bradford Division—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 4 February, 8.15 pm, Dr F E Neal: "Cancer—a community challenge."

Buckinghamshire Division—At Bell Pavilion, Aston Clinton, Friday, 6 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner and dance.* (Guests are invited.)

Chesterfield Division—At Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Wednesday, 4 February, 7.15 pm, Mr E A Nicoll: "Portraits in sound."* (Followed by supper. Guests are invited.)

Doncaster Division—At Danum Hotel, Thursday, 5 February, jointly with Doncaster Medical Society, annual dinner dance.*

Durham Division—At Dryburn Hospital, Monday, 2 February, 7.30 pm, cheese and wine party.* (Guests are invited.)

East Norfolk and Norwich Division—At Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Tuesday, 3 February, joint meeting with the Norfolk and Norwich Branch of the Conservation Society, 8.25 pm, Dr John Loraine: "Overpopulation, 1976." (Guests are invited.)

Huddersfield Division—At Saxon Inn Motor Hotel, Friday, 6 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner dance.*

Stockport Division—At Deanwater Hotel, Woodford, Tuesday, 3 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner.* (Guests are welcome.)

Waltham Forest Division—At Whipp's Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 4 February, 8.30 pm, Dr A Stuart Mason: "The hairy woman."* (Preceded by supper, 7.30 pm.)

West Cumbria Division—At West Cumberland Hospital, Thursday, 5 February, 7.30 pm, business meeting.

Wolverhampton Division—At South Staffs Medical Centre, Thursday, 5 February, 7.30 for 8.15 pm, BMA dinner.*

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

GLASGOW

MD—Anne J J Gilmore.

LONDON

The title of professor of clinical virology has been conferred on Dr J E Banatvala in respect of his post at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in medicine has been conferred on Dr I R Cameron in respect of his post at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in biochemical endocrinology has been conferred on Dr W P Collins in respect of his post at King's College Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in medicine has been conferred on Dr P H Sonksen in respect of his post at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School. Appointments—Dr S H Curry (reader in pharmacology, London Hospital Medical College); Dr M G Elder (reader in obstetrics and gynaecology, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School); Dr Gerta Vrbova (reader in anatomy, University College).

APPOINTMENTS

BROMPTON HOSPITAL—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr J V Collins (respiratory diseases); Dr D Dennison (respiratory physiologist); Dr M Green (physician); Dr B E Heard (pathologist in morbid anatomy).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr R C Hilton (consultant in rheumatology and rehabilitation).

WESSEX RHA—Dr M A Salih (consultant psychiatrist).

Correction

Why do people use paracetamol for suicide?

In this article (24 January, p 212) by Dr S B G Gazzard, M Davis, J Spooner, and Roger Williams we regret a printing error on p 213. Under the heading "Results" the last seven lines of the second paragraph were reduplicated.

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