

of cerebrovascular disease, will be considered at a later stage.

The working group would welcome comments and suggestions from those engaged in research in, or related to, the cardiovascular field, and the directions in which research efforts—especially in the areas set out above—might most profitably be expanded over the next five or ten years. Those who wish to submit their views should send them by 31 May to Miss N S Jones, MRC, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL.

### New professors at London University

Dr J H Humphrey has been appointed to the chair of immunology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School from 1 October 1976. Dr Humphrey, who is 60, graduated from Cambridge in 1940. After house appointments in London he became assistant pathologist at the Central Middlesex County Hospital, and in 1946 joined the external staff of the Medical Research Council at University College Hospital Medical School. In 1949 Dr Humphrey was appointed to the scientific staff of the National Institute for Medical Research, Division of Biological Standards; in 1957 he became head of the division of immunology and in 1961 deputy director of the Institute. Dr Humphrey was elected FRS in 1964 and was appointed the CBE in 1970.

Dr H A S van den Brenk has been appointed to the Richard Dimpleby chair of cancer research at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School. Dr van den Brenk, who is 54, graduated from Melbourne in 1944. After house appointments in Melbourne he was appointed Senior HN Smith Research Fellow at the Royal College of Surgeons. In 1956 Dr van den Brenk became consultant radiotherapist at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, consultant radiotherapist at the Peter Macallum Clinic, and chief of the radiobiomedical research unit at the Cancer Institute, Melbourne. In 1957 he was appointed an honorary consultant radiotherapist at the Austin Hospital of Chronic Diseases and part-time lecturer in radiobiology at the University of Melbourne. Since 1967 he has been Richard Dimpleby Fellow in Cancer Research, honorary consultant, and honorary senior lecturer at St Thomas's Hospital.

### Y Gymdeithas Feddygol

Y Gymdeithas Feddygol, the society for the study and discussion of medical matters in the Welsh language, is to hold its second weekend conference at Plas Glansein, Llangadog, Dyfed, on 1 and 2 May 1976. Further particulars from Dr Donald Williams, 69 Cherry Grove, Sketty, Swansea.

### COMING EVENTS

**Postgraduate School on Aspects of Microbiological Quality Assurance**—5-9 April, London. Details and application forms from Mr R E Marshall, School Secretary, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2NN.

**Paediatric Section, Royal Society of Medicine**—Details of forthcoming meetings are available from the honorary secretary of the Society, Dr J R Harper, General Hospital, Northampton NN1 5BD. (Tel 0604 34700.)

### 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, 22 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr M J Notaras: Common anal conditions.  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—At Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, 5 pm, Professor P Dustin (Brussels): Microtubules and microtubule poisons in biology and medicine.

#### Tuesday, 23 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott Demonstration by Dr D J Riches: Development of the human biliary tract. 6 pm, Mr M A R Freeman: Joint replacement in the lower limb.  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—At Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, 5 pm, Dr Howard Jones (Baltimore): Prenatal genetic diagnosis.

#### Wednesday, 24 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—4.30 pm, Mr D W Lamb: Congenital abnormalities of the upper limb and hand.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Mr O J A Gilmore: A reappraisal of the use of antiseptics in surgical practice. 6.15, Mr G D Chisholm: Presentation and management of carcinoma of the kidney.  
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr Celia M Oakley: Heart muscle disorders.

#### Thursday, 25 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Professor M H Irving: Shock.  
THE ROYAL SOCIETY—4.30 pm, Professor R R Porter, FRS: The early components of complement and their activation by antibodies.

#### Friday, 26 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—4.30 pm, Sir James Young Simpson memorial lecture by Sir Norman Jeffcoate: Medicine versus nature.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian Lecture by Professor D E Poswillo: A biological approach to surgical reconstruction of craniofacial anomalies. 6.15 pm, Professor G Slaney: Arterial emergencies.

### BMA NOTICES

#### Diary of Central Meetings

	MARCH
24 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
24 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 2 pm.
25 Thurs	Journal Committee, 11.30 am.
27 Sat and 28 Sun	Junior Members Forum, University of Nottingham.
28 Sun	Welsh Committee for Hospital Medical Services, Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells, 2 pm.
31 Wed	Council, 10 am.

#### Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Barking and Havering Division**—At Harold Wood Hospital, Tuesday, 23 March, 7.30 pm, supper followed by talk by Mr W D Park: "Clocks."

**Bristol Division**—At Frenchay Postgraduate Centre, Wednesday, 24 March, 8.30 pm, Mr David Waine (BBC Bristol): "The role of Radio Bristol in the community." (Preceded by dinner, 6.45 for 7 pm.)

**Burton upon Trent and District Division**—At Stanhope Arms Hotel, Bretby, Tuesday, 23 March, 8.45 pm, Professor W H Trethowan: "Pills for personal problems." (Preceded by dinner, 7 for 7.30 pm.)

**Coventry Division**—At Coventry and Warwickshire Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 23 March, 6.45 for 7.15, dinner followed by talk by Dr H Nicol.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Dudley Division**—At Old White Horse Inn, Stourbridge, Thursday, 25 March, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, annual dinner.\* Guest of honour Sir John Stallworthy. (Guests are invited.)

**Eastbourne Division**—At Cavendish Hotel, Tuesday, 23 March, 7.30 pm, annual combined meeting with the Pharmaceutical Society, speaker Professor Paul Turner.

**Guildford Division**—At Clandon Park, Friday, 26 March, annual dinner.\*

**Halifax Division**—At Tower House Hotel, King Cross, Thursday, 25 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint meeting with Pharmaceutical Society.

**Holland Division**—At Boston General Hospital, Saturday, 20 March, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, annual dinner.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Ipswich Division**—At Ipswich Hospital, Friday, 26 March, 8.30 pm, Dr Gordon Ambrose: "The whys and wherefores of hypnosis." (Preceded by buffet supper, 7.30 pm.)

**Lincoln Division**—At County Hospital, Wednesday, 24 March, 8 pm, meeting.

**Northallerton Division**—At Friarage Hospital, Monday, 22 March, 8 pm, agm.

**Redbridge and Stratford Division**—At Ilford Postgraduate Medical Centre, Tuesday, 23 March, 7.30 pm, general meeting.\*

**Roehampton Division**—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Monday, 22 March, 8.30 pm, wine tasting.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Rugby Division**—At Hospital of St Cross, Tuesday, 23 March, 8.15 pm, agm.

**Salop Division**—At Copthorne Hospital, Wednesday, 24 March, 8 pm, film: "Sexuality and communication." (Wives or husbands are invited.)

**South Bedfordshire Division**—At Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Wednesday, 24 March, 8.30 pm, joint meeting with the Law Society. Speaker Professor J Malcolm Cameron: "Legal medicine."

**Southern (Northern Ireland) Division**—At Daisy Hill Hospital, Wednesday, 24 March, 2 pm, clinical meeting.

**South Warwickshire Division**—At the Charlecote Pheasant, Wednesday, 24 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint lecture/dinner meeting with the British Dental Association. Speaker Mr J C Mustarde.

**West Sussex Division**—At Worthing Postgraduate Centre, Wednesday, 24 March, 7.30 pm, agm.

### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

#### CAMBRIDGE

MChir—Mr M B Devas, Mr I C Gordon-Smith, Mr D A Lloyd, Dr A R W McDowall, Mr R G Pickard, Mr H T Williams.

#### LONDON

MD—Dr J M Harrington, Dr Sheila G Haworth.

#### ABERDEEN

Appointments: Dr J D Haldane (senior lecturer in mental health); Dr H E Barber (senior lecturer in pharmacology); Mr J McLauchlan (senior lecturer in orthopaedic surgery).

### APPOINTMENTS

**YORKSHIRE RHA**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr E A E Robinson (haematology); Dr J K Sarsfield, Dr G T Lealman (paediatrics); Lt Col F B Mayes (accident and emergency/orthopaedic surgery); Mr M Whittaker (general surgery); Miss C S Tuck (obstetrics and gynaecology).

**NORTH-EAST THAMES RHA**—Mr J H Challis (consultant orthopaedic surgeon).

**NORTH-WESTERN RHA**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr J S Cargill (microbiologist); Mr E M Hoare, Mr P A Sykes (surgeons); Dr D W Ward (physician).

**BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—Mr A B Cross (consultant casualty officer); Dr A A Farooqui (consultant physician in geriatric medicine).

**EALING, HAMMERSMITH AND HOUNSLOW AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—Dr D H Marjot (consultant psychiatrist).

**WESSEX RHA**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr Bruno Bubna-Kastelz (geriatrics); Mr H Thelwall-Jones (obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr N Greenwood (pathologist).

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