

mental health services of the countries of the WHO European region, which includes the USSR and Morocco, are recorded in *Mental Health Services in Europe* by A R May (World Health Organisation, Geneva; pp 59, Sw fr 12). The author obtained the information by a questionnaire.

COMING EVENTS

Faculty of Anaesthetists—Scientific meeting on "The coronary circulation," 15 May, Edinburgh. Details from the Secretary, Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474, ext 5.)

Royal Society—Meeting for discussion on "Scientific research in Antarctica," 19-20 May, London. Details from Executive Secretary, Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. (Tel 01-839 5561, ext 278.)

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh—Colloquium for consultants and registrars on "Hiatus hernia and reflux oesophagitis," 20 May, Edinburgh. Details from the Clerk to the College, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Edinburgh EH8 9DW.

Royal Society—Meeting for discussion on "The biology of chemical carcinogenesis," 27-28 May, London. Details from Executive Secretary, Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. (Tel 01-839 5561, ext 278.)

Medical Education Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital—Details and copies of the programme May to August are now available from the Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E11. (Tel 01-539 5522, ext 310.)

Medical Council on Alcoholism—Day symposium for medical students, 4 June, London. Details from the Executive Director, Medical Council on Alcoholism, 8 Bourdon Street, London W1X 9HY. (Tel 01-493 0081.)

Sexual Needs of Handicapped Young People—Conference organised by Friendship Week for Sick and Handicapped Children, 7 June, London. Details from Conference Secretary, Mrs V Abrahams, 3 Totternhoe Close, Kenton, Middlesex. (Tel 01-907 3024 and 01-730 9891.)

Kent Postgraduate Medical Centre—Intensive week in East Kent hospitals for general practitioners, 7-11 June. Details from Dr Henry Blazeby, Medical Administrator, Kent Postgraduate Medical Centre at Canterbury, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury CT1 3NG. (Tel Canterbury 66877.)

9th World Conference of the European Society for Microcirculation—5-9 July, Antwerp. Details from Professor A Neetens, c/o Universitaire Instelling Antwerpen, Vice-President's Office, Universiteitsplein 1, B-2610 Wilrijk, Belgium.

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, 10 May

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—5 pm, Dr R K Blach: Oculocutaneous disease.

Wednesday, 12 May

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION—At Royal College of Physicians, 5.30 pm, Seventh Sandoz Foundation Lecture in Endocrinology by Professor W S Peart, FRS: Endocrinological aspects of hypertension.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—2 pm, Arris and Gale lecture by Dr A Georgakakis (Athens): Experimental islet transplantation. 3.15 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor Miles Fox: Isolation and transplantation of islets of Langerhans, with the aim of treating diabetes mellitus. 4.45 pm, Arris and Gale lecture by Mr J Collin: The current state of transplantation of the pancreas.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—5.30 pm, Professor N Geschwind (Harvard): The apraxias: clinical syndromes and anatomical mechanisms II.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Professor N Garnezy (Minnesota): The search for the antecedents to schizophrenia: studies of children at risk.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE—5 pm, Richard Kovacs lecture by Dr R Langton Hewer: Stroke rehabilitation—1976.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 pm, Professor Dorothy Horstmann (Yale University): Rubella and its prevention.

Thursday, 13 May

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Mr P D Knights: The identification of suspects in criminal cases.

ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH—5 pm, Honyman Gillespie lecture by Professor W Duncan: Cancer therapy with fast neutrons.

ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND—At Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 2 pm, 139th agm.

ROYAL SOCIETY—4.30 pm, Croonian lecture by Dr J B Gurdon, FRS: Egg cytoplasm and gene control in development.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr Margaret E M Foley: A modern approach to family planning.

Friday, 14 May

INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY—At Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, 4.30 pm, Dr Jacques Oudin: Problems raised by allotype of immunoglobulins and by idiotype of antibodies.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

	MAY
15 Sat	Welsh Council (at Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2.30 pm.
18 Tues	Negotiating Subcommittee (Central Committee for Community Medicine), 10.15 am.
19 Wed	Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 am.
20 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
20 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Bexley—At Bexley Hospital, Friday, 14 May, 8.15 pm, inaugural dinner.* (Members of Greenwich Division and guests are invited.)

Bolton—At Medical Institute, Tuesday, 11 May, 8.15 pm, agm.

Buckinghamshire—At Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Friday, 14 May, 8.15 pm, agm.

Camden Combined Committee—At the Old Kitchen, Thursday, 13 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, spring dinner.* Guests Dr and Mrs Derek Stevenson. (Guests are invited.)

East Berkshire—At King Edward VII Hospital, Tuesday, 18 May, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

East Kent—At Bell Hotel, Sandwich, Thursday, 13 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

East Surrey—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 11 May, 8 pm, agm.

East Yorkshire—At Broadgates Hospital, Wednesday, 12 May, 7.30 pm, annual presidential address, Dr Margaret Crumpton: "Fractured humerus."

Gateshead—At Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Monday, 10 May, 8 pm, business meeting.

Gloucestershire—At Mythe Waterworks, Tewkesbury, Thursday, 13 May, 6.30 pm, annual outing, tour of waterworks followed by supper.*

Greenwich—At Greenwich District Hospital, Wednesday, 12 May, 8.30 pm, joint meeting with Bexley Division to discuss Annual Report of Council and motions for ARM.

Guildford—Tuesday, 11 May, agm.

Halifax—At Royal Halifax Infirmary, Wednesday, 12 May, 8 pm, agm.

Harrow—At Moor Park Golf Club, Friday, 14 May, 7.30 pm, dinner dance.*

Hastings—At Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 11 May, 8 pm, agm.*

Holland/Lincs—At Pilgrim Hospital, Saturday, 15 May, 7.30 pm, agm.

Huddersfield—At Royal Infirmary, Monday, 10 May, 8.15 pm, business meeting.

Ipswich—At Ipswich Hospital, Friday, 14 May, 8.30 pm, Dr Alan Usher will talk on forensic medicine. (Preceded by buffet supper, 7.30 pm.)

Islington—At 58 Aberdeen Park, Wednesday, 12 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

Kingston/Richmond and Epsom—At Kingston Medical Centre, Tuesday, 11 May, 8 for 8.30 pm, agm.

Lancaster—At Midland Hotel, Morecambe, Wednesday, 12 May, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.*

Leicestershire and Rutland—At Leicester Royal Infirmary, Monday, 10 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, agm.

Maidstone—At West Kent Hospital, Wednesday, 12 May, 8.15 pm, agm. (Change of date from 28 April.)

Mid-Essex—At Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Wednesday, 12 May, 8.30 pm, Mr Walpole Lewin: "Authority and freedom in medicine."* (Preceded by buffet supper, 7.30 pm, guests are invited.)

North Tyneside—At Preston Hospital, Monday, 10 May, 8 pm, agm.

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 11 May, 9 pm, agm.* (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 pm.)

Oldham—At Oldham and District General Hospital, Monday, 10 May, 8 pm, meeting to brief representative to ARM and the forthcoming Royal Commission on the NHS.

Oxford—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 12 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

Peterborough—At Peterborough District Hospital, Wednesday, 12 May, 8 pm, agm.

Plymouth—At Plymouth Medical Centre, Thursday, 13 May, 8 pm, business meeting.

Rochdale—At Crimble Hotel, Monday, 10 May, 8 pm, special meeting to discuss motions for ARM.

Roehampton—At the Round House, Watney's Brewery, Monday, 10 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

Rotherham—At Brecon Hotel, Monday, 10 May, 9.15 pm, agm. (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 for 8 pm.)

Rugby—At Hospital of St Cross, Tuesday, 11 May, 8.15 pm, ordinary meeting.

Sheffield—At Royal Infirmary, Friday, 14 May, 8 pm, ordinary meeting.

South Bedfordshire—At Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Thursday, 13 May, 8.30 pm, meeting to discuss motions for ARM.

Southern (Northern Ireland)—At Drumsill House Hotel, Tuesday, 11 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

South Warwickshire—At Charlecote Pheasant, Friday, 14 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests are welcome.)

South-west Essex—At Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Wednesday, 12 May, 8.30 pm, Mr Walpole Lewin: "Authority and freedom in medicine."* (Preceded by buffet supper. Guests are invited.)

West Derbyshire—At Newhaven Hotel, Thursday, 13 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, agm and dinner.

West Dorset—At Postgraduate Centre, Dorchester, Monday, 10 May, 8.15 pm, meeting to consider Annual Report of Council.

Woking and Chertsey—At St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Wednesday, 12 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Mythe Waterworks, Tewkesbury, Thursday, 13 May, 6.30 pm, annual outing, tour of waterworks followed by supper.*

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr M Marof (consultant anaesthetist).

WESSEX REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY—Dr P G Darby (consultant radiologist).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr S M Berger (consultant anaesthetist).

Corrections

Occupational hazard in preparation of polyacrylamide gels

We regret that an error occurred in the letter from Dr R A Klein (17 April, p 962). The skin-test dose of TEMED used was 5 μ l, not 5 ml as stated.

Appointments

We regret that the initials of Dr D Evan Bedford were wrongly given in reporting his appointment as consultant emeritus to the Army (24 April, p 1025).

Understanding EEG

The book by Dr Donald Scott published under this title and reviewed last week (1 May, p 1080) is available also in paperback at £3.95.

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