

his annual report to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations. "WHO is fully aware," says Dr Mahler, "of the need to join forces with economists, agronomists, water engineers, community and rural developers, and other technical agencies." Countries will be helped to determine their health priorities and to plan their solution within a strategy for overall development. The emphasis is switching, he believes, towards primary care through a broad-based community-centred service incorporating both modern scientific technology and effective traditional healing practices.

New professors at London University

Mr J Hermon-Taylor has been appointed to the chair of surgery at St George's Hospital Medical School. Mr Hermon-Taylor, who is 39, qualified at Cambridge in 1960. After house appointments in London he was appointed lecturer in surgery at the London Hospital in 1964, and the following year became senior surgical registrar. In 1968 he was awarded an MRC Travelling Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. In 1969 he returned to the London Hospital as lecturer, in 1970 was promoted senior lecturer, and in 1971 reader in surgery at the London Hospital.

Professor D H Mackenzie has been appointed to the chair of histopathology at the Westminster Medical School. Professor Mackenzie, who is 60, qualified in medicine at Cambridge in 1949. After house appointments at the Westminster Hospital, he was appointed junior lecturer in morbid anatomy in 1953, senior lecturer in 1955, and reader in 1966 at Westminster Medical School. In 1972 he had the title of professor of diagnostic tumour pathology conferred on him, and in 1975 was reappointed there as appointed teacher.

Health Education Council

Sir George Godber is to be the next chairman of the Health Education Council when Sir Harold Evans retires at the end of this year. Sir George retired from his post as chief medical officer at the DHSS in 1973. His new appointment will be non-executive and unpaid.

BUPA report

Subscription income to the British United Provident Association rose in 1975 by over £6 million to a total of £43 million. Benefit payments amounted to £30 million. New registrations, at 85 000, were slightly fewer than in 1974. "Sadly," says the annual report, "there was a counterbalancing increase in the number of lapses, particularly among older individual subscribers, many of whom, especially if on fixed incomes, cannot afford to increase their cover to match pay-bed charges which have risen by over 100 per cent since March 1974."

Public Health Laboratory Service appointments

Dr M J Lewis has been appointed director of the Area Public Health Laboratory, Nottingham, with effect from 1 June 1976.

Dr F B Jackson has been appointed director of the Area Public Health Laboratory, Conway, with effect from 21 September.

People in the News

Colonel J B Bridges has been appointed honorary physician, TAVR, to the Queen in succession to Colonel R Price.

Mr Peter Clifford, consultant surgeon at King's College Hospital and the Royal Marsden Hospital, is to be presented with the Judd Award at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York, on 20 October in recognition of his work in oncology.

COMING EVENTS

Medical Association for Prevention of War—Conference "Group violence origins and controls," 16-18 July, Cambridge. Details from M A P W, 158 North Gower Street, London NW1 2ND. (Tel 01-388 0882.)

"Painful change—opportunity for growth?"—Working conference on health care in a changing world, 20-22 July, Sheffield. Details from Institute of Religion and Medicine, St Mary Abchurch Vestry, Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BA. (Tel 01-626 0306.)

XIII International Congress of Internal Medicine—Helsinki, 15-19 August. Details from the Secretariat, XIII International Congress of Internal Medicine, PO Box 3, SF-00291 Helsinki 29, Finland.

European Union of Social Medicine—Conference, 28-31 August, Italy. Details from Professor E Belli, UEMS, Medicine Sociale, Via dei Mille 34, Torino, Italy.

Nutrition Society—Details of forthcoming meetings are now obtainable from Mr M R Turner, Honorary Programmes Secretary, Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, Medical and Biological Sciences Building, the University, Southampton SO9 3TU.

Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital—Details of forthcoming meetings are now available from the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF. (Tel 01-748 2050, ext 2980.)

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, 21 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Mr R C G Russell: Some surgical aspects of skin disease—3 Venous disorders of lower limb and ano-rectal disorders.

Wednesday, 23 June

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—At National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, 4.30 pm, Professor R T Schimke (California): Steroid hormone regulation of gene expression in the oviduct.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Arnott Demonstration by Miss Jessie Dobson: Richard Owen's museum friends.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr S Bloom: New trends in gut hormones.

Friday, 25 June

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE—At Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, annual dinner. Open to non-members.

NORMAN DOTT MEMORIAL TRUST—At Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 2 pm, Norman Dott Memorial Lecture by Dr E H Botterell (Ontario): A retrospective study of 224 acute cord injury patients in Ontario; the consultant, the centre, and the community.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

	JUNE
22 Tues	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 am.
23 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.

23 Wed	Maternity Services Subcommittee (GMSC), 2 pm.
23 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 2.30 pm.
24 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
25 Fri	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.30 am.
27 Sun to Fri 2 July	Conjoint BMA CMA IMA Annual General and Scientific Meeting (University College, Dublin).

	JULY
1 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMSC), 10.30 am.
2 Fri	Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 am.
2 Fri	Diseases of the Chest Group (St Catherine's College, Oxford), 5.15 pm.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Royal Sussex County Hospital, Tuesday, 22 June, 8.15 pm, meeting to consider motions for ARM.

East Surrey—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 22 June, 8 pm, business meeting to instruct representative to ARM.

Hereford—At County Hospital, Thursday, 24 June, 7.30 for 8.15 pm, agm.

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 22 June, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting on "Stress, personality, and cardiovascular disease."*

Mid-Essex Division—At Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Wednesday, 23 June, 8 pm, meeting to instruct representative to ARM.

Mid-Northumberland—At Bedlington Golf Club, Friday, 25 June, 7.30 for 8 pm, presentation of Scroll of Fellow of the BMA to Dr Donald H Irvine.*

North and Mid-Staffordshire—At North Staffordshire Medical Institute, Tuesday, 22 June, 8.25 pm, special meeting.

Rotherham—At Slacks Farm, Saturday, 26 June 8 pm, summer barbecue.* (Guests are invited.)

South Tees—At West Lane Hospital, Thursday, 24 June, 8 pm, ordinary meeting to discuss agenda for ARM and brief representative.

Yorkshire Regional Council—At Whiteley's Cafe, Huddersfield, Thursday, 24 June, 12 noon, annual meeting.* (Wives are invited.)

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

The title of professor of clinical obstetrics and gynaecology has been conferred on Mr S Campbell at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The title of professor of developmental paediatrics has been conferred on Dr K S Holt in respect of his post at the Institute of Child Health.

The title of professor of clinical pharmacology and therapeutics has been conferred on Dr A F Lant in respect of his post at Westminster Medical School.

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Mr T M Bucknill (consultant trauma and orthopaedic surgeon).

HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr P Kennedy (consultant neurologist).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr T W Warnes (consultant physician).

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