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competitiveness of the British bid or response for a share of the overseas health development market.

Genetic Manipulation Advisory Group

Mrs Shirley Williams has now announced the membership of the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Group recommended earlier this year. They are, with Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, OBE, Director of CIBA Foundation as chairman, Dr J B Brooksby, Professor K R Dumbell, Professor H J Evans, Mr J A Gilbey, Dr R J C Harris, Dr Bernard Langley, Dr J E Lawrie, Mr John Maddox, Professor K Mather, FRS, Professor M H Richmond, Professor J H Subak-Sharpe, and Sir Brian Windeyer. Further members will be appointed when consultations have been completed.

People in the News

Professor Sir Eric Scowen has agreed to act as chairman of the Committee on Safety of Medicines for the time being owing to the illness of the chairman, Professor Graham M Wilson.

Sir Cyril Clarke, president of the Royal College of Physicians, has been awarded the City of Philadelphia's John Scott medal for his contribution to the prevention of rhesus haemolytic disease. Previous recipients of this award for invention include Orville Wright, Marconi. Sir Alexander Fleming, and Jonas Salk.

COMING EVENTS

Royal Society of Medicine—Details of the January programme are now available from the Sections Officer, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

Nuffield Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Oxford—Details and copies of the programme in basic sciences of the musculo-skeletal system, January to March, are now available from the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford.

South-east Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme, January to April, are now available from the Centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Basildon, Essex. (Tel 0268-3911 ext 3360.)

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.

Wednesday, 5 January

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Professor D G Grahame-Smith: The carcinoid syndrome.

Friday, 7 January

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Mr J B Booth: Conservative surgery of vertigo.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

JANUARY		
5 Tues	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.	
6 Wed	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.	
12 Wed and 13 Thurs	Council, 10 am.	
18 Tues	Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1), 9.30 am.	
20 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.	
27 Thurs	Organisation Committee, 10 am.	

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Northampton District—At Cripps Postgraduate Medical Centre, Thursday, 6 January, 7.30 for 8 pm, Italian evening.*

Stockton—At Queens Park Medical Centre, Monday, 3 January, 7 pm, meeting to appoint divisional representative and deputy to Representative Body.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

MD—M F Burke, Elizabeth T Hedley-Whyte.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

Dr R L Miller has been appointed senior lecturer in general practice.

Dr J W Clarke has been promoted to senior lecturer in anatomy from 1 October 1977.

Dr W A Fleming has been promoted to senior lecturer in microbiology and immunobiology from 1 October 1977.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the council held on 9 December with Sir Rodney Smith, president, in the chair, the Honourable Sir Marcus Sieff was elected to the Court of Patrons.

Sir Rodney Smith was appointed Bradshaw Lecturer for 1977.

The Gilbert Blane Medal for 1976 was awarded to Surgeon Captain G J Milton-Thompson, the Hallett Prize was awarded to Dr M G Gillard, Begley Prizes were awarded to Dr M Taube and Dr Joanna Shawcross, the award of the Evelyn Sprawson Prize of the Faculty of Dental Surgery to Mr D A Morris and the Fellowship Prize of the Faculty of Anaesthetists to Dr P J McKenzie were noted.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the council held on 10 December the following were admitted to Membership: I H Abdelnabi, K H Abu Galala, T K Al-Hasso, H S N Al-Tikriti, O Asemota, D K H A Attar, S M A Babar, D V Baliga, N Basu, A R Bhavde, D M Birks, N Blackburn, C R Cameron, M J T Carr, I J Cardigan, A T W Chan, C Chatterjee, J Cumming, N V Doraiswamy, P Drom, A K A Elbakry, I M El-Farran, S E A El-Saharty, M Fouracres, R Carg, H B Georgy, N N Ghali, C S Grant, T J Grattage, M Greenall, R T Gregor, W A P Hamilton, R A EIS Harisha, H I Ismail, S M Jayakar, M Jelbert, M S Jenyo, I A W Johnston Taylor, A S Kamal, N Y Kanawati, P D Kelly, S A Khan, Z H Krukowski, E T Miller Lawson, I D Learmonth, F Lennon, G R Lejkovitz, P J Lloyd, P J Lyndon, R C Macdonald, J J McMillan, K S Maharaj, I P Marais, P N Matthews, T Moore, S B Mor, E S Moser, M A A Nadjat-Shokouhi, R U Nair, K K Nanda, J B O'Mahony, O A Osung, J H Palmer, N B Patel, F W N Paterson, J Philip, A L Polglase, S Rahman, D D Ranasinghe, Shahnaz Saeed, H B Salem, S A Salih, Y F E Shafiq, R F Shamos, C J Simpson, A Singh, N L Singh, D V Stanley-Clarke, K T Surendra, Z B Tabbara, J A C Thorpe, B R Tietjens, D M van der Merwe, D Venkatesan, P B White, R M Williams, W S Yeen, V G Yelamali, M Yusuf, M M G E Zayed.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

The following candidates were successful in the Membership examination held in November and December—J T Ackroyd, I D Almond, P N J Appleton, L E Bacon, M A M Bailey, T R S Bailey, M S Baird, F Baker, L P Ruth Barbour, R J Barr, J W D Baugh, T R L Bayley, S A Beaton, R Beazer, D J Belbin, H J N Bethell, J S Bilkhu, Anne Bird, H C H Bird, I J Black, D L Blair, S M Booker, J R Bridge, J H R Brook, K G Brown, A E Bullock, Barbara M Burke, R J Burn, Frances W Burns, Ann V Buxton, E A Castle, J E Charlewood, N R Clancy, P D Clifford, A F Cole, F H Cole, P J Collis, D F Cripps, Angela P Currie, M H Dale, H G Davies, H O Davies, *R N Davies, C W L Dean, R G Seldenhoff, S Dillon, Moya F Duffy, D W Edwards, B L Elvy, A N Emery, J R D Esler, R Fawcner-Corbett, Pamela C Fenney, P J Flint, E M Fox, H Garmany, T J Gill, A D Ginns, M Gorman, M A Gormley, R W Green, P N Gregson, J B Grogan, J K Gupta, J Hall, K G Hancock, S G Harris, Audrey M Harvey, J R Haydon, E Jane Hely, J P Herbert, A F Hienell, J Hill, D C Hogg, N Holmes, T J M Horsfall, J R Howard, F P Howarth, R C Hume, Kathryn R Hunt, Marilyn W Jaffe, J M Jailer, M A Johnson, D I R Jones, M M Jones, T S Kaushal, J M Kenworthy-Brown, G W Knox, A H D Large, D L Leech, R I Le Quesne, P L Lewis, J Lorimer, J P Livingston, Q G Livingstone, J M Lloyd, J F Lund, *D Christine Lunney, R D Lupton, Mary Macbeth, D D McBride, N R Macdonald, P J McEvoy, P J McKenna, I J McMaster, N C H McNeill, Mary S Mackle, J Mangion, C R Martys, Diane M Meehan, H J Missen, C N A Mobbs, A Morrison, R H Moston, *A J Moulds, D K Moynagh, D E Murrin, K W Myers, A J Napper, J H Nightingale, C S Norris, A J O'Donnell, B A F O'Meara, Pauline A Orr, T Pace, D Peacock, Diane M Pearce, *D B Percy, J R Perry, R B Pickin, J S Polkinhorn, B L Poston, R M J Price, A J Prisk, J Quarrie, M J Radcliffe, Vettivelu Rajeswaran, H K Ranu, D S Rarcliffe,

P H Rheinhold, C W Richards, S M Roberts, I A Russell, Jane R Savage, Margaret L Scott Andrews, Anne B Shevlin, B A Shevlin, A D Shroot, C H Smith, P S Smith, R E B Spencer, Elizabeth M Spolton, N B Sprague, P A Standing, P H Stanley, W D Stockley, M D Stoneham, B A Stoner, R I A Swann, Margaret C Tansley, *J D Temple, J V Thomas, Susan M Thompson, C G Traill, F C Tring, D J S Triplett, C E Upton, W Louise Vaughan-Lewis, S J Waldman, D G Wallace, K W Wells, R Welton, R S A White, B H Whiting, B Whyte, J Wictome, Maureen J Wilkinson, T C Wood, S J Wright, J D Wrout.

*With distinction.

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The following candidates have been admitted to Membership: P U Aghadiuno, J Ahmed, T G Ashworth, B Azadeh, Nalini Banwar, Gouri Bardhan, A J Blackshaw, Rose Buchanan, A K Burnett, R A Burnett, K W Chan, H A Chandler, P Y Chau, B T Colvin, P E Coode, Margaret A Curran, J M Deguara, P A Dervan, P Dickens, Sabita Dutt, Margaret M Esiri, I D Farrell, Jean M Forshall, P G Frost, I H Gibson, Angela M Gorman, J Gray, P J Green, T Guha, M Hall, A F Hallett, P Kelehan, J G Kensis, G T G Knowlson, P J F McHugh, Ann C Macmichael, Janet R McMurray, S L Mawer, H G Prentice, R S H Pumphrey, A A Qirbi, A H M A H Quoraihi, Alice C Race, J R Read, W H Richmond, D B Rimmer, Frances M Sanderson, C S Senevayara, A D Stephens, Deborah J Sutcliffe, J S Uff, K S Vasudev, R J Von Witt, Viney Wadehra, Beatrix Wonke, J W Wright, Huda M Zahawi.

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APPOINTMENTS

GWENT AHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr A G Karseras (ophthalmology); Dr E J G Glencross (medical microbiology); Dr G J Griffiths (radiology).

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