

London. Details from Dr Jean Infield, 79 Harley Street, London W1.

Royal College of Physicians of London—Teach-in on "The treatment of peptic ulcers," 7 March. For details see advertisement at p xi.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers—Discussion "The medical/industrial interface: the benefits of collaboration between industrial engineers and the medical profession," 9 March, London. Details from the Institution, 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1H 9JJ. (Tel 01-839 1211.)

Birmingham Medical Institute—Symposium on "Gut immunology," 17 March, Birmingham. Details from the secretary of the Institute, 36 Harborne Road, Birmingham B15 3AF. (Tel 021 454 5007.)

Royal Northern Hospital—"Modern views on the circulation of the blood," to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of Dr William Harvey, 17 March, London. Details from Dr D Geraint James, Dean, Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, London N7 6LD.

Conservation Society Pollution Working Party—Symposium "Lead pollution—health effects," 6 April, London. Details from the Working Party, 168 Dora Road, London SW19.

"Epidemic Neuromyasthenia: Current Approaches"—Symposium, 7 April, London. Details from Dr W H Lyle, Courtaulds Ltd, 18 Hanover Square, London WC1.

British Institute of Radiology—Details of the annual congress and joint meeting, 13-14 April, hyperthermia meeting, 11-12 May, and Second Congress of European Society of Nuclear Medicine, 17-18 April, are now available from the Institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel 01-935 6237 and 6867.)

Third Rehabilitation Forum, "Care in the Community"—Organised by the Rehabilitation Studies Unit, University of Edinburgh, and the Scottish Society of Rehabilitation Medicine, 14 April, Dundee. Details from Dr R Melhuish, Department of Community and Occupational Medicine, Medical School, Ninewells, Dundee DD1 9SY.

Boerhaave Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education—Symposium "Human parturition: new concepts and developments," 27-28 April, Leiden, the Netherlands. Details from the Committee, University Hospital, 10 Rijnsburgerweg, Leiden, the Netherlands.

Teratology Society—18th annual meeting, 8-11 June, Mackinac Island, Michigan. Details from Dr Eugene V Perrin, director, Anatomic Pathology, Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48201, USA.

5th International Congress on Burn Injuries—18-23 June, Stockholm. Details from the Congress, c/o RESO Congress Service, c/o Reso Congress Service, S-105 24 Stockholm, Sweden.

5th International Symposium on Mass Spectrometry in Biochemistry and Medicine—19-21 June 1978, Rimini. Details from Italian Group for Mass Spectrometry in Biochemistry and Medicine, c/o Mario Negri Institute, Via Eritrea 62, 20157 Milan, Italy.

8th International Symposium on Comparative Endocrinology—19-23 June, Amsterdam. Details from the Symposium, the Congress Bureau, Free University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

XIII World Congress on Diseases of the Chest—2-7 July, Kyoto, Japan. Details from Dr Alfred Soffer, Executive Director, American College of Chest Physicians, 911 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068, USA.

2nd World Safety and Accident Prevention Congress—8-14 July, Singapore. Details from the Congress, c/o National Safety First Council, Automobile Association of Singapore, A A House, 336 River Valley Road, Singapore.

William Harvey 400th Anniversary Celebration—Conference, 9-13 July 1978, London.

Details from Conference Secretary, Harvey Celebration 1978, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regents Park, London NE1 4LE. (Tel 01-486 2338.)

International Symposium on Enzyme Labelled Immunoassay of Hormones and Drugs—10-12 July 1978, West Germany. Details from Dr S B Pal or Dr V Maier, Universität Ulm, Department für Innere Medizin I, Steinböhlstrasse 9, 79 Ulm (Donau), Postfach 38 80, West Germany.

Society of Occupational Medicine—Annual provincial meeting, 10-14 July, Cambridge. Details from Dr J L Kearns, Chairman, London Group, SOM, Robert Murray Associates, Quality House, Quality Court, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HP.

"Advances in Medicine"—Conference sponsored by the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal Society of Medicine Foundation Inc, 23-28 July, London. Details from the press officer, 43 Charles Street, Mayfair, London W1X 7PB. (Tel 01-499 1101.)

7th Dutch-British Endocrine Meeting—30 August-2 September, Maastricht, the Netherlands. Details from Dr A G H Smals, Department of Medicine, St Radboudziekenhuis, Nijmegen, the Netherlands. (Tel 080 514599.)

Third Strathclyde Seminar—"Rehabilitation of the disabled—clinical and biomechanical aspects, costs and effectiveness," 8-11 August, Glasgow. Details from Dr A C Nicol, Bio-engineering Unit, University of Strathclyde, Wolfson Centre, 106 Rottenrow, Glasgow G4 0NW. (Tel 041-552 4400 ext 3137.)

International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology—9th Congress, 20-24 August 1978, Dublin. Details from Dr A Darragh, Chairman 9th Congress of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology, IMAX, Irish Medical Association, 10 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, Ireland, tel 762087/762550/761793.

Medical Women's International Association—XVI International Congress, 27 August-2 September, Berlin. Details from General Secretariat, Congress Hall, John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, D-1000 Berlin 21 (West), Germany.

Second International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect—12-15 September 1978, Imperial College, London. The call for papers for this Congress is now being circulated. Research and scientific papers will be welcome on all aspects of the subject. Much of the time will be spent in workshops, seminars, and discussion groups and the organisers ask especially for short communications from field workers so that experiences may be exchanged. Details from Conference Services Limited, 43 Charles Street, Mayfair, London W1X 7PB.

Second World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology Meeting—17-21 September, Washington DC. Details from Scientific Secretariat, Second International Congress of Nuclear Medicine and Biology, Suite 700, 1629 K Street NW, Washington DC 20006, USA. (Tel (202) 296-0967.)

British Council—Course 834 "Acute injury—pathophysiology, biochemistry and clinical management," 17-30 September 1978, Glasgow and London. Details from the director, Courses Department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

BMA NOTICES

Special Groups of Members of the Association

CONSULTING PATHOLOGISTS' GROUP

Nominations are hereby invited to fill four vacancies on the group committee for the term of office 1978-81. The vacancies are caused by

the retirement of members at the completion of their term of office. Retiring members are eligible for re-election. Candidates for election, and those nominating them, must be members of the group. Members of the specialty at senior registrar level or above are eligible to join the group provided that they are members of the Association.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, British Medical Association, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JF, and must be returned not later than Monday, 20 March 1978.

E GREY-TURNER
Secretary

Central Meetings

MARCH

1 Wed	Private Practice Committee, 10.30 am.
1 Wed	Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Group Committee, 2.30 pm.
2 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMSC), 10.30 am.
3 Thurs	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.

Division Meetings

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

Bath—At Royal United Hospital, Tuesday, 28 February, 7.30 pm, Dr James Cameron: "Current problems."*

Bradford and Airedale—At University of Bradford, Wednesday, 1 March, 7 pm, invitation by the Institute of Biology Yorkshire Branch to an open meeting on "Wool-sorters' disease—100 years of anthrax in Bradford 1878-1978."

Burton upon Trent and District—At Stanhope Arms Hotel, Tuesday, 28 February, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Dr A M Geddes: "Immunisation, fact and fallacy."* (Guests are invited.)

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 1 March, 8 pm, social meeting, real ale and original sausages evening.* (Guests are invited.)

Ipswich—At Limes Hotel, Wednesday, 1 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner.*

Redbridge and Stratford—At East Ham Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, 28 February, 7.30 pm, clinico-social meeting, speaker Mr D Andrews: "The future of private medicine in this country."*

Solihull—At Regency Club, Thursday, 2 March, 7.30 pm, dinner meeting, speaker Dr E Grey-Turner: "What's the use of the BMA."* (Guests are invited.)

South-east Kent—At 9 The Street, Ashford, Tuesday, 28 February, 8 pm, ordinary meeting followed by dinner.* (Wives and husbands welcome.)

Regional Meetings

Wessex Regional Group for Community Medicine—At Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Thursday, 2 March, 5.30 pm.

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