

board, and also that a training course with a national examination should be provided for the medical representatives of firms. Grants from drug firms to finance postgraduate meetings, says the report, should be allowed provided that all the arrangements are approved. The report may be obtained (price £3) from the forum at 1 Wimpole St, London W1M 8AE.

Science and the media

Though scientists are usually treated with respect by the media there has been a slight but definite change, with a more critical stance on the part of some correspondents, point out Greta Jones, Ian Connell, and Jack Meadows in *The Presentation of Science by the Media*. In medical items (which formed the bulk of the science coverage) in newspapers there was often a sense of unease, they found, with emphasis on ethical issues raised by medical practice and research. They absolve television of bias, both in science feature programmes and in the more confrontational interviews of current affairs programmes; but they discuss and illustrate in detail the transmutations of material achieved during production, which tend to give an unrealistically tidy picture of opinion and the development of knowledge. The report is published at £2.50 (£3.00 for overseas) by the Primary Communications Research Centre, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH.

People in the News

Dr F D Moore has been awarded the Lister medal for 1978 for his original and distinguished contributions, both scientific and clinical, in the study and application of metabolic care of the severely ill patient. The award is made by a committee representing the Royal Society, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of Glasgow.

COMING EVENTS

British Association for Psychopharmacology—Summer scientific meeting, 2-4 July, Cardiff. Details from Professor E S Paykel, Department of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School, London SW17 0QT.

"Medicines, information, and the patient"—Symposium, 3-4 July, Sheffield. Details from Mr A E Trice, Area Pharmaceutical Officer (Berkshire Area Health Authority), Battle Hospital, Abbey Building, Oxford Road, Reading RG3 1AG. (Tel 0734 583666.)

Genetical Society and Clinical Genetics Society—Joint meeting, 4-6 July, Manchester. Details from Professor K M Laurence, Department of Child Health, Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XN. (Tel 0222 755944.)

Institute of Child Health and Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology—Symposium on "Neonatal paediatrics in developing countries," 10 July, London. Details from symposium secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6. (Tel 01-748 6802 ext 355.)

"Folic acid and the nervous system"—6-8 September, Montreal, Canada. Details from the Organising Committee (c/o Miss Diana Cronin), 110 Pine Avenue West, Montreal, Quebec H2W 1R7, Canada. (Tel 514-842-1481.)

Association for Medical Education in Europe—Meeting on "Principles of assessment of competence in medical education and postgraduate training," 19-21 September, Warsaw, Poland. Details from Mrs Penny Turnbull, AMEE, Department of Psychiatry, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Park, Edinburgh EH10 5HF. (Tel 031-447 2011 ext 270.)

Society for the Advancement of Medical Engineering—Seminar on "Control and measurement of pollution in operating theatres," 14 October, London. Details from Professor L Strunin, Anaesthetic Department, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS.

Forest Group Hospitals Medical Education and Research Trust—Details and copies of the programme May-August 1978 are now available from the Medical Education Centre, Whipples Cross Hospital, London E11.

Biochemical Society—576th meeting, 12-14 July, London. Details from the meetings officer, Biochemical Society, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London WC1R 5DP. (Tel 01-242 1076.)

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

*For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institutions concerned.*

Tuesday, 6 June

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm Newmarch lecture by Professor A S Goldberg (Wisconsin): Heredity, environment, and socioeconomic achievement—I.

Wednesday, 7 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr F M Pope: Connective tissue and connective tissue diseases.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr B S Meldrum: New anticonvulsant drugs.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Arnott Demonstration by Miss Jessie Dobson: Richard Owen and the pre-Darwinian evolutionists.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Newmarch lecture by Professor A S Goldberg (Wisconsin): Heredity, environment, and socioeconomic achievement—II.

Thursday, 8 June

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—5.30 pm, Professor R Fishman (California): Neurological disorders in renal failure.

MEDICOLEGAL SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8 pm, agm, 8.15 pm, Commander John Thornton: Police community relations.

ONCOLOGY CLUB—At Royal Marsden Hospital, 6.30 pm, Dr Jocelyn Chamberlain and Mr Ian Burn: Screening and breast cancer.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At Institute of Ophthalmology, Cayton Street, 3 pm, Eridge-Green lecture by Dr W O G Taylor: The visual disabilities of oculocutaneous albinism and their alleviation.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

JUNE

6 Tues	Manpower Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.
7 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
14 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
15 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
15 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
22 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Staff, 2 pm.

Division Meetings

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

Durham—At Dryburn Hospital, Monday, 5 June, 8.30 pm, the Very Reverend Dr E W Heaton: "Behind the scenes at Durham Cathedral." (Preceded by buffet supper, 7 for 7.30 pm.) Guests are invited.

East Hertfordshire—At Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Saturday, 10 June, 9.40 am, annual symposium on "Genetics in medicine."*

Kesteven—At Grantham Hospital, Thursday, 8 June, 12.30 pm, agm and buffet lunch.

Kingston Richmond Epsom—At the Medical Centre, Monday, 5 June, 8 for 8.30 pm, agm.

Newcastle upon Tyne—At Trinity House, Thursday, 8 June, 7.30 pm, supper party.*

Stockport—At Boyd House, Thursday, 8 June, 7.30 pm, agm.*

Wigan—At the Owls Restaurant, Standish, Friday, 9 June, 8 for 8.30 pm, dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Saturday, 10 June, 7.30 for 8 pm, divisional visit and reception.*

Regional Meetings

South-west Thames Regional Council—At Surrey Family Practitioner Committee, Wednesday, 7 June, 7 pm.

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(1) Typing should be on one side of the paper, with double or triple spacing between the lines and 5-cm margins at the top and left-hand side of the sheet.

(2) Two copies (or preferably three) should be submitted.

(3) Spelling should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

(4) References must be set out in the style used in the *BMJ*, and their accuracy verified before the manuscript is submitted.

(5) SI units are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units, and some useful conversion factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977).

(6) Authors should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

(7) Acknowledgments will not be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

(8) Detailed instructions are given in the *BMJ* dated 7 January (p 6).

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GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD—Dr O P Fitzgerald-Finch (radiologist); Dr J D McArthur (physician with an interest in cardiology); Mr J McNeil (ENT surgeon); Dr M Z Rahman (psychiatrist); Dr D R H Vernon (physician with an interest in respiratory diseases).

HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Mr J A Robertson (orthopaedics).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr M J Lewis (haematologist).

NORTH-EAST THAMES RHA—Dr J H Steadman (haematologist).

NORTHERN RHA—Dr Maureen Berry (anaesthetics); Mr M H Edwards, Mr A I M Cook, Mr R Attard (general surgery); Dr A W Craft, Dr J M Nirmal (paediatrics); Dr D Bates (neurology); Dr T M Singh, Dr Lorna M Rozner, Dr A J Robinson (mental illness); Dr W M C Allen (radiology).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Mr M J A Britten (ophthalmologist); Dr M A Matin (physician in geriatric medicine); Dr M P Chopra (physician with special interest in chest diseases); Dr R H A Campbell (paediatrician).

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