

Exeter Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the February programme are now available from the centre, Barrack Road, Exeter.

Forest Group Hospitals Medical Education and Research Trust—Details and copies of the diary card to April are now available from the Medical Education Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E11. (Tel 01-539 5522 ext 310.)

Manchester Medical Society—Details and copies of the February meetings are now available from the society, The University, Manchester M13 9PL. (Tel 061-273 6048.)

Royal Society of Health—Details of four forthcoming meetings are now available from the conference department of the society, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN.

Winchester and Central Hampshire Medical and Dental Federation—Details and copies of the programme to April are now available from the Federation, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Romsey Road, Winchester, Hants SO22 5DG. (Tel 0962 63535 ext 422.)

XXVIIth International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine—8-12 October, Manila. Details from the USA secretariat, XXVIIth International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine, c/o John David Thomas Company, Monadnock Building, Suite 222, 681 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105, USA.

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.

Monday, 12 February

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Professor I R H Kramer: Leukoplakia and allied conditions.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 12.30 pm, Dr Rachel Lewinsohn: Benzylamine oxidase in health and disease.*

Tuesday, 13 February

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON—1.15 pm, Professor M H F Wilkins: DNA from Watson and Crick to genetic engineering.

Wednesday, 14 February

CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTRE—4.30 pm, Professor Sir Richard Doll, FRCS: Nutrition in the aetiology of cancer.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY, QUEEN SQUARE—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology, 6 pm, Professor A Iggo: Cutaneous sensory receptors in animals. 7 pm, Dr D Small: Intraneural recordings of sensory nerve impulses in man.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr Barbara Ansell: Chemical synovectomy. 7 pm, Mr L W Lowe: Escape from the failed knee arthroplasty.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr P G McGrath: The clinical face of homicide.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian oration by Mr G Qvist: some controversial aspects of John Hunter's life and work.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—5 pm, Dr I Chanarin: Studies with vitamin B₁₂.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Dr C Milstein: Hybrid myelomas: a new opening in diagnosis and therapy.

Thursday, 15 February

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON—1.15 pm, Dr D Gilbert: The architecture of nerve cells. 5.30 pm, Professor O L Wade: Ethical controls in medical research.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.30 pm, 15th Roy Cameron lecture by Professor A R Williamson: Control of antibody function: certain uncertainties.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor H J H Fry: The pathology and treatment of nasal trauma.

Friday, 16 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Mr R F McNab Jones: Dysphagia in ORL practice. **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL**—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Mr G V Osborne: Hindquarter amputation.

Saturday, 17 February

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 9 am, Dr A Honey: Principles and practice of modern prostheses.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

FEBRUARY

14 Wed Hospital Junior Staff 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 am.
15 Thurs Paediatric Subcommittee (CCHMS), 3.30 pm.
21 Wed BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
28 Wed Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.

Division Meetings

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

Aberystwyth—At Conrah Country Hotel, Saturday, 17 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner, guest Dr E Grey Turner.*

Burnley—At Mackenzie Medical Centre, Friday, 16 February, 8.30 pm, divisional meeting.

East Yorkshire—At Law Library, Hull, Wednesday, 14 February, 7.30 pm, combined meeting with Hull Incorporated Law Society, Dr J G Fairer: "Medical murders." (Followed by combined Council Dinner.* Guests are invited.)

Harrow—At Northwick Park Hospital, Tuesday, 13 February, 7.30 pm, joint meeting with the Harrow and Hillingdon Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, supper followed by talk by Chief Superintendent Byrne: "The Royal Parks of London."*

Hastings—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Tuesday, 13 February, 7.15 pm, wine tasting, followed by dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

Lewisham—At Lewisham Hospital, Saturday, 17 February, afternoon symposium: "A clinical pot-pourri." (Guests are welcome.)

North and Mid Staffordshire—At the Post House, Newcastle, Wednesday, 14 February, 7 for 7.30 pm, Mr D G Woolmer: "NHS administration."* (Followed by buffet supper.)

South-west Wales—At Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen, Saturday, 17 February, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, annual dinner and BMA lecture by Dr Gareth Crompton: "Changing perspectives in health care."*

Stockton-on-Tees—At Swallow Hotel, Monday, 12 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, ladies night dinner.* (Guests invited.)

Wandsworth and East Merton—At St George's Hospital, Tuesday, 13 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, invitation from the SW Metropolitan Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to lecture by Professor J M Cameron: "Poisoning, accident, suicide or murder?"*

West Berkshire—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 14 February, 8.30 pm, Dr A Hollman: "The Chelsea Physic Garden." (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 pm.* Wives are welcome.)

West Derbyshire—At Whitworth Hospital, Tuesday, 6 February, 8.30 pm, Mr D M C Forster: "Trigeminal neuralgia."*

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Veterinary Investigation Centre, Worcester, Thursday, 15 February, 7.30 pm, invitation to open evening.*

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—A Calin, V S Chadwick, R J Greenwood, D N Rushton, M J Weston.
MChir—R Yeo.

LONDON

The title of professor of paediatric nephrology has been conferred on Dr T M Barratt in respect of his post at the Institute of Child Health.

The title of professor of clinical ophthalmology has been conferred on Mr A C Bird in respect of his post at the Institute of Ophthalmology.

The title of professor of virology has been conferred on Dr L H Collier in respect of his post at the London Hospital Medical College.

The title of professor of microbial genetics has been conferred on Dr Naomi Datta in respect of her post at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

The title of professor of immunopathology has been conferred on Dr E J Holborow in respect of his post at the London Hospital Medical College.

The title of professor of experimental psychopathology has been conferred on Dr I M Marks in respect of his post at the Institute of Psychiatry.

The title of professor of tropical child health has been conferred on Dr D C Morley in respect of his post at the Institute of Child Health.

The title of professor of haematology has been conferred on Dr G D Pegrum in respect of his post at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in physiology has been conferred on Dr M T Jones in respect of his post at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School.

Appointments—Dr S R Bloom (reader in medicine, Royal Postgraduate Medical School); Dr B A Wood (reader in anatomy, Middlesex Hospital Medical School); Dr P Richards (senior lecturer in medicine, St Mary's Hospital Medical School).

BRISTOL

MD—M M A Homeida, K P Sarma.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

A L Bloom has been elected a member under Bye-law 117.

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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.

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(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) **Letters to the Editor** submitted for publication must be signed personally by all the authors.

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

(9) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 6 January 1979 (p 6).

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

LEICESTERSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr M L Pepperman (anaesthetics); Dr I E Carter (child psychiatry); Mr W W Barrie (surgery); Dr P G F Singh (paediatrics); Dr F J F Madden (radiotherapy and oncology); Dr A C Burden (physician with a special interest in diabetes); Dr C R Stewart (obstetrics and gynaecology).

NORTHERN RHA—Dr L J Williams (anaesthetics); Dr W T Berrill (general medicine); Mr J Dowson (ophthalmology); Dr J W Wright (chemical pathology); Mr N C Keddie, Mr C Metcalfe-Gibson, Mr P M Atkinson, Mr I L Rosenberg (general surgery); Dr R H McNeill, Dr W M Hazeldine (radiology); Dr S Rashid (genitourinary medicine); Mr P J Armon (obstetrics and gynaecology).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr R G Patel (paediatric cardiologist); Dr M E Mackay (psychiatrist with an interest in rehabilitation).

SOUTH GLAMORGAN HEALTH AUTHORITY—Dr C C Wise (clinical physiologist); Dr Judith M Davies (anaesthetist); Mr A M Hunter (ophthalmologist).

WESSEX RHA—Dr R M Foster (physician in geriatrics); Dr M J Rowe (geriatrics); Dr R S Wilkie (psychiatrist); Dr J P D Reckless (general medicine with an interest in diabetes).

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