

research techniques, and also allow departments to invite research workers from the other country to participate in a research programme. Details from the Wellcome Trust, 1 Park Square West, London NW1 4LJ.

Teaching medical subjects to social workers

A liaison committee of the British Association of Social Workers and the Royal College of General Practitioners is considering the requirements for teaching medicine and related subjects during social work training. It would like to hear from doctors who teach in such courses—in particular, about what is taught, by whom, and for how long, with an assessment of its value. Comments should be addressed to Miss D E Dedman, Department of Social Work, London Hospital, London E1 1BB.

Specimens, please

An enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay (Elisa) has been developed in the University of Newcastle upon Tyne for estimating titres of antibodies to glomerular basement membrane in human sera. For testing the system further, sera containing these antibodies—for example, from cases of Goodpasture's syndrome—are urgently needed by Professor M Sussman and Dr Janice Wheeler, Department of Microbiology, Medical School, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU (0632 28511 ext 3704).

COMING EVENTS

Refresher course for general practitioners—Modern management of obstetric and gynaecological problems in hospital and general practice, 14-15 March, London. Details from the symposium secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. (Tel 01-748 6802 ext 355.)

"Diseases of colon and rectum"—Course of lectures, 19-23 March, London. Details from the dean of post-graduate studies, St Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Colon and Rectum, City Road, London EC1V 1PS. (Tel 01-1050 ext 225.)

British Association of Social Workers—Study course, 28-30 March, Coventry. Details from the Association, 16 Kent Street, Birmingham B5 6RD. (Tel 021-622 3911.)

Royal College of Radiologists, British Institute of Radiology and Royal Society of Medicine Radiology Section—Joint radiological meeting, 30-31 March, Newcastle upon Tyne. Details from meetings secretary, Royal College of Radiologists, 38 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

Symposium on Diving—11-12 April, Teesside. Details from Chief Inspector P Hyde, Cleveland Constabulary, Chief Constable's Office, PO Box 70, Dunning Road, Middlesbrough TS1 2AR. (Tel Middlesbrough 48184.)

Scottish National Stoma Care Study Day—2 May, Glasgow. Details from Tollmark Limited, 681A Warwick Road, Solihull, West Midlands. (Tel 021-704 2126.)

Boerhaave Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education—Course on "Analgesia in anaesthesia and obstetrics," 9-11 May, Leiden. Details from the committee, Academisch Ziekenhuis, Rijsburgerweg 10, 2300 BV Leiden, Netherlands.

"Schizophrenia and addiction"—Conference, 16-17 May, London. Details from the Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain, Tyr Twr, Llanfair Hall, Caernarvon LL55 1TT. (Tel 0248 670 379.)

"Breast-feeding today"—Conference, 4-5 June, London, in association with International Breast-feeding Week. Details from Mair Davies, 55 Warren Road, London E4, or Dr Penny Stanway, PO Box 4, Redhill, Surrey.

Extended Programmes in Medical Education—"Modern gastrointestinal radiological techniques for the practising physician," 14-15 June, and "Emergency room radiology," 20-22 June, San Francisco. Details from Extended Programs in Medical Education, University of California, School of Medicine, Room 569U, San Francisco, California 94143, USA.

Third International Conference on Plastics in Medicine and Surgery—21-22 June, Enschede,

Netherlands. Details from Plastics and Rubber Institute, 11 Hobart Place, London SW1W 0HL. (Tel 01-245 9555.)

Sixth International Union Against Cancer training course in cancer research—9-21 September, Bar Harbor, USA. Details from Dr Hans J Heiniger, Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, USA. Closing date for applications 31 May.

International College of Psychosomatic Medicine—5th World Congress "Life stress, social adjustment, and disease," 10-14 September, Jerusalem. Details from Professor C Aitken, Princess Margaret Rose Hospital, Edinburgh EH10 7ED, or Professor R Priest, St Mary's Hospital (Harrow Road), London W9 3RL.

Second East Grinstead study course in plastic surgery—30 September-6 October, East Grinstead. Details from Mr J P Bennett, Queen Victoria Hospital, Holtye Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 3DZ. (Tel 0342 24111.)

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, 5 March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr D Murray: Skin lymphatics.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr J L Stanford: Ubiquitous mycobacteria and their relation to disease in man.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—At Dunn Nutritional Laboratory, 4.15 pm, Dr W F J Cuthbertson: The formulation of infant milks—industry's view.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON—5.30 pm, Dr Philip Cohen: The role of protein phosphorylation in the nervous and hormonal regulation of intermediary metabolism.

Tuesday, 6 March

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—1.15 pm, Professor J M Foley (Ohio): The history of American neurology.

KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON—1.15 pm, The Revd Canon Professor G R Dunstan: Law, medicine, and ethics: the new centre.

Wednesday, 7 March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr Y M Clayton: Candidiasis.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm and 7 pm, Mr E L Trickey: Pathology of knee ligament injuries, and Repair of knee ligament injuries.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr D H Funkenstein (USA): The changing scene in US psychiatry: the roles of different professional groups.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ARTS, MANUFACTURES AND COMMERCE—6 pm, Alfred Bosson lecture by Mr J Weeks and Mr J Hoare: Designing and living in a hospital: an enormous house.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Professor J R A Mitchell: Why can't we prevent thrombosis?

Thursday, 8 March

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURES—At Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 pm, Professor Martin Vessey: Oral contraceptives and neoplasia.

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Schorstein memorial lecture by Sir Ashley Miles: Iron and infection of man—the limitations of the experimental approach.

LONDON SOCIETY OF FAMILY PLANNING DOCTORS—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Mr R M L Winston: Why do women want sterilisation reversal?

ONCOLOGY CLUB—At Royal Marsden Hospital, 6.30 pm, Dr Ray Powles: Acute myeloid leukaemia: biology, and recent advances. (Open to anyone interested, refreshments provided.)

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Professor Harold Ellis: Second look surgery.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—At Department of Genetics, Downing Street, 4.30 pm, Dr G Parker: Models of parent-offspring conflict.

Friday, 9 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Dr S D G Stephens: Adult auditory rehabilitation.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

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6 Tues	Manpower Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2.30 pm.
8 Thurs	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
8 Thurs	EEC Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.
9 Fri	Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 am.
14 Wed	BMA Council, 10 am.
14 Wed	Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Group Committee, 2 pm.
15 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

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

Division Meetings

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

Aberystwyth—At Conrah Hotel, Saturday, 3 March, dinner lecture, speaker Mr D J Shields.* (Guests welcome.)

Bradford and Airedale—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 7 March, 8.30 pm, joint meeting with Leeds and Bradford branch of the British Dental Association, Mr J W Craig: "Dental health—who cares?"

Mid-Northumberland—At Ashington General Hospital, Thursday, 8 March, 7.30 pm, Professor P Rhodes: "Ideas and their influence on medicine." (Wives invited.)

Salop—At Copthorne Hospital, Thursday, 8 March, 8 pm, Dr Martin S Cole: "Sex therapy—sin or salvation."* (Followed by buffet supper, wives invited.)

Sunderland—At District General Hospital, Wednesday, 7 March, 8.15 pm, clinical meeting—paediatrics.

South Tees—At West Lane Hospital, Friday, 9 March, 8 pm, joint meeting with Teesside and District branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Mr Peter Watson: "Experiences in ophthalmology."* (Preceded by supper, 7 pm.)

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Dr R M Veall (mental handicap).

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