

Laboratory, *Accidents Involving Heavy Goods Vehicles: Frequencies and Design Aspects*, makes proposals for reducing the risks. In particular, front and rear bumpers at heights matching those of cars and energy-absorbing structures on the heavy goods vehicle could reduce the severity of injury to car occupants wearing seat belts on impact with such a vehicle.

COMING EVENTS

British Association for Psychopharmacology—Spring scientific meeting, 20 April, London. Details from Dr David Wheatley, 325 Staines Road, Twickenham TW2 5AX.

Royal College of Physicians of London—Clinicopathological conference, 26 April, London. For details see advertisement at p viii.

Royal Society—Meeting for discussion "Penicillin 50 years after Fleming," 2-3 May, London. Details from the executive secretary of the society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, reference DM.5/CAJ.

National Schizophrenia Fellowship—Conference on "New dimensions in schizophrenia," 10 May, London. Details from the general secretary of the fellowship, 78-79 Victoria Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4NS. (Tel 01-390 3651/2.)

"Toxic effects of environmental lead"—Symposium, 10 May, London. Details from the Conservation Society Pollution Working Party, 168 Dora Road, London SW19. (Tel 01-946 7541.)

Advanced Course in Arthritis Surgery—28 May-1 June, Edinburgh. Details from the postgraduate dean, Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine, Pfizer Foundation, Hill Square, Edinburgh EH8 9DR.

Extended Programmes in Medical Education—"Infectious diseases in clinical practice," 1-3 June, Monterey, and "The recognition and management of poisonings and toxicological emergencies," 22-24 June, San Francisco. Details from Extended Programs in Medical Education, University of California, Rm 569-U, School of Medicine, San Francisco, California 94143, USA.

International Symposium on Metabolic Effects of Alcohol—18-21 June, Milan. Details from the Nutrition Foundation of Italy, Via S Pietro all'Orto 17, 20121 Milan, Italy.

International Conference on Management and Control of Heavy Metals in the Environment—18-21 September, London. Details from CEP Consultants, 26 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QH. (Tel 031-557 2478.)

IV Asian Cancer Conference—4-8 December, Bombay. Details from the organising secretaries, IV Asian Cancer Conference, c/o Indian Cancer Society, E Borges Road, Parel, Bombay 400 012.

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

St George's Hospital and SW Metropolitan Orthopaedic Training Scheme—Details of the summer term 1979 teaching calendar are now available from Mr S C Gallanagh, FRCS, Orthopaedic Department, St George's Hospital, London SW17 0QT.

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, 9 April

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ARTS MANUFACTURES AND COMMERCE—6 pm, Cantor lecture on aspects of modern medicine by Heinz Wolff: New technology for old people.

Wednesday, 11 April

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Professor Hannes Schmidl (Italy): Myoelectric prostheses for amputation and congenital malformation of the upper limb. ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 pm, histopathology course, Dr M H Bennett: Special stains in the diagnosis of lymphomas.

Thursday, 12 April

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—Paediatric meeting, Dr M Preece: Neonatal adolescentology. ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr R Rivers: Hypercoagulability and haemorrhagic diathesis: a neonatal enigma?

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

APRIL

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| 11 Wed | Central Ethical Committee, 10 am. |
| 11 Wed | Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am. |
| 18 Wed | Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am. |
| 18 Wed | Armed Forces Committee, 2 pm. |
| 19 Thurs | General Medical Services Committee, 10 am. |
| 19 Thurs | General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am. |

Division Meetings

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

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Bevendean Hospital, Tuesday, 10 April, 8 pm, meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council.

Coventry—At Coventry and Warwickshire Postgraduate Centre, Wednesday, 11 April, 6.45 pm, agm.

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 11 April, 7.30 pm, wine tasting.* (Guests are invited.)

Lambeth and Southwark—At Guy's Hospital, Wednesday, 11 April, 6.30 pm, agm followed by business meeting.*

North-west Essex—At Princess Alexandra Hospital, Tuesday, 10 April, 8 pm, agm.

Nottingham—At City Hospital, Monday, 9 April, 8 pm, meeting to discuss motions for ARM.

Perth and Kinross—At Perth Royal Infirmary, Thursday, 12 April, 7.30 pm, business meeting.

South Bedfordshire—At Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Tuesday, 10 April, 8 pm, special general meeting to discuss the general practitioner's new charter.

Trafford—At St Anne's Hospital, Altrincham, Wednesday, 11 April, 7.30 pm, film on "Recent advances in antibiotics," buffet supper, and business meeting.

Wolverhampton—At New Cross Hospital, Monday, 9 April, 8 pm, agm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ABERDEEN

The following have been promoted to personal senior lectureships from 1 October—Dr Gabrielle M Hawksworth (pharmacology therapeutics and clinical pharmacology); Dr W I Keyes (biomedical physics and bioengineering); Dr P E Undrill (biomedical physics and bioengineering/chemical pathology).

LONDON

The title of professor of tissue immunology has been conferred on Dr J R Batchelor in respect of his post at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

The title of professor of addiction behaviour has been conferred on Dr J G Edwards in respect of his post at the Institute of Psychiatry.

The title of professor of physiology has been conferred on Dr N Joels in respect of his post at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College.

The title of professor of clinical psychopharmacology has been conferred on Dr M H Lader in respect of his post at the Institute of Psychiatry.

The title of professor of neuropsychiatry has been conferred on Dr W A Lishman in respect of his post at the Institute of Psychiatry.

The title of professor of anaesthesia has been conferred on Dr J P Payne in respect of his post at the London Hospital Medical College.

The title of professor of chemical endocrinology has been conferred on Dr Lesley H Rees in respect of her post at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College.

The title of professor of surgical endocrinology has been conferred on Professor R B Welbourne at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School from 1 April 1979. He is at present professor of surgery at the school.

Dr A L Miller has been appointed reader in chemical pathology at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in pharmacology has been conferred on Dr D Colquhoun in respect of his post at St George's Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in histochemistry has been conferred on Dr B D Lake in respect of his post at the Institute of Child Health.

The title of reader in immunology has been conferred on Dr V S Slyic in respect of his post at St Mary's Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in haematology has been conferred on Dr S N Wickramasinghe in respect of his post at St Mary's Hospital Medical School.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Dr J G B Newson-Smith (psychiatrist).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Mr R J Salem (general surgeon).

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