

years of notably high rates, 7928 cases being notified (a figure, however, that is likely to be lower than the actual number of cases). Nevertheless, the general picture is not encouraging, the report points out, since the numbers of notifications during 1975-7 have been the highest since 1959. Isolations of *Salmonella typhimurium* and several other common salmonellae decreased; but there was a sharp increase in isolations of *S hadar*, which is commonly associated with turkeys.

British Paediatric Association

At the annual general meeting of the British Paediatric Association, held on 29 March, the following officers were elected: Dr G M Komrower (president); Dr D R Harvey (honorary secretary); Dr A D M Jackson (honorary treasurer); Dr R D H Boyd, Dr M M Liberman, Dr C H Nourse (honorary assistant secretaries).

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists—Joint scientific meeting with the Infectious Disease Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology (North America) on "Obstetric infection," 27 April, London. Details from the secretary of the college, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG. (Tel 01-262 5425.)

8th National Myasthenics Meeting, 29 April, Colehill near Birmingham. Details from E Wingrove, tel 01-850 9631.

Royal College of Physicians of London—Teach-in "Recent developments in aviation medicine," 1 May, London. For details see advertisement at p xvi.

Symposium on basal ganglia disorders—12 May, London. For details see advertisement at p xv.

International Symposium on Peptic Ulcer—31 May-2 June, Portugal. Details from Mário Branco Peres, A/c Ferraz, Lynce, LDA, R Gonçalo Cristóvão 116-3, 4000 Porto, Portugal.

1979 Paris-Villejuif Immuno-oncology Week—18-22 June, Villejuif and Paris. Details from the secretariat of the Paris-Villejuif Immuno-oncology Week, ICI, Hôpital Paul-Brousse, F-94800 Villejuif, France.

Extended Programmes in Medical Education—"Strategies of care for the cancer patient," 13-14 July, Monterey. Details from Extended Programs in Medical Education, University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, Rm 569-U, San Francisco, California 94143, USA.

British Association of Immediate Care Schemes—Annual scientific meeting, 27-29 September, Southampton. Details from the Research and Education Department, BASICS, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1BR. (Tel 01-589 1574.)

Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene—Annual conference, 2-5 October, Douglas, Isle of Man. Details from the institute, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-580 2731/2.)

British Council Course 942—"The child and infection: recognition, management, and prevention," 20 January-1 February 1980, London. Details from the director of the courses department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

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, 23 April

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—12.30 pm, Dr D Gau, Mr C Sims, Mr T Ryder, Mrs L MacKenzie: Our first year with a scanning electron microscope.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Professor P H S Silver: Development and the eye.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ARTS MANUFACTURES AND COMMERCE—6 pm, Cantor lecture on aspects of modern medicine by Sir Robert Williams: Diet, microbes, and disease.

Wednesday, 25 April

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 pm, histopathology course, Dr R Marsden: Immunofluorescence: value in dermatology.

Thursday, 26 April

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—5.30 pm, Professor W H Sweet (USA): Suppression of pain by

electrical stimulation: potentiation by neurotransmitters.

ROYAL SOCIETY—4.30 pm, Croonian lecture by Professor S Ebashi: Regulation of muscle contraction.*

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr R Williams: Liver disease from pregnancy or the pill?

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY—At Middlesex Hospital Medical School, 11.45 am, presidential address by Mr W M Ross: The Institute: yesterday and tomorrow.

Friday, 27 April

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY—At Middlesex Hospital Medical School, 12 noon, Silvanus Thompson memorial lecture by Professor G E Adams: Past, present, and future of hypoxic cell sensitisers.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

	MAY
1 Tues	Working Party on Children's Health (Board of Science and Education), 10.30 am.
2 Wed	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am. (Transferred from 3 Thurs.)
3 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
4 Fri	Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 am.
9 Wed	BMA Executive Committee, 10 am.

Division Meetings

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

Aberystwyth—At Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 24 April, 8 pm, meeting to consider Annual Report of Council and motions for ARM.

Angus—At Balmoral Hotel, Frioekheim, Tuesday, 17 April, 7.45 pm, agm.

Blackburn—At Montague Health Centre, Tuesday, 24 April, 8 pm, general meeting to discuss annual report of Council and motions for ARM.

Bradford and Airedale—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 25 April, 8.30 pm, agm.

Buckinghamshire—At Wycombe General Hospital, Wednesday, 25 April, 7.45 pm, agm.

Burnley—At Mackenzie Medical Centre, Thursday, 26 April, 8 for 8.30 pm, BMA annual lecture by Professor D Metcalfe: "What is there for academic general practice to teach?" (Buffet supper provided.)

Burton upon Trent and District—At Stanhope Arms Hotel, Tuesday, 24 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner followed by agm.*

Bury—At Bury General Hospital, Tuesday, 24 April, 8 pm, meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council and motions to ARM.

Chesterfield—At Grosvenor Rooms, Tuesday, 24 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, chairman's dinner.*

Doncaster—At Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Tuesday, 24 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner/lecture, speaker Dr W A Arrowsmith: "Opium in my pipe."*

Eastbourne—At Eastbourne District General Hospital, Tuesday, 24 April, 7.30 pm, buffet supper followed by Dr Margaret Upton: "Getting up to date."*

East Hertfordshire—At the Old Palace, Hatfield, Wednesday, 25 April, 7.45 for 8.30 pm, Elizabethan banquet.*

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 25 April, 7.30 pm, general meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council.

Edgware and Hendon—At Hendon District Hospital, Tuesday, 24 April, 8.30 pm, agm.

Enfield—At Highlands Hospital, Wednesday, 25 April, 8 pm, meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council and new GP charter.

Grampian—At Medico-Chirurgical Hall, Aberdeen, Wednesday, 25 April, 8 pm, general meeting.

Greenwich and Bexley Divisions—At Greenwich District Hospital, Monday, 23 April, 7.30 pm, agm and discussion of ARM agenda and document received.*

Guildford—At Unsted Park Nursing Home, Thursday, 26 April, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, supper meeting, speaker Mr Clive Rowlands: "Competitiveness and aggression in modern rugby football."*

Halifax—At Royal Halifax Infirmary, Wednesday, 25 April, 8 pm, agm followed by discussion of Annual Report of Council.

Huddersfield—At Royal Infirmary, Monday, 23 April, 8.15 pm, business meeting.

Lanarkshire—At Strathclyde Hospital, Motherwell, Monday, 23 April, 8 pm, agm.

Lancaster—At Hampson House Hotel, near Calgate, Wednesday, 25 April, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.*

Lewisham—At Lewisham Hospital, Thursday, 26 April, 8.15 for 8.45 pm, agm.

Lincoln—At County Hospital, Wednesday, 25 April, 8 pm, business meeting.

Lothian—At BMA Scottish House, Edinburgh, Wednesday, 25 April, 8 pm, agm.

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 24 April, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Miss Barbara Mallinson: "Exercise induced asthma in children."* (Cold supper provided.)

Redbridge and Stratford—At King George Hospital, Friday, 27 April, 8.30 pm, general meeting. 27-30 April, trip to Amsterdam.* (Husbands/wives eligible.)

Rotherham—At Brecon Hotel, Monday, 23 April, 9 pm, Mr P Jacques: "Doctors and the Trade Unions."* (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 for 8 pm.)

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

Sheffield—At Nether Edge Hospital, Monday, 23 April, 8.30 pm, ordinary meeting.

Solihull—At St John's Hotel, Tuesday, 24 April, 7.30 pm, dinner and discussion of motions for ARM.*

South Bedfordshire—At Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Thursday, 26 April, 8 pm, meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council and motions for ARM.

South-east Kent—At Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, Tuesday, 24 April, 8 pm, full meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council and motions for ARM.

South Middlesex—At Ashford Hospital, Monday, 23 April, 8 pm, meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council.

Wakefield—At Pontefract General Infirmary, Monday, 23 April, 8 pm, agm.

Waltham Forest—At Whipp's Cross Hospital, Thursday, 26 April, 8 pm, agm.

Wandsworth and East Merton—At 44 Ouseley Road, Monday, 23 April, 8.30 pm, agm. (8 pm, refreshments.)

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Ronkswood Hospital, Monday, 23 April, 7.45 for 8 pm, agm. At the Medical School, University of Birmingham, Wednesday, 25 April, 5.30 pm, Mr David Bolt: "The consultant contract."

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Dr M S Nielson (anaesthetics); Dr Rose Buchanan (histopathology).

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