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Action Research

The 26th annual report of the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases (Action Research) reports a 22% increase in its net income, which reached over £950 000 in 1977-8. New research grants awarded during the year totalled nearly £818 000. The report, which gives details of all the work supported by grants, may be obtained from Vincent House, Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2PN (0403 64101).

People in the news

Professor P D Griffiths has been appointed vice-principal of Dundee University for three years from 1 August 1979.

Mr George Pollock, formerly orthopaedic surgeon at the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital, Edinburgh, has been elected chairman of the Scottish Council for Spastics.

COMING EVENTS

Institute of Urology—Meeting 25 May, London. Details from the institute, 172 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JE. (Tel 01-836 5361.)

Royal College of Surgeons of England—College evening "Advanced breast cancer," 4 June, London. Details from the surgical training office of the college, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474.) Closing date for applications 30 May.

Third European Congress of Clinical Chemistry—4-8 June, Brighton. Details from Dr P J N Howorth, Department of Chemical Pathology, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London SE1 9RT.

British Institute of Radiology—Nuclear cardiology workshop, 20 June, London. Details from the institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel 01-935 6237/6867.)

Institute of Urology—Workshop "New approaches to treatment of superficial and invasive bladder carcinoma," 2-3 July, London. For details see advertisement at p viii.

Summer School in Health Physics—2-13 July, London. Details from the registrar, Imperial College, London SW7 2AZ.

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation—Teach-in "Leukaemia and lymphoma," 4 July, London. Details from the foundation, 124 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9BP. (Tel 01-730 9157.)

Nutrition Society—Details of symposia on "Dietary management of disease," 12-13 July, London, and "Nutrition of the mother and child," 18 September, London, are available from Dr M R Turner, British Nutrition Foundation, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.

Wrekin Trust—Holistic healing: 8th annual conference, on "Health and healing," 20-22 July, Loughborough. Details from the trust, Bowers House, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. (Tel 0989 4853.)

Update in internal medicine—Postgraduate course, 27-31 August, San Francisco. Details from Dr Robert Siegel, Medical Staff Office, Mills Memorial Hospital, San Mateo, California 94401, USA.

Royal College of Physicians of London—Regional conference (Birmingham), 13-14 September. For details see advertisement at p viii.

First International Congress on the Ultrasonic Examination of the Breast—8-9 October, Philadelphia. Details from Ms Lynn E Lindengrass, First International Congress on the Ultrasonic Examination of the Breast, 5th Floor—Curtis Building, 1015 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, USA.

First Mediterranean Countries International Congress on the Integration Through Work of Handicapped People—3-5 November, Barcelona. Details from the congress secretary, Avenida Meridiana 197, Barcelona 26, Spain.

Basingstoke Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the summer 1979 programme are now available from the centre, Basingstoke District Hospital, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke, Hants RG24 9NA. (Tel Basingstoke 3202 ext 6177.)

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

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, 21 May

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr R S Tedder: Virological methods.

Tuesday, 22 May

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH—5.30 pm, Professor Solomon A Kaplan (California): Cyclic nucleotides in paediatric medicine.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS AND ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS—At University of Leeds, 8 pm, first annual lecture by Dr Anders Lunderquist (Sweden): Portal vein flow patterns in portal hypertension.

Wednesday, 23 May

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr P H Newman and Mr G C W Baker: Slipped upper femoral epiphysis.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr R M Murray: Psychiatric illness in medical practitioners.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Professor W St C Symmers: Some exotica and other curiosities.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Lister oration by Professor F D Moore: Science and service.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 pm, histopathology course, Professor W B Robertson: Uterine pathology in pregnancy disorders.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ARTS MANUFACTURES AND COMMERCE—6 pm, Chester Beatty lecture by Emeritus Professor E J Underwood (Australia): Trace metals in human and animal health.

Thursday, 24 May

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—At Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 12.15 pm, Mrs M B Sealey: Health visiting at weekends.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Mr M D G Gillmer: Obesity in pregnancy.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

MAY
23 Wed Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
30 Wed Council, 10 am.
31 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

JUNE
4 Mon Conference of Medical Academic Staff Representatives, 10.30 am.
7 Thurs Conference of Representatives of Senior Hospital Medical Staff, 10 am.
7 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10 am.
9 Sat Hospital Junior Staff Conference, 10 am.
12 Tues to 14 Thurs Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees, 10 am.
13 Wed Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
14 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
16 Sat Annual Conference of Community Medicine, 10 am.

Division Meetings

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

Ayrshire and Arran—At Ayrshire Central Hospital, Sunday, 20 May, 7.30 pm, agm.

Burnley—At Mackenzie Medical Centre, Friday, 25 May, 8 pm, agm.

Derby—At Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Thursday, 24 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

Northallerton—At Friarage Hospital, Monday, 21 May, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

St Marylebone—At Middlesex Hospital, Wednesday, 23 May, 7.30 pm, clinical meeting on "Advances in non-invasive investigations." (Followed by buffet supper.)

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—R J C Hall, P Sweny.
MChir—H M Adair.

LONDON

The title of professor of biophysical ophthalmology has been conferred on Mr R F Fisher in respect of his posts at St Mary's Hospital Medical School and the Institute of Ophthalmology.

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(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.

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(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.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Appointment—Dr J E Cotes (senior lecturer/consultant in the department of health and hygiene).
Promotions to senior lecturer—Dr P G Britton (psychiatry); Dr C N A Trotman (physiology).

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr Christine A Smalley (paediatrician); Dr R A Stockley (physician with special interest in chest diseases); Dr J B MacDonald (physician with an interest in respiratory medicine).

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Mr C P Jardine-Brown (obstetrics and gynaecology).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr C Ward (cardiologist); Dr D Neary (neurophysician); Mr I MacLennan (general surgeon); Dr S F Stainthorpe (anaesthetist).

NATIONAL HOSPITALS FOR NERVOUS DISEASES AND ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—Dr I Calder (anaesthetist).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—Mr C S W Wright (obstetrician and gynaecologist); Dr S Luke (mental illness); Dr B Brozovic (pathologist); Dr J Bradley (general medicine); Professor R F Mahler (endocrinology/diabetes); Mr N Menzies-Gow (surgeon).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr A R Mainwaring (histopathologist).

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