

grant applications. The handbook is available from the Association of Medical Research Charities, c/o British Heart Foundation, 57 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

NAHA

The annual report for 1978-9 of the National Association of Health Authorities describes how its work as a pressure group and central services agency has grown largely in response to emerging demands such as a request for comments from the Royal Commission on the NHS. During the year the association has been particularly concerned by the interference of the DHSS in the management of industrial disputes and by the underfunding of nationally agreed pay settlements. The association wants a reduction in direct Government involvement in the running of the Service and considers that this would increase health authorities' sense of responsibility for their services and "help to increase the sense of collective responsibility for action over such matters as Normansfield."

New cancer research laboratory

The Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign has agreed to provide a new laboratory for cancer research, to be built in the grounds of Cookridge Hospital, Leeds, and operated by the University's department of radiotherapy. The laboratory is now in the early planning stage. Completion is planned for 1980 or early 1981, and the total cost is expected to be about £500 000.

Information on safety at work

All the publications issued by the Health and Safety Commission and Executive since 1968—about 1500 items—are listed in the Health and Safety Executive *Publications Catalogue '79*. The catalogue costs £1 and is published by HMSO.

Raised prescription and dental charges

The increases in prescription and dental charges announced in last week's budget will take effect from 16 July. Prescription charges go up from 20p to 45p, to bring in an extra £40m yearly; 45p will cover about one-fifth of the average cost of a prescription. About 60% of prescriptions bear no charge and exemptions from charges will continue for the same groups as at present. Increased dental charges will raise an extra £20m yearly. For most courses of treatment the maximum charge will increase from £5 to £7. The overall maximum charge for more expensive work, such as supplying dentures, will be £36.

Wellcome senior lectureships

The Wellcome Trust has introduced a plan to pay for a substantial number of Wellcome senior lectureships in medical science. Announcing the scheme in its report for 1976-8 the Trust says that appointees, who will be given five-year initial contracts, will undertake normal departmental duties, "thus stimulating and creating more time for

research" within their departments as a whole.

Kidney transplants

The number of kidney transplants undertaken in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland for the month ending 31 May was 90, and the number of potential recipients on file was 1336. Corresponding figures for the previous month were 79 and 1323.

COMING EVENTS

Second International Symposium on Psychopathological and Neurological Dysfunctions—6-7 March 1980, Milwaukee, USA. Details from Dr Jeremy M Katz, Department of Psychiatry, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County Mental Health Center, 9191 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226, USA.

International Congress on Death and Dying—31 March-2 April, London. Details from JWA Conferences and Seminars, 37 Maida Vale, London W9 1TP. (Tel 01-286 0115.)

Society for Drug Research—Details of meetings on "The gut as a target for drug research," 17 July, "The oral cavity: disease and drug treatment," 20 September, and "Synthetic developments in the prostanoid field," 18 December, London, are available from the secretariat of the society, c/o Institute of Biology, 41 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HU. (Tel 01-589 9076.)

APIT Royal College of Psychiatrists—Trainees day for psychiatric senior house officers, registrars, senior registrars, and clinical assistants in the South-west and South-east Thames Regions on "Problems of trainees in psychiatry," 18 July, London. Details from Helena Waters, Institute of Psychiatry, tel 10-703 5411 ext 14, or Alyson Hall or Lester Sireling, St George's Hospital, tel 01-672 1024.

Royal Society of Medicine—International interdisciplinary symposium on "Cryobiology and cryosurgery," 3-5 October, London. Details from the conference secretary of the society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

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, 25 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Mr S J Robertson: Photographic methods in dermatology.

Wednesday, 27 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr F M Pope: Connective tissue and connective tissue diseases.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr E L Trickey: Acetabular fractures. 7 pm, Mr J W Goodfellow: Does primary osteoarthritis of the hip exist?

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—1.15 pm, Dr H S Greenberg (New York): Clinical syndromes associated with metastases to the base of the skull.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Professor Sir Denis Hill: Freud's concept of psychic energy.

MAY AND BAKER—At St Thomas' Hospital, 6.30 pm, first May and Baker International Lecture on Cardiology by Professor R L Popp (USA): Echocardiography in 1979.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 pm, histopathology course, Dr J Harry: Some aspects of ophthalmic pathology.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

JUNE
24 Sun BMA Council (Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool), 6 pm.

25 Mon to 29 Fri Annual Representative Meeting, University of Liverpool

29 Fri BMA Council (Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool), 3 pm.

Division Meetings

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

Kesteven—At Grantham Hospital, Thursday, 28 June, 12.30 pm, agm. (Coffee and sandwiches provided.)

Instructions to authors

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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.

(3) **Spelling** should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

(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).

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 26 June, 8 for 8.30 pm, Dr Raymond Goodman: "Psychosexual problems."* (Supper provided.)

South Bedfordshire—At Cherry Trees, Berkhamstead, Saturday, 30 June, 8 pm, summer party.* (Medical guests welcome.)

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Ludlow Castle, Saturday, 30 June, 8.30 pm, "Love's Labour's Lost."* (Preceded by dinner.)

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on 8 June the following were admitted to the Fellowship: T Abraham, D A Adams, W Ahmad, F A A Al-Fihan, S Ali, F M H Al-Obadi, M A S Alsaffar, I H Annan, M Z R H Ansari, S T Arudpragasam, S Arulkumaran, J D Bromage, M J Callan, P K Charles, D G Currie, R G Deshmukh, H Charles De Torres, A K Dev, A Z Dimian, R S Elawaf, Sonia L Fernandez, Fung Wing Pong, Hew Tze Yin, S M Karim, J L Kasule, I A Khan, F Khan, M Z A Khan, M Lock, R J M Macdonald, J A McLaren, F I Massouh, T Myint, M M H M Odeh, O S Omutunde, R G Perumalpillai, D J Phillips, K R M Rao, T Raychaudhuri, S K Sinha, V J Sampat, S P Sar, C P Savas, C Sethuramkrishnan, S M Shabestary, M Shahidullah, N J Standfield, A E Strover, F H Taher, T H Tai, G G Thomas, W G Thomas, S Wijesinha, B H A W Yusha.

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