

health at Newcastle University and is at present president of the British Paediatric Association.

Chair of Chemical Pathology, Southampton

Dr. K. G. M. M. Alberti has been appointed professor of chemical pathology at Southampton University. Dr. Alberti, who is 35, was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, Balliol College, Oxford, and the Oxford Clinical Medical School. In 1966 he went to Boston, spending a year as an endocrine Fellow at the Peter Bent



Brigham Hospital and two years in the renal unit of the Massachusetts General Hospital working on steroid receptors. Since 1969 he has been research officer in the Nuffield Department of Medicine at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. Dr. Alberti's main interests are in derangements of metabolic regulation, particularly in diabetics. His recent publications include work on liver disease, insulin secretion, and, in collaboration with Dr. T. D. R. Hockaday, diabetic ketoacidosis.

Chair of Human Morphology, Southampton

Dr. Donald Mayor, senior lecturer in human biology and anatomy, University of Sheffield, has been appointed to a chair of human



morphology in the University of Southampton. Dr. Mayor, who is 42, was educated at Morecambe Grammar School, and the University of Manchester. After house appointments at Manchester Royal Infirmary he was a demonstrator in anatomy at Manchester University. After national service in the R.A.M.C. he returned to Manchester to undertake further surgical appointments. After a year as research assistant in surgery at Manchester Royal Infirmary he went to Liverpool University in 1964 and was promoted to his present post in 1969. Dr. Mayor's principal research interests are in neurology. He has published several papers on the neuronal response to axonal injury and on axonal transport mechanisms in the autonomic nervous system.

Research into Deafness

Positive measures are needed, as well as more money, to stimulate research into some aspects of deafness. This is one of the conclusions in a report by Dr. Annette Rawson, of the Department of Health and Social Security, published last week. The Medical Research Council has advised the department that the establishment of an institute as a

physical entity is not the most effective means of developing research in this field. It proposes to set up working groups to foster clinical and epidemiological studies, and research relating to education, rehabilitation, social adaptation, and new types of instruments.

The Health Department considers the following course of action should be examined: (1) The expansion of existing good centres and the establishment of research teams linking clinical work with bioengineering; one based on a complex which includes Northwick Park and Imperial College and another based on the Institute of Neurological Sciences in Glasgow might be particularly suitable. (2) Discussion with the University Grants Committee on the need for academic departments of otorhinolaryngology and departments of human communication. (3) A new advisory committee which could initiate and co-ordinate research and advise on the application of developments in practice.—Rawson, A., *Deafness: Report of a Departmental Enquiry into the Promotion of Research* (London, H.M.S.O., 1973).

People in the News

Major-General E. L. O. Hood, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Deputy Director General of Army Medical Services and also Honorary Physician to the Queen.

Mr. D. E. Sparshott, M.P.S., has been elected president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. He qualified M.P.S. in 1929, and has been on the council of the society since 1964 and vice-president 1969-70.

COMING EVENTS

Biochemical Society—540th meeting, 10-11, July, Oxford. Details from Meetings Officer, The Biochemical Society, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London, WC1R 5DP, (Tel 01-242 1076).

Cambridge University Medical School—Residential weekend symposium on "Psychiatry," 27-29 July, St. John's College. Fee £7.50. Application forms and details from the secretary of the medical school, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QL. (Tel. Cambridge 45171.)

British Association for the Advancement of Science—Annual meeting, 20-24 August, Kent University, Canterbury. Details from the Secretary, B.A.A.S., Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1X 2AA.

International Congress Bacteriology—2-7 September, Jerusalem, under the auspices of the International Association of Microbiological Societies. Details from International Congress for Bacteriology, P.O.B. 16271, Tel Aviv, Israel.

4th International Conference on Birth Defects—2-8 September, Vienna. Details from Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, Netherlands.

International Eye Foundation—Second congress of Society of Eye Surgeons, "Complications and the Handling of Unusual Surgical Cases," 4-6 September, Athens, Greece. The programme will cover all aspects of major ophthalmic surgery. Details from Box A, Society of Eye Surgeons, International Eye Foundation, 5255 Loughborough Road N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016, U.S.A.

3rd International Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency—4-12 September, the Hague. Details from the Secretariat of the I.A.S.S.M.D. Congress, Congresbureau Inter Scientias N.V., P.O. Box 9058, the Hague, Netherlands.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, 2 July

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 p.m., Mr. R. K. Black: Oculocutaneous Disease.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE—5.30 p.m., meeting of Library and Lay Section on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications in the E.E.C. Speakers: Mr. D. Hindley-Smith, Mr. D. Lewis, Dr. E. Grey-Turner, and Mrs. B. Nicholas.

Tuesday, 3 July

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE—8.15 p.m., Dr. A. W. Beard: The Royal Free Disease, a Reconsideration and Follow-up.
INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH—5.30 p.m., Dr. Maurice King (Indonesia): Advances in the Delivery of Maternal and Child Health Care in the Developing Countries.
THE MEDICAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM—At B.M.A. House, London, 10.30 a.m., annual general meeting followed by a paper from Dr. Alan Sippert and a film.
MEDWAY POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Medway Hospital, Gillingham, 12.30 p.m., Roussel Laboratories Film Library: The Control of Diabetes.

Wednesday, 4 July

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5.15 p.m., Dr. M. Black (U.S.A.): Hepatitis—Associated with Isoniazid Administration.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 p.m., Dr. P. G. Toner: Place of Electronmicroscopy in Diagnostic Pathology.

Thursday, 5 July

MEDWAY POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Medway Hospital, Gillingham, 7.30 for 8 p.m., Dr. M. Joseph: The School Child With a Heart Murmur.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5.35 p.m., Ernestine Henry lecture by Dr. F. S. Cooksey: Concerning the Management of Chronic and Progressive Disability.

Friday, 6 July

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—11 a.m., profile on Cancer of the Breast.

Saturday, 7 July

MEDWAY POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Medway Hospital, study day: Medicine and the Community.

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APPOINTMENTS

WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD—Dr. David J. S. West (consultant psychiatrist, Knowle group).

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