

returned not later than 1 September 1976. It should be accompanied by a plan of the proposed subject of research to be undertaken. The names of three referees should be supplied.

### European travelling fellowships

The Commission of the European Communities, advised by the Committee on Medical Research and Public Health, is sponsoring 17 European travelling fellowships for obstetricians, neonatologists, and research workers who are actively engaged in perinatal monitoring. Successful applicants will spend three weeks in a centre for perinatal monitoring within the EEC outside their own country. The Commission will pay travel and hotel expenses and will expect a report of the visits. Applications should be sent either directly to the Commission of the European Communities Directorate-General Research, Science and Education, XII/C-I, 200, rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels, or in the case of applications from Britain to Mr N H Winterton, Medical Research Council, 20 Park Crescent, London WIN 4AL. Final selection may be made by interview. Applications, by 31 August, should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and an outline of the proposed programme, including centres applicants wish to visit.

### Review of general practice pharmacy in Scotland

A working party looking at the present provision of general practice pharmaceutical services in Scotland has asked for evidence. Under the chairmanship of Professor A R Rogers, Professor of Pharmacy, Heriot Watt University, the group will make recommendations for the planning and distribution of these services in Scotland. The working party, which held its first meeting earlier this year, was appointed by the National Pharmaceutical Consultative Committee with the agreement of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council.

### Beit Memorial Fellowships for Medical Research

Junior fellowships have been awarded to C L Bunn, Rona R Ramsay, M C Summers, Jean D Beggs, and Arjun Sahgal.

### Mystery illness

There have now been 158 cases, with 27 deaths, of the undiagnosed illness which attacked people attending the State American Legion Convention in Philadelphia during 21-24 July. Several thousand attended the convention. No new case has been reported since 3 August. The last death was on 8 August. The main symptoms of the illness were acute onset of fever, chills, headache, and malaise followed by dry cough and myalgia. Those patients who died developed high fever, shock, and pneumonia. The patients were spread over three or four hotels in Philadelphia. There is no evidence of an increase in respiratory disease in that city nor that patients with the disease have communicated it to contacts. Several people

in Philadelphia at that time but not actually attending the convention contracted the same disease.

### Royal College of Surgeons of England

At a quarterly meeting of the Council held on 8 July, Sir Rodney Smith was re-elected president, and Mr Selwyn Taylor and Mr Walpole Lewin were elected vice-presidents for the ensuing year.

### British Association of Urological Surgeons

At the annual meeting of the British Association of Urological Surgeons held in conjunction with the Canadian Urological Association in June, the following were elected officers and members of council for 1976-7: Mr D Innes Williams (president); Mr R A Mogg (immediate past president); Mr J P Mitchell (vice-president); Mr K E D Shuttleworth (honorary treasurer); Mr E Charlton Edwards (honorary secretary); Mr G D Chisholm (honorary editorial secretary); Mr P B Clark, Mr A G Graham, Mr N Alan Green, Mr J H Johnston, Mr J B M Roberts, Mr R E Shaw, Mr R T Turner-Warwick, Mr J Vinnicombe, Mr J P Williams (members of council); Mr P F Boreham, Mr J D Hennessy, Mr J C B Serjeant (associate member representatives).

### Smoking and health

A DHSS circular (WHC(76)30) is asking area health authorities and family practitioner committees to publicise revised information about the tar and nicotine yields of cigarettes. The Department of Health, which has published this information six times, is convinced that the serious risk to health of smokers would be reduced if they changed to a brand yielding significantly less tar. Revised posters and leaflets have been prepared for display and free distribution in places where they are likely to be seen by members of the public.

### People in the News

Professor R Roaf, professor of orthopaedic surgery in the University of Liverpool, has had the title of emeritus professor conferred on him. He retires at the end of the current session.

Mr A I S MacPherson has been appointed honorary consultant in surgery to the Army in Scotland.

### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At meetings of the council of the college on 30 and 31 July with the president, Professor C J Dewhurst, in the chair, the following were admitted to Membership:

El-H M Abbas, N Adeeb, V P Aggarwal, M-Ud-D Ahmed, S Ahmed, A H Al-Azzawi, R J Atkinson, B B Azzan, P G Barnard, T A B Batubo, Eva D Bell, K O Boadu, C D M Bone, M F Botros, J D P Bowditch, W A Brooks, Ann K Brough, Valerie A Brown, R J Buck, A K Chakrabarti, V-E P D Cheridjian, W C Chew, A Cilengiroglu, Jennifer C Clay, B L Cohen, D B Cowan, C W F M Cox, E A C Daley, M R N Darling, B Das, P J Devenish-Meares, B E Dixon, B K M Doolabh, G L Driscoll, N P Du Toit, Leena G Dutta, M A A El Sheikh, D V Evans, R B Fraser, A Gautama-

dasa, S-D A Gbajumo, A Ghosh, A Ghosh, Protima R Ghosh, B P Gill, M Goel, C F Goodfellow, M C Gordon, Anna M Greene, N L Halpe, M H M Hamed, Shahida Hamid, P R Henderson, G J Hughes, P Hussain, N Iqbal, A P Isaac, S U Isickwe, Christine M Ivory\*, G D Jackel, M C Jacobs, Betty A Jeyarajah, C B Kasby, A Kendrew, F A Khalifa, H I Kort, L-S Lim\*, P M Liyanage, C O Li Yim, G S McCune, S H A Majeed, A Maliza, H I Masri, L Matadial, W G A Maxwell, S Mello, O A Mirghani, H D A M Mivanapalana, J Moodley, P G Morris, M I M M Mubarak, B Mukhopadhyay, L Nadgir, I Naman, M F M Nizar, J-C Ng Fat Cheung, P B Nwaejike, M C Oakley, M Obaidullah, Celestine U Odum, O A Oloruntola, Phyllis E Onwuagba, R K Parry, B N Patel, W D P Phillips, D W Purdie, G M C Rajakuruna, P Ramachandran, M S Rao, M S M Rashad, M K Ratnapala, Mary H J Rauff, K C Ray, M S Roopi, M K Saleh, J P Sangster, N Saxena, H R Seneviratne, M M Shah, K Sikdar, B Singh, L A W Sirisena, T Siriwardena, J Siva Davamani, R G Skinner, N D Sooknana, J A Steenkamp, P Thakur, Mary F Thomas, T Thomas, P G Thomson, M B J Tissainayagam, P Tivy-Jones, N Trachtenberg, Mandavathil B Varkey, S Vatsala, O A C Viegas, R Watson, J J Wiener, D J W Wilkin.

\*Awarded Regional Councils' Gold Medals.

### APPOINTMENTS

TO THE QUEEN—Brigadier R N Evans (honorary physician); Surgeon Captain F A F Mackenzie (honorary physician).

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Mr A G Thompson (consultant orthopaedic surgeon).

CITY AND EAST LONDON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr S O Banim (consultant cardiologist).

EAST ANGLIAN RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr V J Coffey, Dr M J Ostrowski (radiotherapy); Dr Y Steel, Dr I P Williams (radiology); Dr T Gibson (blood transfusion and immunohaematology); Dr P M Crowle (paediatrics); Dr J E Trowell (histopathology).

GWENT AHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr J Orman, Dr V J Betham (anaesthetics); Mr P V Deshpande (accident and emergency); Dr H T W Jayasekara (geriatrics); Dr D C Beckingham (venereology).

HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Mr F P McGinn (consultant in general surgery); Dr R C Godfrey (consultant in medicine, respiratory diseases).

HOME OFFICE—Dr R C Ingrey-Senn (assistant director prison medical services).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr B R S Nakra, Dr Y B V J Rao (psychiatry); Mr J M Rice Edwards (neurosurgery); Dr J M England (haematology); Mr J S Blackburn (traumatic and orthopaedic surgery).

SOUTH-EAST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr N A P Evans, Dr S H Ng (paediatrics); Mr J P Ward (urology); Dr T J Storrs (dental surgery); Dr J D W Fisher, Dr M Abdurahman (psychiatry); Dr N Naik (haematology); Dr Mary Van Gruten (dermatology); Dr Helen Buckell (chemical pathology); Dr S Haider (general medicine and ID).

WESSEX RHA—Dr A F Avery (consultant anaesthetist); Dr M D Roberts (consultant radiologist); Dr N J Suffling; (consultant psychiatrist).

YORKSHIRE RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr P Banerjee, Dr D A Child, Dr M J Wade (anaesthetics); Dr A L Laubscher (radiology); Mr J L Craven (general surgery); Mr R Y Shuff (orthodontics); Dr H Sanderson (psychiatry, mental handicap).

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