

# NEWS AND NOTES

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Advice centre for postgraduate medical education

The three Councils for Postgraduate Medical Education (in England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland) are setting up a National Advice Centre to advise doctors on opportunities for postgraduate medical education and training in the United Kingdom. The centre will bring together several separate agencies at present helping doctors (particularly those from overseas). The service will incorporate that provided by the BMA for non-members and that run by the British Postgraduate Medical Federation for overseas doctors. The BMA will continue to advise its own members and those of affiliated organisations.

The centre, which will be operating from 7 Marylebone Road, Park Crescent, London NW1 5HA (tel. 01-637 5766) from 1 October 1976, will be run for the three councils by the Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales. Additional medical and secretarial staff is being appointed to help doctors seeking advice and to prepare publications containing current information.

### Genetic engineering

The Government has accepted the general principles set out in the *Report of the Working Party on Genetic Manipulation* (chairman, Professor Sir Robert Williams) published on 25 August, HMSO, price 50p. The working party, which was appointed a year ago, has recommended that experiments in genetic manipulation should be encouraged but that they should be conducted in "containment conditions no less stringent than those used for work with common pathogens." The working party has drawn up a detailed code of practice and suggests that a central advisory group should be established to advise on precautions and the working of the code. Laboratories should be required (under regulations made within the powers of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1975) to submit detailed plans to the advisory group before undertaking any experiments.

### Society of Apothecaries of London

The following have been elected officers of the society for the ensuing year: Professor Donald Teare, master; Mr I M Jackson, senior warden; Dr Philip H Willcox, junior warden.

### COMING EVENTS

#### "Children, the environment, and accidents"

—Conference organised by the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention and the Department of Child Health, University of Newcastle

upon Tyne, 24-25 September, Newcastle upon Tyne. Details and copies of the programme from Dr R H Jackson, University Department of Child Health, Children's Clinic, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4LP. (Tel Newcastle 25131, ext 2232.)

**Royal College of Radiologists**—Joint radiological meeting, 24-25 September, Leeds. Details from the College, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

**Royal College of Surgeons of England**—Annual meeting, and symposia which are open to non-diplomates of the College, 24-25 September, Leeds. Details from the Secretary, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474, ext 163.)

**"Interaction of Radiation and Antitumour Drugs"**—Symposium under the aegis of the British Cancer Council in honour of the late Sir Stanford Cade, 27-28 September, London. Details and registration forms from Professor K Hellmann, Cancer Chemotherapy Department, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX. (Tel 01-242 0200.)

**British Institute of Radiology**—Symposium on radioisotopes in cardiology held jointly with the British Cardiac Society, 29 September, London. Details from the general secretary, British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel 01-935 5237/6867.)

### BMA NOTICES

#### Ophthalmic Group Committee

The constitution of the Ophthalmic Group Committee provides for the retirement, in rotation, of members of the committee elected on a regional basis. One member in each of the following regions is to be elected for a three-year period from 1976-7 to 1979-80:

Region	Areas covered by region
1	Cheshire, Cumberland, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Westmorland, Yorkshire.
2	Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Isle of Ely, Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, N Wales.
3	Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Devon, Cornwall, S Wales, Channel Isles.
4	London, Middlesex, Hertfordshire.

The committee has agreed to a change in the arrangements for inviting nominations to fill such vacancies the effect of which is that nominations will be invited by this notice and a similar notice in the *BMA News Review*. Members of the Ophthalmic Group in each region where a vacancy exists will not receive individual notice of the vacancy.

Accordingly, nominations are invited from ophthalmologists who are members of the Ophthalmic Group of the BMA in each region indicated above for the three-year period 1976-7 to 1979-80. Nomination forms are

obtainable from the undersigned and must be returned not later than first post Monday, 20 September 1976, to BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1. In the event of a contest arising for any seat, voting papers will be issued at a later date.

E GREY-TURNER  
Secretary

#### Division Meetings to be Held

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

**East Dorset**—At Poole Hospital, Friday, 10 September, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, buffet supper followed by meeting and chairman's address by Dr J Lee Potter: "Medical politics—the future for apathy."

**East Surrey**—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 7 September, 8 pm, general meeting.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

The following candidates were admitted Fellows of the College on 21 May:

**Radiodiagnosis**—M A A Al-Hilli, Heather S Andrews, Naomi A Barrington, R K Baxi, Gael Brook, D C Cameron, W S Chin, Mary E Cunningham, C N O'N Diggles, P J Dubois, P Gishen, P Griffiths, D G Hall, Janet E Husband, A R Jackson, A Jones, A E A Joseph, A Jumshyd, R W Lodge, P P Lowe, J Medicott, Lesley J Nuttall, J P Pallan, M D Rahalkar, L Simard, D Soppitt, A M Thynne, P L Travers, Irma E A van de Werke, J Virjee, T M Walker, Ruth M L Warren, F R Williams, C H Wright. **Radiotherapy**—A S Abdelaal, C I V Franklin, Virginia L Hall, Hannah E Lambert, A Y Rostom, A R Timothy, D Tong, C R Wiltsshire.

Rohan Williams Medals were awarded to Dr P J Dubois (radiodiagnosis) and Dr Virginia L Hall (radiotherapy).

### Corrections

#### Writing and speaking in medicine

In the advertisement for the seminar on writing and speaking in medicine organised by the *BMA* and the Birmingham Medical Institute (28 August, p i) the appointment of the chairman of the morning session, Mr Barry O'Donnell, was given incorrectly: it should have read President BMA, CMA, and IMA. We greatly regret this error.

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