

like further details should contact Dr Clifford R Kay, Royal College of General Practitioners, Manchester Research Unit, 8 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester M20 0TR. (Tel 061-445 7771.)

Research training fellowships in cancer research

The World Health Organisation International Agency for Research on Cancer invite applications from junior scientists wishing to be trained in any aspect of laboratory and clinical cancer research; priority will be given to applicants interested in epidemiology, biostatistics, and environmental carcinogenesis, both chemical and viral. Application forms and details are available from the Chief of the Research Training and Liaisons Unit, International Agency for Research on Cancer, 150 cours Albert-Thomas, 69008 Lyon, France. The closing date for applications is 31 January 1977.

Monkeys and the MRC

A report to the Medical Research Council by its Laboratory Animals Centre, published last month, has proposed that the needs for primates for research should be met by breeding rather than by importing them. About 10 000 primates are used for research each year in Britain, says the report, and 99% of these have been imported from the wild. The supply of these animals is being limited by export bans and by reductions in their numbers. Another disadvantage of wild primates stressed by the report is their high rate of carriage of disease—including dangerous infections such as B virus and Marburg disease.

SIMG/Janssen Research Award

Applications are invited from general practitioners in Europe for the SIMG/Janssen award for research conducted in general practice. The project should be completed within two years, and it should be of international interest and preferably work which could be developed at a later date into an international co-operative study. The award will be £300 with a further £200 available to the successful applicant towards travelling expenses to present the results of the work at an SIMG congress, but applicants need not be members of SIMG. Details from SIMG Secretariat, Bahnhofstrasse 22/VI, A 9020 Klagenfurt, Austria. Closing date for applications 1 October.

COMING EVENTS

London Medical Orchestra—Rehearsals will resume in Christ Church School, Cosway Street, London NW1, at 7 pm on 21 September. New members of the orchestra are welcome, especially string players. Details from Mrs A P Mason, 102 Hamilton Terrace, London NW8. (Tel 01-286 4367.)

Institution of Metallurgists—Discussion meeting "Materials selection in medicine," 23 September, London. Details from the meetings secretary, Institution of Metallurgists, Northway House, High Road, Whetstone, London N20 9LW. (Tel 01-446 2251.)

Imperial Cancer Research Fund—Sir Stanford Cade Memorial Symposium on "The interaction

of radiation and antitumour drugs," 27-28 September, London. Details from Professor K Hellman, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box No 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX. (Tel 01-242 0200.)

University of Salford—Course on "Industrial audiometry," 27 September-1 October and 2-6 May 1977, Salford. Details from Dr M Bryan, Audiology Group, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT. (Tel 061-736 5843.)

Incontinence in the Elderly—Conference organised jointly by the Department of Geriatrics, University of Birmingham, and the Disabled Living Foundation, 1 October, Birmingham. Details from Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, London W14 8NS.

XXX World Medical Assembly—24-30 October, Sao Paulo. Details from Department for the Organisation of Congresses, Brazilian Medical Association, Av Paulista, 1.159, 3^o andar, conj 314/315, CEP-01311, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

International Congress of Sexology—28-31 October, Montreal. Details from Professor Robert Gemme, Department of Sexology, University of Quebec in Montreal, C P 8888, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 3P8.

Basingstoke Area Postgraduate Medical and Dental Society—Details of the programme September to December 1976 are now available from the Society, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Basingstoke District Hospital, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire. (Tel Basingstoke 3202, ext 6177.)

Panamerican Congress of Orthopaedics and Traumatology and International Cinematographic Review of Orthopaedics and Traumatology—30 October-5 November, Acapulco. Details from Congress Offices, Paseo de la Reforma No 445, 4th Floor, Mexico 5, DF.

Institute of Orthopaedics—Short course on "Orthotics plus prosthetics," 18-20 November, Oswestry. For details see advertisement at p xvi, 4 September.

Worthing Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details of the September programme are now available from the Centre, Homefield Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 2HY. (Tel Worthing 205111 ext 425.)

Obstetric Anaesthetists Association—Details of forthcoming meetings are now available from Dr B A Waldron, Honorary Secretary, Obstetric Anaesthetists Association, Department of Anaesthesia, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham NG5 1PB. (Tel 0602 68111.)

Royal College of Radiologists—Copies of the 1976-7 calendar are now available from the College, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

Royal Society of Health—Details of forthcoming meetings are now available from the Conference Department, Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961 ext 37.)

Society for Drug Research—Details of forthcoming symposia are now available from Dr Alma B Simmonds, 35 Summerland Grange, Summerland Gardens, London N10 3QP. (Tel 01-884 7224.)

UV Spectrometry Group—Details of forthcoming meetings are available from Mr D Irish, UV Group, c/o Pye Unicam Ltd, York Street, Cambridge CB1 2PX.

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, 13 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At Royal Festival Hall, 5 pm, Robert Jones lecture by Professor John Charnley: Tissue response to implanted plastic materials in orthopaedic surgery.*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr B T Jackson: Gall bladder disease.*

Tuesday, 14 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr P H Lord: Sinuses and fistulae.*

Wednesday, 15 September

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr John Balint (Western Australia): The clinical approach to the GI bleeder. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—6 pm, Mr J A P Marston: Surgical aspects of the lymphomas.*

Thursday, 16 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—At University of Lancaster, 4.30 pm, Bradshaw Lecture by Dr W W Gooddy: Time and the nervous system. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—Mr J P S Thompson: Rectal prolapse.*

Friday, 17 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr J C Forrester: Wound healing.*

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER	
14 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.30 am.
15 Wed	Working Group of General Practitioners in Hospital Service (GMS), 10.30 am.
16 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
17 Fri	Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 am.
23 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
23 Thurs	Journal Committee, 11.30 am.
23 Thurs	Practice Premises and Organisation Subcommittee, 2 pm.
29 Wed	Private Practice Committee, 10.30 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Aldershot and Farnham—At Eli Lilly Research Laboratories, Windlesham, Saturday, 18 September, 2.30 pm, visit to laboratories.*

Buckinghamshire—At Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Saturday, 18 September, 8 pm, sparkling wine party.* (Guests are invited.)

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Hastings Postgraduate Medical Centre, Monday, 13 September, 8 for 8.30 pm, business meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr L G Scarth (consultant child psychiatrist). Mr R G Condie (consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr H L Behr (mental illness, children); Mr S J Cox (general surgery); Mr J C Postlethwaite (general surgery with training and experience in urology).

WESSEX RHA—Dr P N Bennett (consultant physician and senior lecturer in pharmacology).

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