

the Councils for Postgraduate Medical Education as that of the Joint Higher Training and equivalent committees.

Thoracic medicine

The Royal College of Physicians (London) Standing Committee on Thoracic Medicine has published a report drawing attention to the shortage of senior registrars in the specialty. At present in England and Wales there are 24 senior registrars in training, says the report; since there are about 24 consultant vacancies a year there should be 96 senior registrars in post. Appointment committees were finding that there might be no suitably trained applicant for a consultant post; it was unusual for there to be an effective choice between two or more well-trained senior registrars. The report recommends that the present senior registrar establishment must be at least doubled for the next ten years "to prevent an undesirable and potentially irreversible decline of thoracic medicine."

Postgraduate training: more specialties

The Joint Committee on Higher Medical Training has established training programmes in accident and emergency medicine, nuclear medicine, medical audiology, medical oncology, and immunology. Details may be obtained from postgraduate deans or from the offices of the committee at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.

COMING EVENTS

King's College Hospital Medical School—Postgraduate weekend, 25-26 September, London. Details from Administrative Assistant, King's College Hospital Medical School, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8RX. (Tel 01-274 6222.)

Nutrition Society—Details of meetings to be held on 1 October and 3 December are now available from Dr M R Turner, Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, the University, Southampton SO9 3TU.

Royal Society of Health—Meetings on "Juvenile drinking," 14 October, London, and "Parasites and man," 21 October, London. Details from Conference Department, Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961, ext 37.)

5th International Symposium on Acute Care—8-13 November, Rio de Janeiro. Details from the Symposium Offices, C Postal 14 700, ZC 95, 20 000 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Bateman Centre for Postgraduate Medical Studies—Details and copies of the annual programme for 1976 and 1977 are now available from the Centre, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale OL12 9QB. (0706 77777 ext 253.)

Centre for Continuing Education and Re-employment of Medical Women—Details of postgraduate lectures from October 1976 to May 1977 are now available from the Centre, Alison Hunter House, 6 Lancaster Crescent, Glasgow G12 0RP. (Tel 041-339 2226 ext 4.)

Edinburgh Postgraduate Board of Medicine—The programme of courses 1976-7 is now available from the Postgraduate Dean, Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine, Pfizer Foundation, Hill Square, Edinburgh EH8 9DR. (Tel 031-667 1011 exts 2502/3.)

English for overseas doctors—Courses organised by the Bell School of Languages, commencing

October, Norwich. Details from the director of studies, Bell School of Languages, the Old House, Church Lane, Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk NR4 6NW. (Tel 0603 56321-2.)

Royal Northern Hospital—Details of four forthcoming postgraduate meetings are now available from Dr D Geraint James, Royal Northern Hospital, London N7 6LD. (Tel 01-272 7777.)

Royal Society of Health—Details of meetings from October to December are now available from the Conference Department, Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961 ext 39.)

St George's Hospital Orthopaedic Training Scheme—Details of the winter term calendar are now available from Mr S C Gallannaugh, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, Tooting, London SW17 0QT. (Tel 01-672 1255.)

South Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme October-December are now available from the Centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Basildon, Essex SS16 5NL. (Tel 0268 3911 ext 360.)

Winchester and Central Hampshire Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme September to December are now available from the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 5DG. (Tel Winchester 63535 ext 422.)

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, 20 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Professor I D A Johnston: Biochemical problems in surgery.*

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—At Royal Postgraduate Medical School, 5.30 pm, special university lecture in postgraduate medical studies by Professor J W Kirklin (USA): Surgical treatment for coronary artery disease.

Tuesday, 21 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr A Cameron: Intravenous feeding.*

Wednesday, 22 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor P M Stell: The viability of skin flaps.* 6.15 pm, Mr J F Newcombe: Management of arterial insufficiency in the lower limb.*

Thursday, 23 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Professor Harold Ellis: Resumé on malignant disease.*

Friday, 24 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At University of Leeds, 2.15 pm, Moynihan lecture by Professor Dan Gavrilu: The surgery of oesophageal cancer.*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5.15 pm, Mr F M Aichroth: Surgery of the hip.* 6.30 pm, Dr R E M Thompson: The bacteriologists and surgery.*

BMA NOTICES

Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Committee

In the election of one full-time nonprofessorial Scottish representative of the Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Committee of the Association to the Representative Body for the Session 1976/77 Dr R N M McSween of Glasgow University was elected.

Applications are now invited for three consequential vacancies for full-time nonprofessorial representatives on the above committee from the other universities in Scotland with medical schools, namely,

Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, for the Session 1976/77.

Members of the Association who hold full-time nonprofessorial appointments at the medical faculties of these universities are eligible to nominate and vote in these elections.

Nomination forms for the elections are obtainable from me at BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP, and candidates should please state in respect of which university they are applying. Completed forms must be returned not later than first post Monday, 4 October, 1976, preferably recorded delivery.

In the event of a contest voting papers will be issued later.

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Secretary

A notice about elections to the Ophthalmic Group Committee appears at p 712.

Diary of Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER	
23 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
23 Thurs	Journal Committee, 11.30 am.
23 Thurs	Practice Premises and Organisation Subcommittee (GMSC), 2 pm.
29 Wed	Private Practice Committee, 10.30 am.
OCTOBER	
6 Wed	Council, 10 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

East Norfolk and Norwich—At Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Tuesday, 21 September, 8.15 pm, agm and materia non medica.*

Southampton and SW Hampshire—At Southampton General Hospital, Wednesday, 22 September, 8 pm, meeting to hear reports from ARM.

Waltham Forest—At Whipp's Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 22 September, 8.30 pm, Dr Geraint James: "Bedside immunology."* (Preceded by buffet supper. Guests are welcome.)*

Wolverhampton Division—At South Staffs Medical Centre, Thursday, 23 September, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, medicolegal dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

Worcester and Bromsgrove—23-25 September, visit by Dutch doctors, various events.*

Corrections

Drug Treatment

The correct price of *Drug Treatment*, edited by Graeme S Avery and published by Churchill Livingstone, is £16, not £10 as quoted at the head of our review of the book (28 August, p 533).

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