

Association of Information Officers in the Pharmaceutical Industry—Symposium on "The information requirements of the prescribing physician," 20 October, London. Details from Miss M Roach, Lederle Laboratories, Fareham Road, Gosport, PO Box 7, Hants, PO13 0AS. (Tel 032 92 6131.)

West Middlesex Hospital—Symposium on clinical immunology, 29 October, and study day on depressive illness, 24 November, Isleworth. Details from Clinical Tutor, Postgraduate Medical Centre, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6AF. (Tel 01-560 2121 ext 294.)

Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland—Refresher course for part-time anaesthetists, 30 October, London. Details from the secretary of the Anaesthetic Department, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS. (Tel 01-274 6222.)

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

Manchester Medical Society—Details and copies of the programme for October and November are now available from the Society, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL. (Tel 061-273 6048.)

Nuffield Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Oxford University—Copies of the programme in basic sciences of the musculo-skeletal system, October-December 1976, are now available from the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford.

Royal College of Surgeons of England—College evening on "The acute abdomen in neonates and infants," 1 November, London. Details from the administrative assistant, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474.)

Royal Society of Health—Centenary conference "The promotion of health," 3 November, London. Details from Conference Department, Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961.)

"Research in gerontology"—Day conference, 10 November, London. Details from British Council for Ageing, Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RS. (Tel 01-722 8871.)

Invalid Children's Aid Association—Conference on "Integration?—The special education issue," 11 November, London. Details from the conference secretary, 95 Vista Way, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex.

Brunel Institute of Organisation and Social Studies—Conference on the organisation of scientific and technical work, 11-12 November, Uxbridge. Details from Mrs L Drummond, BIOSS, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex. (Tel Uxbridge 56464.)

British Medical Association—Newly appointed honorary secretaries training course, 11-12 November, London. Details from the British Medical Association, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. (Tel 01-387 4499.)

Institute of Urology—Seminar on urinary stone disease, 12-13 November, London. For details see advertisement at p x.

"Practical regional analgesia"—Course, 17 November, London. For details see advertisement at p xi.

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, 11 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr A P Warin: Hair physiology.

Tuesday, 12 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr P G Goodwin: Regulation of epidermal cell growth and cell differentiation.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Professor Norman Browse: Venous ulceration.

Wednesday, 13 October

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Professor B N Tandon (New Delhi): Epidemic of toxic liver injury in India.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Professor H Barcroft: The nervous control of cutaneous and muscle blood flow. 7 pm, Professor P Sleight: Baro-reflex sensitivity in health and disease.
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Professor Neil Kessel: The singular case of Mrs Brown.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—4.30 pm, Professor R D Emslie: The cementum in periodontal diseases.

Thursday, 14 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Arris and Gale lecture by Dr R D Rosin: A new approach to the treatment of renal failure.
ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Mr B A Lieberman: Laparoscopic clip sterilisation.

Friday, 15 October

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY—4.30 pm, annual address by Mr L F W Salmon: Malawi assignment.

BMA NOTICES

Medical Assistants Subcommittee (CCHMS)

Nominations are invited from medical assistants to fill the following vacancies on the subcommittee for the session 1976-7:

1 representative for North-west Thames region.

1 representative for South-east Thames region.

Nomination forms are obtainable from the undersigned and must be returned not later than Friday, 15 October 1976.

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

E GREY-TURNER
Secretary

Diary of Central Meetings

		OCTOBER
12 Tues		Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 am.
14 Thurs		Diseases of the Chest Group Committee, 2 pm.
19 Tues		Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh), 9.30 am.
20 Wed		Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 am.
20 Wed		Central Ethical Committee, 10 am.
20 Wed		Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 am.
20 Wed		Trainees Subcommittee (GMSC), 2 pm.
20 Wed		Committee on the EEC, 2.30 pm.
21 Thurs		Hospital Junior Staffs Committee, 10 am.
21 Thurs		General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
21 Thurs		Organisation Committee, 10 am.
22 Fri		Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.30 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Barking and Havering—At Harold Wood Hospital, Tuesday, 12 October, 7.30 for 8.30 pm, Mr W D Park: "Antiques." (Guests are welcome.)

Blackpool—At Savoy Hotel, Wednesday, 13 October, 7.30 for approx 8.45 pm, dinner followed by lecture by Mr R G Liddel: "Claims and complaints by patients in National Health Service."* (Guests are invited.)

Burnley—At Mackenzie Medical Centre, Friday, 15 October, 8.30 pm, BMA lecture by Professor June K Lloyd: "Obesity in infancy and childhood."

Darlington and Northallerton Divisions—At Darlington College of Education, Tuesday, 12 October, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, special evening, speaker Mr Robin Pease: "Champagne."*

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 13 October, 7.30 pm, agm.

Exeter—At Exeter Cathedral, Sunday, 10 October, 11.15 am, service for those engaged in the care of the sick.

Gloucestershire—At Carlton House Hotel, Cheltenham, Thursday, 14 October, 7.15 pm, installation of president and presidential address, followed by supper.*

Grimsby—At Postgraduate Lecture Theatre, Thursday, 14 October, 8 pm, meeting to discuss the formation of a vocational training scheme in general practice for the Grimsby district.

Hastings—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Tuesday, 12 October, 7.15 for 8.15 pm, supper followed by lecture by Dr J D Pivot on his experience as a GP in France.**

Leeds—At Parkway Hotel, Wednesday, 13 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, dinner dance.*

Manchester—At Boyd House, Monday, 11 October, 8.30 pm, agm.

Salop—At Tiffany's, Shrewsbury, Thursday, 14 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner and dance held in conjunction with British Dental Association and Shropshire Veterinary Club.*

Sandwell—At Hallam Hospital, Tuesday, 12 October, 8 pm, cheese and wine evening.* (Guests are invited.)

Solihull—At St John's Hotel, Saturday, 16 October, 11.45 am, lecture by Professor Allgower (Switzerland) followed by lunch.*

Somerset—At Rose and Crown, East Lyng, Wednesday, 13 October, 8 pm, skittles and social evening.* (Guests are invited.)

South Bedfordshire—At Luton Medical Centre, Tuesday, 12 October, 8.30 pm, Professor R Y Calne: "Organ transplants, clinical and experimental."

Woking and Chertsey—At St Peter's Hospital, Wednesday, 13 October, 8.30 pm, Mr A G Apley: "New joints for old."

APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-EAST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr Rosalind E S James, Dr M J Kember, Dr B K Khetarpal, Dr P K Roy, Dr B I Sacks (psychiatry); Dr M A Ahmed, Dr J J O'Donnell (histopathology); Dr C Padmanathan (diagnostic radiology); Dr Edna Allen (radiotherapist); Dr L S Kotagama, Dr J E G Rault (geriatric medicine); Dr A Ramachandran (anaesthetics); Mr M C Pietroni (general surgery).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr T S Davis (traumatic/orthopaedic surgeon); Dr F P Ryan (physician with special interest in gastroenterology); Dr A E Bashford (psychiatrist); Dr D M Vickers (morbidity anatomy); Dr H A C Matheson (anaesthetist); Mr D D Meikle (general surgeon); Dr M A J Siddiqui (radiologist).

Corrections

Child abuse and general practice

The following statement was omitted from the paper by Dr Keith Beswick *et al* (2 October, p 800): Margaret Lynch and Jacqueline Roberts are employed on a research project funded by Action Research for the Crippled Child.

Hairy legs

In the leading article (2 October, p 777) we regret that an error occurred in the second sentence of the first paragraph, which should read "One at least of these arcana, a syrup of sugar and water . . ."

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