

following office bearers were elected—Dr C L Greenbury, president; Professor H A Sissons, president-elect; Dr R B H Tierney, Dr H M Rice, vice-presidents; Dr A G Marshall, chairman of council; Dr A C Hunt, honorary secretary; Dr G W Pennington, honorary treasurer; Dr C B Hobbs, Dr D M Jones, Dr R N M MacSween, Dr G W Storey, members of council for the period 1976/79.

Association for Medical Education in Europe

Professor Henry J Walton has been re-elected president of the Association and Dr Stephan Rössner, secretary; the other members of the executive committee are Professor S Doxiadis, Dr V Rojo, Professor H Tiddens, and Professor W Tysarowski.

Chairman of Poisons Board

Professor Sir Eric Scowen has been appointed chairman of the Poisons Board, in succession to Mr K J P Barraclough. Sir Eric is chairman of the Committee on the Review of Medicines, chairman of the council of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and formerly professor of medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

Kidney transplants

The number of kidney transplants undertaken in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland for the month ending 30 September was 41, and the number of potential recipients on file was 1082. Corresponding figures for the previous month were 44 and 1080.

COMING EVENTS

Institute of Urology—Course on kidney transplantation, 9 November, London. For details see advertisement at p ix.

Society for Psychosomatic Research—20th annual conference "The psychosomatic approach and prevention of disease," 15-16 November, London. Details from the Secretariat, Academic Department of Psychiatry, St Mary's Hospital, Harrow Road, London W9 3RL. (Tel 01-286 4884.)

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, 18 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr K Grice: Trans-epidermal water loss.

Tuesday, 19 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr I Sarkany: Physiology of itching.
KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—4.30 pm, 13th Dorothy Platt memorial lecture by Dr J S Malpas: Recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood tumours.
ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Professor H Spencer: Tropical diseases on the banks of the Thames.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Mr Ian Burn: Breast cancer, management of advanced disease.

Wednesday, 20 October

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Dr D R Oppenheimer: Pathology in cases of progressive autonomic failure. 7 pm, Sir Roger Bannister: Physiological and biochemical responses in progressive autonomic failure.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr Murray Jackson: Alexithymia—a psychosomatic phenomenon.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—4.30 pm, Alexander Welsh lecture by Professor Charles C Drake (Canada): Aneurysms.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Professor J Hobbs: Monitoring myelomatosis.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE—6 pm, Nuffield lecture by Sir George Pickering, FRS: Medicine at the crossroads; learned profession or technical trades union?

Thursday, 21 October

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—4.30 pm, inaugural lecture in psychological medicine by Professor R H Cawley: Presence of mind.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5 pm, Charles West lecture by Professor L B Strang: Physiological interpretations of respiratory disorders in the newborn infant.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE—6 pm, open meeting followed by an ordinary meeting. Speaker, Dr A P Hall: The treatment of severe falciparum malaria.
ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr H R Jolly: The handling of a child's death in an obstetric setting.

Friday, 22 October

LONDON SOCIETY OF FAMILY PLANNING DOCTORS—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Dr P E Brown: Sexual attitudes in the People's Republic of China.

BMA NOTICES

Armed Forces Committee: Nomination of members for co-option

The constitution of the Armed Forces Committee allows for the co-option of two representatives of the rank of major or equivalent (lieutenant-commander or squadron leader) or below (one of whom should preferably be of specialist status) from the medical branch of each of the three Services.

Last session the following members were co-opted:

Royal Navy: Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander P Clarke (Birmingham) and Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander D P Pryce (Gosport).
Army: Major D Murray (Woolwich) and Major M J G Thomas (Colchester).

Royal Air Force: Squadron Leader J T G Rogerson (Lincoln) and Squadron Leader C J Sharples (Cottesham).

Serving medical officers are now invited to nominate members of the Association in the armed Forces in the above-mentioned ranks for co-option to the committee for the 1976-7 session. The members listed above are eligible for reappointment provided their rank is not now above that of major or equivalent.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary of the Association by Monday, 1 November 1976 and nominees will be informed of the co-options made by the Armed Forces Committee following its first meeting after the closing date.

E GREY-TURNER
Secretary

Diary of Central Meetings

OCTOBER	
19 Tues	Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh), 9.30 am.
20 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10 am.
20 Wed	Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 am.
20 Wed	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 am.
20 Wed	Trainees Subcommittee (GMSC), 2 pm.
20 Wed	Committee on the EEC, 2 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.
27 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
27 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
27 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 2 pm.

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 Frimley Park Hospital, Wednesday, 20 October, 7 pm, autumn clinical meeting.*

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Brighton General Hospital, Tuesday, 19 October, 7 for 7.30 pm, agm.*

Coventry—At Coventry and Warwickshire Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 19 October, 6.45 for 7.15 pm, dinner lecture meeting. Dr Howell James will speak on his experiences at the Olympic Games.*

Croydon—At Mayday Hospital, Tuesday, 19 October, 8.30 pm, Dr C G M Nicol: "Rabies."

Dartford, Gravesend and Medway—At St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Wednesday, 20 October, 8.30 pm, agm.

Dewsbury—At Dewsbury General Hospital, Friday, 22 October, Mr J Thomlinson: "The laboratory search for carcinogens."

Dudley—At Guest Hospital, Tuesday, 19 October, 8.15 for 8.30 pm, ordinary meeting.

East Kent—At Sarre Court, Thursday, 21 October, 8.30 pm, meeting to discuss new divisional rules.

Edgware and Hendon—At Edgware General Hospital, Tuesday, 19 October, 8.30 pm, film evening.* (Guests are invited.)

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 19 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting: "The management of acute respiratory failure."

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 19 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual valedictory dinner.*

Oxford—Wednesday, 20 October, 7.30 pm, buffet followed by films.* 8.30 pm, business meeting.

Plymouth—At Plymouth Medical Centre, Wednesday, 20 October, 8 pm, meeting to discuss evidence to be sent to the Royal Commission on the future of the Health Service.

Portsmouth and South-east Hampshire—At Curzon Room, Waterlooville, Friday, 22 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, doctors/lawyers dinner.*

Redbridge and Stratford—At Postgraduate Centre, Ilford, Tuesday, 19 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, clinical social meeting. (Wives or paramedical guests are invited.)

Rugby—At Hospital of St Cross, Wednesday, 20 October, 8.15 pm, ordinary meeting.

Scunthorpe—At Scunthorpe General Hospital, Tuesday, 19 October, 8.30 pm, general meeting to discuss medical deputising service for Scunthorpe area.

South Warwickshire—At Tudor House, Warwick, Wednesday, 20 October, 7.30 pm, agm.*

South-west Durham—At Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Tuesday, 19 October, 8 pm, lecture by Dr A R Morley: "Needle biopsy in the diagnosis of kidney disease."

Trafford—At Park Hospital, Davyhulme, Monday, 18 October, 8 pm, agm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

MD—J D Gibson, P I Taggart.
MS—M R B Keighley.

Corrections

Marital urinary infection

In the third paragraph of the letter from Dr D Brooks (2 October, p 813) the differential leucocyte count of the man was given in error as 10% neutrophils. This should have read 90% neutrophils.

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