

Chair of neuropathology, London

Dr L W Duchen has been appointed to the chair of neuropathology at the Institute of Neurology. Dr Duchen, who is 48, graduated in medicine in South Africa. After appointments as lecturer and senior lecturer at Witwatersrand University Medical School he became research pathologist at the Sephar Laboratories, Johannesburg. In 1959 Dr Duchen became MRC research worker in the department of neuropathology at the Institute of Psychiatry, becoming lecturer in 1964, senior lecturer in 1965, and reader in 1971.

Mobile blood pressure screening unit

The first mobile blood pressure screening unit to take part in the MRC's treatment trial for mild to moderate hypertension is now in operation. The unit, a purpose built caravan designed by the MRC and loaned by Merck Sharp and Dohme, will be based near the surgeries of GPs taking part in the trial. The caravan comprises a waiting area and two cubicles, where a team of locally recruited nurses will screen up to 300 people daily.

Glasgow's new molecular pathology laboratory

The University of Glasgow's new Wolfson laboratory for molecular pathology—part of the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research—was inaugurated on 21 October by Lord Zuckerman, FRS, former chief scientific adviser to the Government. The new laboratory will enable the institute to continue its cancer research and will be the principal centre of its future activities. The Wolfson Foundation donated £410 000 and the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust £50 000 towards the building. The furnishings and equipment have been provided mainly by the Cancer Research Campaign and the MRC, with the two organisations also paying for the recurrent costs of the laboratory.

Physician honoured

The Conway Evans Prize has been awarded jointly by the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal Society on the recommendation of their presidents to Professor Hermann Lehmann, FRS, who has been professor of clinical biochemistry at Cambridge since 1967. As well as being a world expert on abnormal haemoglobins Professor Lehmann and his colleagues were the first to work out the structure and sequence of human myoglobin and to describe its variants.

"Statistics at Square One"

A book compiled from the articles published under this heading is now available. The text of the articles has been revised and extended. The price is £1.50 (see advertisement p vi).

People in the News

Dr J Vallance-Owen has been awarded the Oliver Sharpey prize by the Royal College of Physicians of London. His interest in diabetes led to the development of a biological assay for insulin activity using the rat diaphragm, and the results of his work have been applied to the clinical problems of diabetes, obesity, and atherosclerotic arterial degeneration.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh—Colloquium for consultants and registrars on "Prostatic obstruction," 9 November, Edinburgh. Details from the Clerk of the College, 18 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DW. (Tel 031-556 6206.)

Charing Cross Hospital—Course in practical regional analgesia, 17 November, London. For details see advertisement at p vii.

Royal College of Radiologists—Postgraduate weekend course, 20 November, London. Details from the Meetings Secretary, Royal College of Radiologists, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

Chelmsford Medical Academic Unit—Symposium on urology, 4 December, Chelmsford. Details from Medical Academic Unit, Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0QH. (Tel Chelmsford 81076.)

Institute of Urology—Uro-radiology weekend, 10-11 December, London. For details see advertisement on page vii.

King's Fund Centre—Details of conferences and meetings to 31 December are now available from the Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF. (Tel 01-267 6111.)

Gwent Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details of the programme to April 1977 are now available from the Centre, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Gwent. (Tel Newport 52244.)

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

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, 8 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr H Baker: Percutaneous absorption.

Tuesday, 9 November

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY—At 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN, jointly with the Franco-British Pharmaceutical Commission, 6.30 pm, Monsieur Pierre Martinot: Old monastic pharmacies in France.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Mr G V P Chamberlain: An examination of antenatal care.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Professor W Rudowski (Poland): Surgery in haemophilia.

Wednesday, 10 November

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Dr D B Hope: Storage and release of pituitary neural lobe hormones. 7 pm, Dr N Lawton: Dopaminergic transmission and pituitary function.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr Derek Steinberg: The referral process in adolescent psychiatry and some implications for diagnosis.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Professor J P Shillingford: The measurement of the size of an acute myocardial infarct and a review of methods to limit its extent.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, medical consilia, Dr J B Gurdon: Oocytes, eggs, and early animal development.

Thursday, 11 November

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr R Yule: Great expectations—screening for cervical cancer.

Friday, 12 November

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—1 pm, Dr George Muller (Luxembourg): Rehabilitation after head injury (problems in planning a European centre).

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

NOVEMBER
12 Fri and 13 Sat Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
16 Tues Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.30 am.

17 Wed Statutes and Regulations Subcommittee (GMS), 2 pm.
18 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
18 Thurs Dermatologists Subcommittee (CCHMS), 11.15 am.
19 Fri Board of Science and Education, 10.30 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Barnet and Finchley—At Barnet General Hospital, Thursday, 11 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, joint meeting with the Barnet branch of the Pharmaceutical Society. Speaker Dr D Geraint James: "Immunotherapy."

Birmingham—At Birmingham Medical Institute, Tuesday, 9 November, 7.15 pm, joint meeting with Midland Medical Society Section of the Birmingham Medical Institute, supper followed by Dr John Essex: "Medicine in China."*

Blackpool—At Savoy Hotel, Wednesday, 10 November, 7.30 pm, dinner followed by Mr Wasily Sakalo: "Australia with the Flying Doctor Service."* (Guests are invited.)

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Brighton General Hospital, Tuesday, 9 November, 8.30 pm, combined meeting with British Dental Association (Brighton Section), Miss Doreen Land: "Communicating to the community." (Preceded by buffet supper, 7 for 7.30 pm.)

Burnley—At Crest Hotel, Saturday, 13 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual ball.*

Dukeries—At Mansfield General Hospital, Wednesday, 10 November, 8.30 pm, annual combined lecture of the BMA and Mansfield Medical Society by Professor J R A Mitchell: "It's only a stroke."

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 10 November, 7.30 pm, buffet supper and talk by Mr J A Gallon: "The water supply of Hull."*

Gloucestershire—At Parliament Rooms, Gloucester, Thursday, 11 November, 7.15 pm, meeting followed by buffet supper.*

Greenwich—At Trafalgar Tavern, Saturday, 13 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual whitebait supper, guest speaker Captain Wingate, deputy master of Trinity House.* (Guests are welcome.)

Hastings—At Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 9 November, 8.15 pm, Dr A B Gilmour: "The medico-political scene brought up to date." (Preceded by supper, 7.15 pm.)

Holland/Lincs—At Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, Saturday, 13 November, 7.30 pm, Mr R C Barclay: "Carcinoma of the lung."* (Followed by buffet supper.)

Lancaster—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Wednesday, 10 November, 8 pm, buffet social.*

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Tuesday, 9 November, 7.30 pm, dinner/lecture, speaker Dr B Oliver: "The future of services to the mentally handicapped."

Sandwell—At Berrow Court Hotel, Saturday, 13 November, 7 for 7.30 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests are invited.)

South Middlesex—At Queen Mary Sailing Club, Friday, 12 November, 7.30 pm, buffet supper and dance.*

South Tyneside—At Seaburn Hotel, Saturday, 13 November, 7.30 for 8.30 pm, annual ball.* (Guests are invited.)

Wakefield—At Holmfild House, Thursday, 11 November, 7.30 pm, dinner/lecture, Mr Michael Farmer: "Design of general practice premises."*

Wandsworth and East Merton—At St James' Hospital, Monday, 8 November, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

West Berkshire—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 10 November, 8.30 pm, Surgeon Commander R R Pearson: "Hyperbaric medicine."

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