

Pathology advisory panels

Many pathology laboratories are taking part in the voluntary national quality control schemes sponsored by the DHSS. These offer advice in chemical pathology, haematology, and microbiology. Four years ago the Royal College of Pathologists commissioned a working party to review the schemes. Three advisory panels were set up on the working party's recommendation, each having two tasks: firstly, they monitor the schemes and ensure that adequate standards are maintained; secondly, they advise departmental heads, in confidence, on how an individual laboratory's performance could be improved. In turn, the working group oversees the work of the panels. Both the schemes and the panels are mainly educational, and the working group is anxious that all laboratories providing such services should participate in the appropriate scheme. Further details from Professor D N Baron, Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AF.

People in the news

Sir John Charnley, FRCS, FRS, has been awarded the Albert medal of the Royal Society of Arts for 1978 for his pioneering work in introducing engineering into orthopaedics and his techniques for hip and other joint replacement.

Professor Norman Ashton has been awarded the Gonin Gold Medal by the International Council of Ophthalmology.

COMING EVENTS

Nutrition Society—Details of the 318th and 319th meetings, 20-21 July, Southampton, are available from the Society, Chandos House, 2 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 9LE.

Medical Association for the Prevention of War—Annual conference, 21-23 July, Cambridge. Details from Dr Kate MacSorley, 237 Camden Road, London NW1 9HE. (Tel 01-485 1482.)

University of Dundee—Course on "Practical approaches to training medical and health care personnel," 3-27 September, Dundee. Details from the Centre for Medical Education, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN. (Tel 0382 23181, ext 617.)

British Association of Immediate Care Schemes—Symposium on immediate care, 5-7 October, Cardiff. Details from Mrs O R Connell, BASICS, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU. (Tel 01-589 1574 and 01-584 6262.)

Uterine Cervix Cancer Symposium—12-13 March, 1979 Paris. Details from Secrétariat du Symposium sur le cancer du col utérin, Fondation Curie, 26 rue d'Ulm, F 75231 Paris Cedex 05, France.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institutions concerned.

Wednesday, 5 July

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—5 pm, Dr J S Malpas: Long term problems in the management of malignant disease.

SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—At House of Commons, 7 pm, celebration of 30th anniversary of the NHS.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

- JULY**
- 1 Sat Annual Conference of Community Medicine, 10 am.
- 4 Tues Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.

- 6 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (GMSC), 10.30 am.
- 7 Fri Mental Health Group Committee, 9.30 am.
- 7 Fri Mental Health Group, 10.30 am.
- 11 Tues-
- 14 Fri BMA Annual Representative Meeting, City Hall, Cardiff.
- 13 Thurs BMA Annual General Meeting, City Hall, Cardiff, 12.30 pm.
- 13 Thurs BMA Adjourned Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address, City Hall, Cardiff, 8.30 pm.
- 19 Wed Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
- 20 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
- 20 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
- 25 Tues Joint Consultants Committee, British Dental Association, 64 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AL, 9.30 am.

Division Meetings

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

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Monday, 3 July, 8 pm, meeting to discuss amendments to the agenda for the ARM.

Liverpool—At Liverpool Medical Institution, Thursday, 6 July, 8 pm, meeting to discuss agenda of ARM.

Northallerton—At Friarage Hospital, Monday, 3 July, 8 pm, meeting to consider agenda for ARM.

North Birmingham, Lichfield and Tamworth—At Good Hope Hospital, Tuesday, 4 July, 8 pm, meeting to discuss agenda for ARM.

North Tyneside—At Preston Hospital, North Shields, Monday, 3 July, 8 pm, meeting to instruct representatives to ARM.

Nottingham—At Queen's Medical Centre, Thursday, 6 July, 8.15 pm, agm.

Salop—At Copthorne Hospital, Thursday, 6 July, 8 pm, meeting to brief representatives at ARM, followed by film "Beta blockade and continuous monitoring of blood pressure" and buffet supper.*

Scunthorpe—At Scunthorpe Postgraduate Centre, Sunday, 2 July, 11.30 am, reception to present retirement gift to Dr Henry Clyne.* At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Monday, 3 July, 8 pm, special general meeting to discuss agenda for ARM.

South Middlesex—At Red Lion Hotel, Hounslow, Monday, 3 July, 8 pm, meeting to discuss agenda of ARM.

Tower Hamlets—At Bethnal Green Hospital, Thursday, 6 July, 8 pm, meeting to discuss agenda for ARM.

West Sussex—At Bailiffs Court Hotel, Thursday, 6 July, 7.30 pm, film "The beginning of life," followed by dinner.* (A guest invited.)

Wolverhampton—At West Park, Thursday, 6 July, 5.15-5.30 pm, visit to Ludlow Festival.*

Regional Meetings

Merseyside Regional Council—At Liverpool Medical Institution, Tuesday, 4 July, 8 pm, to discuss agenda of ARM.

Welsh Committee for Hospital Medical Services—At Hotel Metropole, Wednesday, 5 July, 11 am.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—The Lord Adrian, P E Belchetz, J A Gibson, M Chir—D L C Cheung, J R Nicholls, R C N Williams.

MANCHESTER

MD—Angela M Hilton, I M Taylor.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

The following candidates have been admitted to membership of the College—A A Abulkhalil, Ferial J Ahmad, D L Aston, Carol J Barton, M Bennett, S L Ch'ng, Janet M Corneliuss, S I Dempsey, D J Easton, G C Ejeckham, J G Erskin, J W Wveson, I R Ferguson, B T French, M C Galvin, A R Gibbs, Sheema H-U Gasan, M E A Hassan, Margaret E Herd, M R Jacobs, J Johnston, G R M Jones, Harriette J Kahn, Carmel A Kelly, Judith R Kemp, S-H Lo, S R McCann, J M F McClement, P H McKee, Thykuttathil J Mabel, Virginia Martinez, S Y Maselle, Shaheen Mehtar, D K Mitra, Eleanor L Murray, Daisy A F Obeid, D S O'Briain, W J A Patrick, I R Pattie, R H Perry, A W Popple, C L Rist, D A Robertson, D N Slater, N G P Slater, K F So, B R Sparke, E Sumithran, S Sykes.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The following candidates were successful in the May 1978 membership examination—Susan M S Acland, Clare E A Adams, M M M Al-Mousawi, Tinnevely S Ananthanarayanan, H N K Arap-Mengech, Susan M Bailey, J A Baird, A Y Beaini, Karin L Blaymires, B Bodhinayake, J Booth, P J Bowers, J P Brown, Claire N Burchardt, L S Cantlay, N C Chacko, R D Chandrasena, E Chan-Pensley, A B Charnaud, M A Chaudhri, P B Chuauqui, M J Claria-Olmedo, Audrey Coatesworth, Ruth S Cooklin, J C Cookson, Geraldine V Corrigan, P L Darby, P D Das, G S D Davis, Christine Dean, M De Munshi, R S Deo, S D De Tissera, V C Devakumar, Doreen L P Dias, J A G D'Souza, M N

Instructions to authors

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(1) **Typing** should be on one side of the paper, with double or triple spacing between the lines and 5-cm margins at the top and left-hand side of the sheet.

(2) **Two copies** (or preferably three) should be submitted.

(3) **Spelling** should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

(4) **References** must be set out in the style used in the *BMJ*, and their accuracy verified before the manuscript is submitted.

(5) **SI units** are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units, and some useful conversion factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977).

(6) **Authors** should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

(7) **Acknowledgments** will not be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

(8) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 7 January (p 6).

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BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr N C Chokshi (radiologist).

NORTH-EAST THAMES RHA—Mr M T Thoun (ophthalmologist).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Dr M J Burke, Dr P J Smith (rheumatology and rehabilitation); Dr A Myers (general medicine); Dr C Fossard (paediatrician); Dr J Mitra (haematologist).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr W St C Forbes (neuroradiology and general radiology).

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