

Regional differences in cancer mortality

The regional differences in cancer mortality within Britain in 1971 are discussed in *Population Trends 12* (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys; HMSO, £2.25). The death rate from cancer of the stomach was high in the north and north-west, and particularly so in Wales; high rates tended to occur in urban areas, but only in the north. Correcting for social class distributions had little effect on the regional differences. Neoplasms of the rectum had the highest death rates in the west midlands; intestinal tumours, by contrast, showed little regional variation. Lung cancer appeared as predominantly an urban disease; for all cancers of the trachea, bronchus, and lung the rates were highest in the north-west, north, and south-east in men and in the south-east in women. Death rates for bladder cancer were also related to the degree of urbanisation, rates being relatively high in the Yorkshire and Humberside regions and above average in the south-east and north-west; the London borough of Tower Hamlets had a particularly high rate for men. Cervical cancer, unlike tumours of the breast and ovary, showed a north-south gradient and a lesser gradient with the degree of urbanisation; Preston, Halifax, Salford, Teesside, and Liverpool had especially high mortality.

International Agency for Research on Cancer

Applications for training fellowships in 1979-80 are invited from junior scientists who intend to pursue a career in cancer research and who wish to be trained in any aspect of laboratory or clinical cancer research, especially epidemiology, biostatistics, or environmental carcinogenesis. Fellowships are awarded for one year and are tenable in a suitable institution abroad. Full details and application forms are available from the chief of the Research Training and Liaison Unit, International Agency for Research on Cancer, 150 cours Albert-Thomas, 69372 Lyon Cedex 02, France. The closing date for applications is 31 January 1979.

The Dr H M (Bill) Foreman Memorial Fund fellowships

The trustees of the Dr H M (Bill) Foreman fund invite applications for fellowships from medical practitioners in the study of respiratory disease. Grants of up to £800 will be available for travel and support for clinical research in countries other than the applicant's own. The awards will be made in October 1978 and applicants should write for further details to Dr B H Davies, Sully Hospital, Sully, South Glamorgan, before 30 August.

COMING EVENTS

International Union Against Tuberculosis XXXIV World Conference—5-9 September, Brussels. Details from Professor Dr A Gyselen, IUAT, Eendrachtstraat 56, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

Clinical Research Institute of Montreal—International symposium on "Folic acid and the nervous system," 6-8 September, Montreal. Details from the organising committee, c/o Miss Diana Cronin, 110 Pine Avenue West, Montreal H2W 1R7, Quebec, Canada.

10th Congress of the International Diabetes Federation—9-14 September, Vienna. Details from the secretariat, Bosendorferstr 4, A-1010 Vienna, Austria.

Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency—Summer school, 11-15 September, York. Details from the Institute, 34 Surrey Street, Croydon CR0 1RJ. (Tel 01-680 2068.)

Association for Medical Education in Europe—Annual International Conference, 19-21 September, Warsaw, Poland. Details from Polish Association for Medical Education, ul Długa 16, 00-238 Warszawa, Poland.

National Association for Mental Health—Annual conference "Positive approaches to mental infirmity in elderly people," 12-13 October, London. Details from the Association, 22 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED. (Tel 01-637 0741.)

Society for Radiological Protection—Meeting on "Personal protection against air and surface contamination," 23 January 1979, London. Details from Professor J H Martin, Department of Medical Biophysics, Blackness Laboratory, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN.

British Council—Course 924 on "Assessment and management of pollution," 1-12 April 1979, London: application forms must be received in London by 1 December 1978. Course 922 on "Epidemiological methods," 13-25 May 1979, Southampton: application forms must be received in London by 15 December 1978. Details from the Courses Department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

British Nuclear Medicine Society—Annual scientific meeting, 9-11 April, London. Details from the secretary of the Society, Dr E P Wright, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QQ.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland Society of Anaesthetists—Details and copies of the 1978-9 syllabus are now available from Dr J Wilson, 15 Campbell Road, Edinburgh 12. (Tel 031-337 6763.)

Medico-legal Society—Details and copies of the 1978-9 programme are now available from the secretary, Medico-legal Society, 71 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3BZ.

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, 12 July

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Bernhard Baron lecture by Professor D E M Taylor: Surgical science and surgical practice.

Thursday, 13 July

ONCOLOGY CLUB—At Royal Marsden Hospital, 6.30 pm, Dr Humphrey Kaye: Marrow transplants, present and future.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

JULY

- 11 Tues- BMA Annual Representative Meeting, City Hall, Cardiff.
- 14 Fri 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.
- 14 Fri Council, City Hall, Cardiff, 3 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 W1), 9.30 am.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

MD—A A Adetuyibi, M W Casewell, P J D Milton.
MS—A J M Brodribb, D C S Parsons.

LIVERPOOL

Appointments—Dr Jennifer M Hunter (senior lecturer in anaesthesia); Mr J H Patrick (senior lecturer, clinical, in orthopaedic surgery); Dr D W Day (senior lecturer, clinical, in pathology).

BRISTOL

MD—A E B Giddings.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At an extraordinary meeting of the council held on 7 June, the following were admitted to the fellowship of the College—D R Abramovich, W S Adam, T K Agble, A Akinkugbe, C Alexander, S E Ali, D S Bamford, M S Banerjee, Mercia A Barnes, B Barooah, K Basu, M S Begum, S Bhattacharyya, W R S Birrell, Z Bishara,

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

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CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

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