

New association for prevention of child abuse

The British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect held its inaugural meeting in London on 23 June. Membership will be drawn from paediatricians, lawyers, social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists, and others interested in the health and welfare of children. An international congress will be held in London in September. Details from Dr A White Franklin, 149 Harley Street, London W1N 4DE (01-935 4444).

New society for study of gambling

Although gambling is widespread in the community, little is known about its impact, except that when carried to excess it may lead to dependence. The Society for the Study of Gambling has been formed to promote scientific study of the psychological, psychiatric, social, and economic aspects and to inform the public. Membership ranges from psychiatrists who treat compulsive gamblers to members of the gambling industry, and there are regular meetings for lectures and discussion. Details from Dr E Moran, Department of Psychiatry, Enfield District Hospital, Enfield, Middlesex (01-366 6600).

Society for Research in Rehabilitation

At the inaugural meeting of the Society for Research in Rehabilitation on 21-22 June the following office holders were elected—Professor V Wright (president); Dr P J R Nichols (president elect); Professor R C B Aitken (honorary secretary); Professor H Glanville (honorary treasurer); Dr J Hunter (junior honorary secretary); Lady Mildred Blaxter, Miss L Dyer, Dr R Goble, Dr R L Hewer, Miss L Hockey, Professor R M Kenedi, Professor S Miller, Professor M Warren (ordinary members). Information about the society can be obtained from Professor Cairns Aitken, Rehabilitation Studies Unit, Princess Margaret Rose Hospital, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh EH10 7ED.

Cancer Research Campaign

Articles on environmental factors and cancer and on cancer immunology research at Nottingham are included in the 1977 annual report of the Cancer Research Campaign. There is also a tribute to Professor Sir Theo Crawford (who has retired this year as chairman of the campaign's scientific committee), followed by an article by Sir Theo on the committee's work during 25 years. The report gives details of all research projects being supported in 1978, and of publications by the supported workers. The income from legacies and donations was nearly £7m in 1977, a small increase in real terms over the previous year.

Institute of Basic Medical Sciences

Details of research programmes and publications in anatomy, biochemistry, pathology, applied physiology and surgical sciences, medical physics, and pharmacology are given in the report of the Institute of Basic Medical

Sciences for 1977. The institute provides postgraduate training for two classes of students—those doing research in one of its departments for a higher degree and those needing a course in the basic medical sciences for a higher degree or diploma. The report may be obtained from the institute, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

Lady Tata Memorial Trust

The trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust for research in leukaemia have made the following awards for the year 1978-9: H Bayani (Great Britain) and A Karpas (Great Britain), new awards; J Grosslerner (France), H Jacobs (Great Britain), and E Cardoso (Portugal), second-year awards; and R de N Bastos (Spain), third-year award.

Society for Psychosomatic Research

Applications are invited for the Society for Psychosomatic Research's Kenneth Reeves essay prize of £50 for not more than 5000 words on a psychosomatic theme. Applicants should have been qualified in their discipline for not more than 10 years, and preference will be given to original work. Details and application forms from Dr Jean Harrison, Department of Psychological Medicine, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC1A 2BE. Closing date 31 December 1978.

People in the news

Mr D Innes Williams has been appointed director of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation in succession to Sir George Smart.

Dr Ian T Field has been appointed to the joint post of chief medical and health services adviser at the Ministry of Overseas Development and head of the International Health Branch in the Medical Division of the Department of Health and Social Security from 2 October, in succession to Dr J L Kilgour.

COMING EVENTS

"Long-term effects of neuroleptics"—International symposium, 18-21 March 1979, Monte-Carlo. Details from Fondazione Internazionale Menarini, Piazza del Carmine 4, 20121 Milan, Italy. (Tel 02 874 932 804 739.)

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.

Monday, 17 July

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, 5 pm.
Professor C O Carter: Genetics and prenatal diagnosis.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

JULY
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.

Instructions to authors

The following are the minimum requirements for manuscripts submitted for publication.

(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).

Division Meetings

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

Eastbourne—At Boshop Farm Hotel, Tuesday, 18 July, 7.30 pm.

Newcastle upon Tyne—At Medical Institute, Tuesday, 18 July, 8 pm, quarterly general meeting.

York—At Askham Bryan College, Friday, 21 July, 8 pm, summer social and barn dance.*

Regional Meetings

West Midlands Regional Hospital Medical Services Committee—At LMC Committee Room, Tuesday, 18 July, 5.15 pm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

MANCHESTER

MD—S H Leveson.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Mr R G Gandhi, Mr M A R Khan (cardiothoracic surgeons); Dr N G Flanagan (haematologist); Dr D McGhie (microbiologist); Dr R N Shetty (anaesthetist).

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