

Central Health Services Council

The recommendations of the report of the Committee on Child Health Services (Court Report) received much attention from the Central Health Services Council and its advisory committees, and their views are set out in the annual report for 1977 (HMSO, 70p). The council did not favour the idea of general practitioner paediatricians, believing that children should be looked after by GPs who know the family as a whole, with better paediatric training for GPs in general; in group practices, however, one member might have special training in paediatrics to enable him to advise his colleagues. Separate health visitors for children were also thought undesirable in general. The council supported the ideal of consultant paediatricians who were more active in the community, but not the establishment of consultant community paediatrician posts, as it was important to have a single source of consultant paediatric advice.

Much of the emphasis of the council's work in the last year has been on prevention, and among other subjects discussed in the report are oral contraceptives, pregnancy and child-birth services, screening for neural tube defects, and vaccination.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

At its meeting on 29 July the council of the college announced the election of the following officers: Mr E A J Alment, president; Professor J H McKnight Pinkerton, Miss A M Dickens, vice presidents; J M Brudenell, honorary treasurer; Mr R Trygve Booth, honorary secretary.

New Nuffield Foundation scheme

The Nuffield Foundation announces a scheme for the appointment of senior visiting fellows in rheumatism research, and the first appointment should be made for the 1979-80 academic year. The object is to bring to Britain senior researchers from overseas engaged in rheumatism research or in epidemiological and other work that may be relevant to it. Details from the director of the Nuffield Foundation, Nuffield Lodge, London NW1 4RS.

French Association of Haemophiliacs international prize

The French Association of Haemophiliacs will award its third international prize of frs 15 000 in July 1979. Details from the Association Française des Hémophiles, CNTS, 6 rue Alexandre Cabanel, 75015 Paris; work submitted for the prize must reach the selection committee by 15 March 1979.

COMING EVENTS

Hospital Physicians' Association—Annual conference, 13-15 September, Cambridge. Details from the General Secretary, Hospital Physicians' Association, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QX. (Tel 01-235 6111 ext 55.)

Doctors and Overpopulation Group—Symposium "Psychiatry and fertility," 13 October, Oxford. Details from Dr J P Lester, 24 Belvidere Road, Walsall, West Midlands WS1 3AU.

"Medical and veterinary aspects of cryotherapy: new experimental and clinical developments"—Symposium, 13 October, London. Details from Dr C J Green, Clinical Research Centre, Division of Comparative Medicine, Watford Road, Harrow, Middx HA1 3UJ. (Tel 01-864 5311 ext 2532.)

Workshop on Coping Ability and Cardiovascular Disorders—"The heart attack and the family," 20 October, London. Details from Marjorie Chandler, Cardiac Department, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF. (Tel 01-748 2040 ext 2191.)

Castle Priory College—Details and copies of the autumn 1978 and spring 1979 programme of courses are now available from the college, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0HE. (Tel 0491 37551.)

Royal College of Radiologists—Copies and details of the 1978-9 programme are now available from the college, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

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, 21 August

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—In conjunction with Cambridge Herpes Virus Workshops, at Lady Mitchell Hall, 6 pm, EMBO lecture by Professor A S Kaplan, Tennessee: Replication of herpes virus DNA.

Wednesday, 23 August

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—In conjunction with Cambridge Herpes Virus Workshops, at Lady Mitchell Hall, 5.30 pm, EMBO lecture by Professor J S Pagano, North Carolina: The Epstein-Barr virus—some prospects for research.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ABERDEEN

Appointment—Dr D J Bain (senior lecturer in general practice/child health).

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Appointment—Dr J B Foster (honorary personal readership in clinical neurology).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

T A Ramsay and Lt-Col D M Roberts have been elected members under Bye-law 117.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At meetings of the council of the college held on 28 and 29 July with the president, Sir John Dewhurst, in the chair, the following were admitted to the membership—E A M Abdel Mottalib, H S Abdelrahman, A Abdul Rahman, Y Abrahams, K Aday, Bella B Ajayoglu, A M Ali, T M Al-Shawaf, I D S Al-Taie, W I Amarasingham, M Anate, A R Anderson, J G Ankolekar, H G Annan, A T I Atta, G H Barker, M S Baylis, A E Beregha, P R P Bowman, B N Brenner, R Callender, H J A Carp, N Chaudhury, K H Choong, M A H Choudhury, A Clement, A H K Collison, F A Damola, V Dapaah, B A Davidson, S G de Bhal, Caroline M de Costa, D Deonarine, J C Dornan, J O Drife, A D Ekanem, M A W El-Jabary, M N M N El-Mahallawi, L H Fanous, O A M Farrag, G Ganja, R N Garland, J D S Goodman, M D P Gooneratne, D R Griffin, M R Gupta, Gursarup, Y H Hasan, M P Hettiarachchi, L C Ho, D J R Hutchon, I H Itam, H D Jayasundere, J T Jeffery, I R Johnson, K F Karzoun, P Kasinathan, M A P Kaur, R H J Kerr-Wilson, F A Khan, N Khan, P Kirubakaran, P Lam, M G Laney, G J Lewis, K S Lim, S H Lim, P F Lynch, Paddyann M MacBride, R I McBeath, D M McLynn, N A McWhinney, A P Macdonald, R M I Mackenzie, O A Mahgoub, W A Mahmud, R H Martin, J D Meaden, A Memon, T Menon, S S Modawi, R L Mohan, H Morgan, T J Mudge, A Murray, Evelyn P Mackasha, G V Nair, N N Namis, A A Nessim, H B Ng, C T Noel, A G B O'Neil, J O Oriafio, I E W Penry, K H Perera, Elsbeth L Pfeiffer, J M Phillips, T J Pocock, W J Prendiville, E Radwanska, M V Ragini, D S Rajapaksa, G Rajkumar, Sarah Randall, K Ray, R J Rhodes, R J Richards, D M Ridley, M W Rizk, S Rudra, T C Saha, G C Sarkar, M Satchithanathan, M A Sharkiah, K Sharma, J Sidhu, U R V Sieck, Helen K Sill, A C Silverstone, H G Sim, Helen H Simon, K N Singh, R Soni, A Soued, A Srivastava, J Stafford (awarded Regional Councils' gold medal), P J Stannard, Seona M Stubbs, G Y Taha, U Tanneberger, A J Teare, P M Tromans, P B Truscott, G Tsalacopoulos, G J Webb-Wilson, R G White, Maureen E Williams, Patricia C Wilson, S J Wincelous, S-L Yeung.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

The following have been elected to the fellowship of the college—A K Abbasi, I I Abu-Sabra, R K Agarwal, C O Alele, G W Allan, Marjorie E M Allison, J H Alpers, H Altman, B O Amure, M W Atkinson, K A Azeem, M Badrud-Din, C H Bastomsky, D A Bennett,

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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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CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Mr David R Thomas (surgery).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Mr D I Walker, Mr J N Sinha (traumatic and orthopaedic surgeons).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—Mr P D Kelly (accident and emergency surgery); Mr J C Crisp (urologist); Dr P Jaffe (paediatrician); Dr J M Nabarro (genitourinary medicine); Dr A H Lynn (radiologist); Dr E M Leigh (anaesthetist).

WESSEX RHA—Mr N A Boyd (orthopaedic surgery)

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