

ment service who retired on or before 1 July 1977 will have their pensions increased by 7.4%; the pensions beginning in the six months following 1 July 1977 will be increased by 9.6%; and those beginning in the six months following 1 January 1978 will be increased by 5.5%. These increases have been effected under the provisions in the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971.

### Family doctors and local radio

The mushroom growth of local radio stations in Britain (about 40 already operating, and another 60 planned) is a good opportunity for GPs to get on the air and tell people about health. With this in mind the Health Education Council has organised a one-day conference on "GPs and Local Broadcasting: present and future" for 10 October at the London Press Centre, 76 Shoe Lane, London EC4 (applications to Miss S Jeffery, HEC, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH). Several GP broadcasters will be among the speakers as well as Karl Sabbagh (formerly executive producer, BBC TV) on "Co-operation or Confrontation?" and Colin Mason (programme controller, Swansea Sound) on "Nuts and Bolts of Local Radio."

### London Medical Orchestra

The London Medical Orchestra will resume rehearsals in Christ Church School, Cosway Street, London NW1, at 7 pm on 19 September. All string players welcome. Particulars from Mrs A P Mason, 102 Hamilton Terrace, London NW8. (Tel 01-286 4367.)

### Information, please

Drs S J Harland, J A Timbrell, and C T Dollery of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, are researching into the mechanism of the drug induced lupus erythematosus syndrome that occurs in some patients treated with hydralazine. They would like doctors in Britain who have patients whom they suspect of having such a reaction to supply them with samples of blood and urine, preferably while the patient is still taking the drug. Any doctor wanting details of sample handling should telephone Dr Harland on 01-743 2030, ext 238.

### People in the news

Leonard Cheshire, founder of the Cheshire Foundation, which provides homes for physically handicapped people, has been awarded the 1978 Harding Award.

Professor O L Wade has been appointed chairman of the Committee on the Review of Medicines in succession to Sir Eric Scowen from 1 January 1979.

Professor R A Gregory, FRS, professor of physiology in the University of Liverpool, has been awarded a Royal Society royal medal for his work on the gastrointestinal hormone gastrin.

### COMING EVENTS

**Nutrition Society**—320th meeting, 7-8 September, London. Details from M R Turner, British Nutrition Foundation, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.

**Institute of Child Health**—Symposium "Clinical investigations in children," 29 September, London. Details from Professor J A Dudgeon, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH. (Tel 01-242 9789.)

**King's College Hospital Medical School**—Postgraduate day refresher course and annual dinner of past and present students, 30 September, London. Details from Mrs Judith Lempriere, King's College Hospital Medical School, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8RX.

**Royal College of General Practitioners North-west England Faculty**—Symposium on "Medicine—into the 21st century," 1 October, Manchester. Details from Dr M Hardman Lea, Royal College of General Practitioners, North-west England Faculty, Montague Health Centre, Oakenhurst Road, Blackburn, Lancs.

**14th International Congress of Internal Medicine**—15-19 October, Rome. For details see advertisement at p x.

**Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh**—Dental Surgery workshop on "Head and neck radiology: diagnosis and treatment," 18 October, Edinburgh. Details from the Clerk to the College, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 18 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DW. Closing date for applications 6 October.

**Royal Society of Medicine**—Postgraduate study course for general practitioners organised by the Section of General Practice, 23-27 October, London. Details from the Conference Office, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

**5th International Conference on Pneumoconiosis**—29 October-3 November, Caracas, Venezuela. Details from the International Labour Office, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland.

**Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain**—Details of two forthcoming meetings, "The role of pharmaceutical officers," 26 October, London, and "Drug information services," 22 November, Cardiff, are now available from Mr R E Marshall, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. (Tel 01-735 9141.)

**National Corporation for the Care of Old People**—Conference "Need for an ambulance," 10 November, Stoke-on-Trent. Details from Ambulance Conference Secretary, Beth Johnson Foundation, Parkfield House, 64 Princes Road, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

**Anglo-American Medical Society**—Details of the programme to May 1979 are now available from Dr J Critchley, 88a Cromwell Road, London SW7 4EN. (Tel 01-584 9756.)

**South Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre**—Details and copies of the programme for September to December are now available from the Centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Basildon, Essex SS16 5NL. (Tel 0268 3911 ext 3360.)

**Association for Child Psychology and Psychiatry**—Details of the Association and 1978-9 programme of scientific meetings, theme "Ways of studying child behaviour," are available from Dr J Stevenson, Department of Psychological Medicine, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JH. (Tel 01-405 9200.)

### BMA NOTICES

#### Medical Assistants' Subcommittee (CCHMS)

Nominations are invited from medical assistants holding permanent posts in the National Health Service in the South-east Thames Region for a representative and a deputy representative to serve on the Medical Assistants' Subcommittee for the session 1978-9.

Nomination forms are obtainable from the Secretary, BMA, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP, and must be returned not later than Friday, 15 September 1978. In the event of a contest voting papers will be issued at a later date.

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Secretary

#### Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER  
6 Wed GMC Working Party, 2 pm.  
6 Wed Journal Committee, 2 pm.  
8 Fri Geriatric Medicine Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.  
11 Mon Medical Academic Staff Committee, 9.30 am.  
11 Mon Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.

### 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).

13 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10 am.
13 Wed	Contract Working Party (CCHMS), 10 am.
13 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.
14 Thurs	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
15 Fri	Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 am.
20 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
21 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
21 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
27 Wed	Council, 10 am.

### Division Meetings

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

**East Surrey**—Tuesday, 5 September, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

**Lincoln**—At County Hospital, Wednesday, 6 September, 8 pm, meeting.

**Sefton**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Southport, Wednesday, 6 September, 8 pm, meeting to discuss ARM.

### CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

**BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—Dr I Freedman (psychiatrist in mental subnormality); Dr A L Mutchell (psychiatrist).

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