

August 1978 was 55, and the number of potential recipients on file was 1259. Corresponding figures for the previous month were 74 and 1270.

People in the news

Professor A E H Emery has been elected vice-president (president elect) of the Clinical Genetics Society from January 1980.

Dr David Mansel-Jones will take over the chairmanship of the Huntingdon Research Centre for contract research in toxicology, on the resignation of Professor Alastair Worden on 30 September.

COMING EVENTS

"Health education in pharmacy"—Joint evening meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and the Institute of Health Education, 19 October, London. Details from the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN.

"Genetic engineering—the social and safety implications"—Public conference, 27 October, London. Details from the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs, Sutton House, 2-4 Homerton High Street, London E6 6JT. (Tel 01-985 4792/4.)

Royal College of Surgeons of England—"College Evening" on "Diagnostic techniques in cancer of the large bowel," 6 November, London. Details from the secretary of the college, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474.)

Society for Psychosomatic Research—22nd annual conference "Psychosomatics in war and peace," 27-28 November, London. Details from Dr Paul Williams, Institute of Psychiatry, de Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF.

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology—Symposium "Respiratory distress syndrome," 8 December, London. Details from the symposium secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. (Tel 01-748 6802 ext 355.)

"The importance of vitamins to human health"—Symposium 14-15 December, London. Details from Lexington Consumer Products Division, 38 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6BS. (Tel 01-629 8464.)

Sixth Annual Pediatric Dermatology Seminar—17-25 February 1979, Galapagos Islands. Details from Dr Günter Kahn, Parkway Hospital Medical Plaza, Suite 401, 16800 N W 2nd Avenue, North Miami Beach, Florida 33169, USA. (Tel 305 652-8600.)

University of Leeds—Course on "The biological basis of ageing," 1-4 April 1979, Leeds. Details from Mr J T Gleave, Special Courses Division, Department of Adult Education and Extramural Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT. (Tel 0532 35036 and 444806.)

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain—Details and programmes of two postgraduate schools, "Optimisation of drug delivery," 2-6 April 1979, and "Aspects of microbiological quality assurance," 17-20 April 1979, are now available from Mr R E Marshall, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. (Tel 01-735 9141 ext 287.)

Society for Radiological Protection—"Biological basis and likely impact of ICRP 26," 3 April, London. Details from Professor J H Martin, Department of Medical Biophysics, Blackness Laboratory, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN.

International Conference on Malaria and Babesiosis—30 April-3 May 1979, Mexico City. Details from Professor M Ristic, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801, USA.

British Psychological Society—Conference "Introduction to neuropsychology," 10-11 May (provisional), Harrogate. Details from Mrs Una Holden, Yorkshire Division of Clinical Psychology, Clinical Psychology Office, Main North Corridor, St James's University Hospital, Leeds, Yorkshire.

American Association of Suicidology—12th annual meeting, 10-13 May 1979, Denver, Colorado. Details from Julie Greenblatt, Suicide and Crisis Control, 2459 South Ash, Denver, Colorado, USA. (Tel 303 757 0988.)

Ultrasonics International 79—Conference, 15-18 May 1979, Graz, Austria. Details from Dr Z Novak, Ultrasonics International 79, IPC House, 32 High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3EW. (Tel 0483-71661.)

Fleischner Society Ninth Annual Symposium on the Chest—11-13 June 1979, Stockholm, Sweden. Details from Professor B Nordenström, Department of Radiology, Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden.

"Methods of immunologic research and diagnosis"—Sixth summer programme, 4-22 June 1979, Buffalo, USA. Details from Dr J F Mohn, Center for Immunology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 210 Sherman Hall, Buffalo, New York 14214, USA. Closing date for applications 31 March 1979.

British Council—Course 929 "Current status of clinical immunology," 1-12 July 1979, Cambridge. Details from the director of the Courses Department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

Royal Institution of Great Britain—Details and copies of the programme October to December 1978 are now available from the Institution, 21 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4BS, price 10p.

Royal Society—Details and copies of the programme October-December 1978 and the advance notice of meetings to June 1980 are now available from the Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. (Tel 01-839 5561 ext 278.)

South Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme to December 1978 are now available from the Centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Basildon, Essex. (Tel 0268 3911 ext 3360.)

Bateman Centre for Postgraduate Medical Studies—Details and copies of the annual programme 1978-9 are now available from the Centre, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale OL12 9QB. (Tel Littleborough 77777.)

King's Fund Centre—Details of the conference programme to 31 January 1979 are now available from the Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF. (Tel 01-267 6111.)

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, 2 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At the General Infirmary, Leeds, 5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor I L Rosenberg: The aetiology of colonic suture line recurrence. At the college, 6 pm, Professor J P Mitchell: Management of trauma of the urinary tract.

Tuesday, 3 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr I M Hill: Management of the patient with thoracic trauma.

Wednesday, 4 October

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr Stephen Sedley: On giving expert evidence.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5.40 pm, Croonian lecture by Professor J P M Tizard: The cerebral palsies: prevention and treatment.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Mr M K D Benson: Hip replacement. 6.15 pm, Mr I M Hill: Principles of heart surgery.

Thursday, 5 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr N H Harris: The limping child.

Friday, 6 October

LONDON SOCIETY OF FAMILY PLANNING DOCTORS—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Dr Anna M Flynn: Natural methods of family planning.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr M S Owen-Smith: Bullet wounds.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

OCTOBER	
4 Wed	Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Group Committee, 10.30 am.
5 Thurs	Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.
6 Fri	Board of Science and Education, 10.30 am.
6 Fri	Working Party on Children's Health (Board of Science), 2.30 pm.
11 Wed	Committee on the EEC, 2 pm.
12 Thurs	
14 Sat	Annual Scientific Meeting, Ipswich.
19 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
19 Thurs	Dermatologists Subcommittee (CCHMS), 11 am.
24 Tues	Joint Consultants Committee, 9.30 am.
25 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 10 am.

Division Meetings

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

Bromley—At Farnborough Hospital, Thursday, 5 October, 8.30 pm, meeting on "Bed closures or new buildings—must we choose?"

Woking and Chertsey—At St Peter's Hospital, Wednesday, 4 October, 8.30 pm, Dr E Grey-Turner: "Whither the professions?"

Bury—At Bolholt Club, Saturday, 7 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner. * (Guests are invited.)

Dewsbury—At Marmville Country Club, Friday, 6 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner dance. * (Guests are invited.)

Dudley—At Station Hotel, Friday, 6 October, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, 75th anniversary dinner and presentation of Scroll of Honour to Dr W N Miller. *

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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.

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(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).

East Surrey—Tuesday, 3 October, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

Greenwich—At 20 Manor Way, Blackheath, Saturday, 7 October, 8 pm, chairman's party. * (Partners are invited.)

Kingston/Richmond/Epsom—At Kingston Medical Centre, Wednesday, 4 October, 9 pm, Dr E B Lewis: "The NHS—30 years hard labour." (Preceded by buffet supper 7.30 for 8 pm. * Wives and guests invited.)

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Thursday, 5 October, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, annual valedictory dinner. * (Guests welcome.)

Rotherham—At British Steel Corporation, Thursday, 5 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance. * (Guests are invited.)

St Marylebone and North-east Westminster—At Royal Society of Medicine, Wednesday, 4 October, 9 pm, preceded by informal dinner, 7 for 7.30 pm. *

Sheffield—At Nether Edge Hospital, Monday, 2 October, 8 pm, agm.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr M J Wood (physician with an interest in communicable diseases); Dr Shirley J Toogood (community physician (social services)). Mr V Y Subhadar (casualty).
CITY AND EAST LONDON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr T J R Bruce (child and family psychiatry); Dr J R Krapez, Dr D J Wilkinson (anaesthetists).

KIRKLEES AND CALDERDALE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITIES—Dr A L Gay (child and adolescent psychiatry).

WESSEX RHA—Miss H J Frank (ophthalmology).

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