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British Institute of Radiology—Copies of the October information sheet are now available from the institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel 01-935 6237 and 6867.)

Gwent Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the 1978-9 programme are available from the Centre, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Gwent. (Tel Newport 52244.)

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, 23 October

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 12.30 pm, Miss Christine E Parkinson: Analysis of the home environment of children who were small-for-dates at birth.

RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY—At Royal Society, 5.30 pm, 47th Stephen Paget memorial lecture by Professor W D M Paton: The evolution of animal experiment. At Royal Society, 7 for 7.15 pm, Research Defence Society dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lecture in psychoanalysis by Dr J Sandler: Unconscious wishes and human relationships.

Tuesday, 24 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr R A J Eady: The melanocyte system and mechanism of melanin pigmentation.

NUFFIELD PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS TRUST—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.30 pm, 1978 Rock Carling lecture by Professor C T Dollery: The end of an age of optimism: medical science in retrospect and prospect.

Wednesday, 25 October

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures, 6 pm, Dr Martin Raff: Immunological and cell biological approaches to the nervous system. 7 pm, Dr G R V Hughes: Neurological complications of "collagen-vascular" disorders.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr J W Jackson: Surgical approaches to vertebral body. 7 pm, Mr G L W Bonney: On alleged medical negligence.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr A R Green: Mechanisms of the antidepressant action of ECT.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Thomas Vicary lecture by Dr A H T Robb-Smith: Oxford's influence on surgery.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Dr John Reynolds: Tissue metallo-proteinases and their natural inhibitors in disease.

WILLESDEN HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Willesden General Hospital, 8.30 pm, Dr D A Pyke: What is the cause of diabetes?

Thursday, 26 October

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Professor D V Fairweather: Antenatal diagnosis of thalassaemia and other genetic disorders.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

OCTOBER

- 24 Tues Joint Consultants Committee, 9.30 am.
- 25 Wed BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
- 25 Wed Rural Practices Subcommittee (GMSC), 1 pm.
- 26 Thurs Statutes and Regulations Subcommittee (GMSC), 10.30 am.
- 27 Fri Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
- 31 Tues Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am.

NOVEMBER

- 2 Thurs and 3 Fri Training course for newly appointed honorary secretaries, 10.30 am.
- 8 Wed Central Ethical Committee, 10.15 am.

Division Meetings

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

Blackburn—At Montague Health Centre, Wednesday, 25 October, 8 pm, general meeting.

Bradford and Airedale—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 25 October, 8.30 pm, presidential address by Dr Allan Craig: "Boerhaave: the soil, the seed, and the climate."

Chesterfield—At Station Hotel, Thursday, 26 October, 7 for 7.45 pm, social evening, speaker Dr Neil Philips: "Doctor to the world champions."*

Dartford, Gravesend, and Medway—At St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Tuesday, 24 October, 8.30 pm, agm.

Eastbourne—At Lamb Inn, Tuesday, 24 October, 8.30 pm, divisional meeting.*

East Cumbria—At Cumberland Infirmary, Thursday, 26 October, 8 pm, agm.

Guildford—At Unsted Park Nursing Home, Godalming, Tuesday, 24 October, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, supper meeting, speaker Professor L R C Hayward: "Pilots in stress."* (Guests are invited.)

Harrow—At Harrow Hospital, Tuesday, 24 October, 8.15 pm, agm.

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 24 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, Mr P Schofield: "Stoma care."* (Cold platter supper provided.)

Mid Essex—At Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Tuesday, 24 October, 7.30 pm, supper followed by biennial lecture by Professor Keith Simpson: "Doctors in trouble with the law."* (Guests are invited.)

Newcastle upon Tyne—At Medical Institute, Tuesday, 24 October, 8 pm, agm.

North Bedfordshire—At South Wing Hospital, Friday, 27 October, 1 pm, agm.

North Devon—At North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, Thursday, 26 October, 7.30 pm, Mr R M Baddeley: "Girth control."

North-west Essex—At St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Wednesday, 25 October, 8 pm, joint meeting with Bureau of Medical Practitioner Affairs for GPs and GP trainees, speaker Dr R M L Bowles: "Practice

finance and the red book, how to add £1000 to your annual practice income."* (Buffet supper provided.)

Oldham—At Oldham and District General Hospital, Monday, 23 October, 8.30 pm, agm.

Rotherham—At Brentwood Hotel, Monday, 23 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner and special meeting to pay tribute to Dr Fuad Cabbani.*

Rugby—At Hospital of St Cross, Thursday, 26 October, 12.30 for 12.50, buffet lunch and business meeting.*

Scarborough—At Royal Hotel, Friday, 27 October, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, dinner and dance.*

South Middlesex—At Jolly Gardeners, Isleworth, Wednesday, 25 October, 7 pm, supper meeting, speaker Professor M Sandler: "Aphrodisiacs."* (Guests are invited.)

South Tees—At West Lane Hospital, Thursday, 26 October, 7.30 pm, buffet supper, 8.30 pm Mr C R Sandison: "Medical finances in an inflationary society."* (Guests are invited.)

South Warwickshire—At Glebe Hotel, Barford, Tuesday, 24 October, agm and film.*

Wakefield—At Rogerthorpe Country Club, Wednesday, 25 October, 8 pm, dinner, followed by Dr J R B Turner: "Cricket and medicine."* (Guests are welcome.)

West Sussex—At King Edward VII Hospital, Thursday, 26 October, 7.30 pm, visit to Medical Research Institute.* (Followed by buffet supper at the Angel Hotel.)

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

BRISTOL

MD—P G Baker.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY TEACHING—Dr M V Jeeva Raj (physician with an interest in geriatric medicine).

GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD—Dr A R Patel (physician with an interest in clinical toxicology); Mr P J Paterson (urologist); Dr W J B Raine (child and adolescent psychiatry); Dr A Shenkin (biochemist); Dr A L Honeman (community medicine specialist in developing and scientific services).

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Dr D L Aston (haematology).

NORTHERN RHA—Dr E W Barnes, Dr P Turner, Dr J R Cove-Smith (general medicine); Dr T L Shrestha (medical microbiology); Mr W K Walsh, Mr A T Cross (orthopaedic surgery); Dr C R M Fazluddin (genito-urinary medicine); Dr S N Mahapatra, Dr A Cheyne, Dr N Savla (mental illness); Dr S P Srivastava, Dr Genevieve Scarisbrick (radiology); Mr W Lees (general surgery); Dr D K Goff (haematology); Dr M A Quader, Dr H E Bell (anaesthetics); Dr R S Goldberg (paediatrics); Dr J D Lorimer (obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr M A Hossain (rheumatology and rehabilitation).

WESSEX RHA—Dr R MacAndrew (haematologist).

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