

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London—Teach-in "Modern treatment of coronary disease," 7 November, London. For details see advertisement at p x.

Royal College of Radiologists—Details of a post-graduate weekend course on "Diagnostic radiology and radiotherapy and oncology," 18 November, and a symposium on clinical oncology, "Thyroid Cancer," 26-27 January 1979, London, are available from the college, 66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

Royal College of General Practitioners—Christmas Fayre to help finance expansion of the college's work, organised by the provosts' wives of the metropolitan faculties, 25 November, London. Details from Mary Price, 28 Bishops Close, Ham, Richmond, Surrey.

London Health Services Research Group—Conference on "Information systems, costs, and the clinician," 8 December, London. Details from Mr H I Wickings, Central Middlesex Hospital, Acton Lane, London NW10 7NS.

"Medicine and the law"—Conference organised by Legal Studies and Services Ltd, 15 December, London. Details from Legal Studies and Services Ltd, Norwich House, Norwich Street, London EC4A 1AB. (Tel 01-242 2481 and 3473.)

Royal College of Radiologists—Multidisciplinary clinical oncology symposium on thyroid cancer, 26-27 January 1979, London. Details from the meeting secretary, Royal College of Radiologists, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

Instructional course in hand surgery—26-28 April 1979, Windsor. Details from Mr Stewart H Harrison, 1 Dorset Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 3BA. (Tel Windsor 51051.)

"Prevention: closing the knowledge-action gap"—Conference organised by the Australian and New Zealand Society for Epidemiology and Research in Community Health and the Australian Public Health Association, 21-23 May 1979, Perth, Western Australia. Details from the secretary, ANZSERCH/APHA Joint Conference, 514 Hay Street, Perth, Western Australia 6000.

Canadian Dietetic Association—Conference '79, 24-28 June 1979, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Details from Dr Elizabeth Lambie, Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

International Conference on Urinary Calculi—4-8 August 1979, Perth, Western Australia. Details from the convener of the conference, University Department of Surgery, Royal Perth Hospital, Box X2213 GPO, Perth, Western Australia 6001.

Centre for Therapeutic Communication—Residential course on "The seriously ill, the dying patient, and the family," 6-31 August 1979, London. Details from Erica De'Ath, CTC, 46 Antrim Mansions, Antrim Road, London NW3 4XU. (Tel 01-586 4201.)

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, 30 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr A Challoner: Measurement of skin blood flow (with particular consideration to practical aspects).

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—12.30 pm, Dr Heather Mellows: Current concepts in maternal physiology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr June Almeida: The virology of hepatitis.

Tuesday, 31 October

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Dr L A Hersov: Problems of school attendance.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Jack Cotton chair of biochemistry inaugural lecture by Professor Neville Crawford: Do cells move by miniature muscles?

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON—5.30 pm for 6 pm, Joseph Strickland Goodall memorial lecture by Dr R A J Spurrell: Recent advances in the management of tachycardias.

Wednesday, 1 November

ASSURANCE MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Medical Society of London, 5 pm, Dr Malcolm Towers: Some recent advances in cardiology and cardiac surgery.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures, 6 pm, Dr H Valdimarsson: Immunological aspects of viral disorders of the nervous system, 7 pm, Dr M H Bellman: Epidemiological aspects of encephalitis.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr A Clare: "Let's talk about me"—on the evolution of the talking therapies.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Dr G de J Lee: Studies of the lung circulation in health and disease.

Thursday, 2 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—2 pm, Dr H Baker: Percutaneous absorption.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr J Guillebaud: Control of fertility: fears, fantasies, and facts.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

OCTOBER	
31 Tues	Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am.
NOVEMBER	
2 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
2 Thurs	Training course for newly appointed honorary secretaries, 10.30 am.
7 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
8 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10.15 am.
15 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
16 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
16 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
22 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.

Division Meetings

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

Aberystwyth—At Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 31 October, 8 pm, agm. At Llettygen, Friday, 3 November, 8 pm, annual dance.*

Bristol—At Red Lodge, Park Row, Friday, 3 November, 7 pm, president's reception followed by tour of Red Lodge and dinner.*

Chester—At West Cheshire Hospital, Thursday, 2 November, 8 pm, meeting to discuss and appoint POWAR.

Darlington and Northallerton Divisions—At Scotch Corner Hotel, Thursday, 2 November, 8 for 8.45 pm, annual dinner.*

Grimsby—At Scartho Road Hospital, Thursday, 2 November, 8 pm, annual BMA lecture by Dr Francis Pigott.

Huddersfield—At Royal Infirmary, Monday, 30 October, 8.15 pm, agm.

Macclesfield—At West Park Hospital, Monday, 30 October, 8 pm, special meeting.

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 31 October, 7.30 pm, Dr David Morley: "Child health in the developing world—are there lessons for the NHS?" (Wives and other interested guests welcome.)

Solihull—At George Hotel, Tuesday, 31 October, 7.30 pm, business meeting followed by film, dinner, and speaker Professor A G W Whitfield: "A royal tragedy."* (Husbands wives invited.)

South-east Kent—At Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, Tuesday, 31 October, 8.15 pm, agm.

South Tyneside—At Seaburn Hotel, Saturday, 4 November, 7.30 for 8.30 pm, annual ball.* (Guests are invited.)

West Cumbria—At West Cumberland Hospital, Thursday, 2 November, 7.30 pm, agm.

Regional Meetings

West Midlands Regional Council—At Birmingham Medical Institute, Wednesday, 1 November, 7 pm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a quarterly meeting of the council held on 12 October with the president, Mr Reginald S Murley, in the chair the appointment of Professor J S Cameron as Sir Arthur Sims Commonwealth Professor to visit Canada and the West Indies in 1979 was confirmed.

Mr Basil Helal was elected to the fellowship ad eundem.

The title of honorary research professor in the college was conferred on Professor Ward Faulk on his becoming director of the McIndoe Memorial Research Unit at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, from 1 January 1979.

Diplomas of fellowship were granted to R J Tuft and I Fussey.

Mr P S Boulter was appointed adviser on the training of surgeons for the South-west Thames Region in succession to Mr A York Mason.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the council of the college held on 16 October, the following were admitted to the fellowship: A A Abdelgawad, M N Abdel-Hamid, I B Abdullah, H Abeyasundara, K R I Abou-Foul, B N Ah Chow, A Ahmed, F C Akpaka, N S Al-Amin, K H Al-Ani, N Q A M Alawneh, O A T Al-Dabbagh, A N A Al-Falahi, H M A Al-Mallah, A M A Al-Muqaddi, F I A Al-Nasser, W R Anderson (posthumously), *K M J Al-Rifai, S K Asfar, A T Atalar, A H Bahri, R E Bane, S K Banerjee, D I Barnes, H N Barnout, I K Bentsi, S K Bhattacharyya, K D Boffard, P C

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(2) **Two copies** (or preferably three) should be submitted.

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(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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At the annual meeting of fellows of the college held on 18 October, the following office bearers were re-elected: Professor A W Wilkinson (president); Mr A I S Macpherson, Mr R J M McCormack (vice-presidents); Mr A C B Dean (secretary); Dr A G D Maran (treasurer); Mr J Cook, Professor H L Duthe, Professor A P M Forrest, Sir James Fraser, Mr R Myles Gibson, Mr A A Gunn, Professor J I P James, Mr I F McLaren, Mr T J McNair, Mr A N Smith, Mr J W W Thomson, Professor D N Walder (council); Professor W D MacLennan (convener of the dental council). The following were elected to the council for five years: Professor F J Gillingham, Mr D W Lamb, Professor James Lister.

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