

COMING EVENTS

Annual Service for Doctors—At All Souls Church, Langham Place, London W1, Sunday, 19 November, 11 am.

British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association—Inaugural meeting of a special group for systemic lupus erythematosus, 1 December. For details see advertisement at p vii.

Royal Free Hospital—"Away with all pests," film by Mr Joshua Horn, followed by discussion, 5 December, London. Details from Miss V Wortman, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, Pond Street, London NW3.

Inorganic Biochemistry Discussion Group—Meeting on "Inorganic drugs," 18-19 December, London. Details from Dr N J Birch, Department of Biochemistry, University of Leeds, 9 Hyde Terrace, Leeds LS2 9LS.

Medical Research Council Laboratory Animals Centre—Symposium "Immunodeficient animals in cancer research," 15-16 February, London. Details from the Information Officer, MRC Laboratory Animals Centre, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 4EF. (Tel 01-643 8000.)

Royal College of Surgeons of England and American College of Surgeons—Joint meeting on "The generality of surgery," 12-14 March, London. Details from Joint RCS/ACS Meeting 1979, Conference Services Ltd, 43 Charles Street, Mayfair, London W1X 7PB. (Tel 01-499 1101.)

International Postgraduate Course on Myocardial Infarction and Angina Pectoris—25-31 March, Davos, Switzerland. Details from Professor Dr P Lichten, Abteilung für Kardiologie, Department für Innere Medizin, Medizinische Hochschule Hannover, Karl-Wiechert-Allee 9, D-3000 Hannover 61, West Germany.

Sri Lanka Medical Association—92nd anniversary sessions, 28-31 March, Colombo. Details from the association, 6 Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

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

International Symposium on Health Policy in Developing Countries—20-21 April, Beerse, Belgium. Details from Dr Jo Brugmans, Janssen Pharmaceutica Research Laboratoria, 2340 Beerse, Belgium.

International Society of Clinical Biostatistics—First meeting, 2-3 May, Brussels. Details from Dr M Staquet, 1 rue Héger-Bordet, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. (Tel 538.57.90.)

European Organisation for Research on Treatment of Cancer—Symposium "Progress and perspectives in lung cancer treatment," 3-5 May, Brussels. Details from Ms D Eeckhoudt, EORTC Data Center, Institut Jules Bordet, 1 rue Héger-Bordet, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. (Tel 538.57.90.)

Boston University School of Medicine—Two surgery courses run by the department of continuing education: cosmetic surgery course, 11-12 May, and 5th annual lacrimal surgery course, 14-15 June, Boston. Details from Dr S D Hecht, Waltham Medical Office Building, 20 Hope Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts 02154, USA. (Tel 617 893-3333.)

"The pharmacology of thermoregulation"—4th international symposium, 30 July-3 August 1979, Oxford. Details from Dr B Cox, The Medical School, Manchester University, Manchester M13 9PT; Professor A S Milton, University Medical Buildings, Foresterhill, Aberdeen AB9 2ZD; Dr P Lomax, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, California 90024, USA; or Professor E Schönbaum, Peelkenschweg 4, 5428 NM Venhorst, Netherlands.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London—Details of forthcoming meetings and publications available may be obtained from the Long-term Care Team, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF.

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.

Sunday, 19 November

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—Seminar for general practitioners, 10.15 am, Dr L H Capel: Management of the stuffy nose and wheeze.

Monday, 20 November

NATIONAL HEART HOSPITAL—At Wembley Conference Centre, 4.30 pm, St Cyres lecture for 1978 by Dr Walter Somerville: Emotion and the heart.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr N Wright: Regulation of epidermal cell growth and cell differentiation.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND Gynaecology—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 12.30 pm, Dr P J Lewis: The current status of fetal breathing.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr E J Holborow: The immunology of rheumatoid disease.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—At Dunn Nutritional Laboratory, 4.15 pm, Professor T Oppé: The composition of infant foods.

Wednesday, 22 November

CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTRE—4.30 pm, Professor Sam Shuster: Endocrinology of the skin.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures, 6 pm, Mr D G T Thomas: Brain antigens in neurological disease. 7 pm, Dr Alan Ridley: Tumour immunology.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr D H R Jenkins: Use of carbon fibre for tendon replacement. 7 pm, Mr D J Dandy: Operating through the arthroscope.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr C M Parkes: Bereavement and preventive psychiatry.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—5 pm, Dr Greenburger (Kansas): New approaches to chronic portal systemic encephalopathy.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Professor J R Hobbs: Monitoring cancers.

Thursday, 23 November

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURES 1978—At Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 5 pm, Mr A I S Macpherson: The prognosis after splenectomy.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—At Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 12.15 pm, Dr Donald Barltrop: Studies on artificial milk in newborn babies. **ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL**—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Mrs Juliet Cheetham: Abortion counselling.

VICTOR HORSLEY MEMORIAL FUND—At University College Hospital, 5.30 pm, 17th Victor Horsley Memorial lecture by Dr W Gooddy: Brain failure in private and public life.*

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

NOVEMBER
22 Wed Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
29 Wed Council, 10 am.

DECEMBER
6 Wed BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
6 Wed Manpower Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.
7 Thurs Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
7 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
13 Wed Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
13 Wed Journal Committee, 2.30 pm.
14 Thurs New Charter Working Party (GMS), 10 am.
14 Thurs Organisation Committee, 10.15 am.
14 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
21 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

Division Meetings

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

Birmingham—At Birmingham Medical Institute, Tuesday, 21 November, 8 for 8.15 pm, business meeting.*

Burton upon Trent and District—At Stanhope Arms Hotel, Thursday, 21 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr I McKim Thompson: "Medical politics, are we on a hiding to nothing?"*

Clywd North and South Divisions—At Ruthin Castle, Friday, 24 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint annual dinner, guest speaker Professor W Linford Rees.* (Guests are invited.)

Croydon—At Conservative Club, Tuesday, 21 November, 8 pm, supper, and Dr John Michael: "Renal transplants."*

Kingston/Richmond/Epsom—At Hampton Court Palace, Wednesday, 22 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner, guest speaker Her Honour Judge Suzannah Norwood.* (Guests welcome.)

Lambeth and Southwark—At Guy's Hospital, Thursday, 23 November, 7.30 pm, annual dinner, speaker Dr K S MacLean: "Forty years at Guy's."* (Guests welcome, contact honorary secretary.)

Leeds—At St James's Hospital, Thursday, 23 November, 8 pm, annual wine and cheese evening.*

Lewisham—At Royal Festival Hall, Thursday, 23 November, concert by London Symphony Orchestra followed by supper.*

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 21 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, Dr A A Bernstein: "Correct use of inhalers."* (Cold platter supper provided.)

Mid Glamorgan—At Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl, Thursday, 23 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner lecture, Dr W H Sutherland: "Black holes in space."* (Guests welcome.)

South Glamorgan—At St Mellons County Club, Saturday, 25 November, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, business dinner.*

Wakefield—At Stoneleigh Hotel, Thursday, 23 November, 8 pm, dinner lecture, Mr C Gordon: "A richer dust."*

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).

Regional Meetings

Mersey Regional Committee for Hospital Medical Services—At Liverpool Medical Institution, Monday, 20 November, 8 pm.

Northern Regional Council—At the Medical Institute, Newcastle upon Tyne, Monday, 20 November, 7.30 pm, agm.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

CITY AND EAST LONDON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Mr R J Nicholls (surgeon and senior lecturer in surgical oncology).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Mr W V Humphreys (general surgery); Dr T Kondratowicz (physician, special interest in geriatrics); Mr D Misra (traumatic/orthopaedic surgeon); Dr G K Duckett (geriatrics); Dr R Feinman (physician, special interest chest diseases); Dr T J Rajapaksa (psychiatrist, special interest psychiatry of old age); Dr J C Roberts (anaesthetist); Dr A B Murgatroyd (geriatric medicine).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—Dr D A S Lawrence (histopathologist); Mr J M Towler (surgeon with full accreditation in urology); Dr E G Munro (mental handicap); Dr S V Korgaonkar (adult mental illness, with special experience in psychogeriatrics); Dr S E Cooray (psychiatrist for mentally handicapped with paediatric experience); Dr J N Rosenberg (rheumatology and rehabilitation).

SHEFFIELD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY—Dr Gwyneth Sampson (psychiatrist); Dr Vicky Taylor, Dr J Conway (psychogeriatricians).

WESSEX RHA—Dr V C Martin (anaesthetics).

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