

Gregory will talk on "Seeing is *not* believing." Tickets, which are free of charge, are available from Mrs F M Paxton, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

People in the news

Mr James Loring, director of the Spastics Society, has been appointed president of the International Cerebral Palsy Society.

COMING EVENTS

Carol Service—Carols led by the BMA/MIA choir at St Pancras Church, Friday, 15 December, 1.15 pm; the collection is for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Everyone welcome.

Society of Chemical Industry Food Group Safety Panel—Symposium "Food packaging—health safety," 10 January, London. Details from membership secretary, Society of Chemical Industry, 14 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS. Open to non-members.

Royal College of Radiologists—Postgraduate course in diagnostic imaging, 19–20 January, London. Details from the college, 38 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

"Computers, records, and the right to privacy"—Conference organised by the Institute of Data Processing Management, National Computing Centre Limited, and the National Council for Civil Liberties, 24–25 January, London. Details from Miss E V Jones, National Council for Civil Liberties, 186 Kings Cross Road, London WC1X 9DE.

Institute of Religion and Medicine—Conference "Social origins of depression," 31 January, London. Details from the organising secretary of the Institute, St Margaret's Vicarage, St Margaret's Road, Oxford OX2 6RX.

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation—Teach-in on nutrition in cancer, 31 January, London. Details from the Foundation, 124 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9BP. (Tel 01-730 9157.)

British Dietetic Association—Study conference, 2–6 April, Guildford. Details from Mrs S E Forryan, British Dietetic Association, 64 Mossdale Road, Braunstone, Leicester LE3 2US.

Yorkshire Regional Branch of the Division of Clinical Psychology—Conference "Introduction to neuropsychology," 10–11 May, Harrogate. Details from Una P Holden, chairman YRBDCP, North Side, St James's University Hospital, Beckett Street, Leeds LS9 7TF. (Tel 0532 33144.)

Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada—Symposium "Drugs and the liver," 29–30 May, Toronto. Details from Dr C D Granger, Dow Chemical of Canada Ltd, 380 Elgin Mills Road, East, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada L4C 5H2.

New York Medical College—Details of the First International Ophthalmic-Oto-Plastic Surgery Congress, 4–12 February, Rio de Janeiro; semi-annual oculo-plastic surgical dissection course, 16–19 May, Elmsford, New York; and semi-annual VII nerve surgical dissection course, 20–22 May, Elmsford, New York, are available from Ms P Tamkin, c/o Dr P Guibor, 630 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, USA. (Tel (212) 734-1010.)

XVII Symposium of the European Association Against Virus Diseases—5–7 September, Munich. Details from the general secretary of the Association, Pauli O Leinikki, Institute of Biomedical Sciences, University of Tampere, SF 33520, Tampere 52, Finland.

7th International Congress of Group Psychotherapy—3–8 August 1980, Copenhagen, Denmark. Details from Dr M Pines, 1 Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, London W1H 3LF, or Spandille Congress Service, Sommervej 3, DK 3100 Hornbaek, Denmark.

Exeter Health Care District—Details and copies of the programme for December are now available from the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Barrack Road, Exeter.

Royal Institution—Details of the programme of lectures January–March are now available from the Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4BS.

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, 11 December

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Professor T Leher: Immunopathology of recurrent oral ulceration and Behçet's syndrome.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Mr A R Taylor: Vascular and ductal abnormalities of the hepato-biliary system.

Tuesday, 12 December

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—At Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 12.15 pm, Dr Diana Woo: Survey of the vertical transmission of HBsAg at Queen Charlotte's and Hammersmith Hospitals.

Thursday, 14 December

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—At Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 12.15 pm, Dr Penelope Stanway: Ways of promoting breast feeding in a maternity hospital.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr Brian Wharton: The effect of nutrition on fetus of the immigrant.

Friday, 15 December

ONCOLOGY CLUB—At Royal Marsden Hospital, 6.30 pm, Professor Hobbs: Myeloma. (Open to anyone interested.)

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

	DECEMBER
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.

Bradford and Airedale—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Tuesday, 12 December, 8.30 pm, joint symposium with Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society: "Rehabilitation."

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Brighton General Hospital, Tuesday, 12 December, 8 pm, combined meeting with Sussex Veterinary Society, Dr Mark Hewitt: "Ectoparasite and dermatophyte diseases of animals and man." (Preceded by buffet supper, 7 for 7.30 pm.)*

Crewe—At Leighton Hospital, Wednesday, 13 December, 8 pm, agm.

Croydon—At Selsdon Park Hotel, Thursday, 14 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner and dance.*

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 13 December, 7.30 pm, Dr P Gilbert: "Acupuncture." (Followed by supper.)*

Edgware and Hendon—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 12 December, 8 for 8.30 pm, clinical meeting followed by dinner.*

Exeter—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Wednesday, 13 December, 8 pm, wine tasting followed by supper.* (Guests are invited.)

Mid-Northumberland—At Queen's Head Hotel, Morpeth, Thursday, 14 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual Christmas dinner and dance.*

Redbridge and Stratford—At East Ham Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, 12 December, 7.30 pm, clinico social meeting, speaker Dr D T D Hughes: "Chemotherapy in chest diseases."*

Rotherham—At Rotherham District General Hospital, Friday, 15 December, 8 pm, Christmas party.* (Families invited.)

West Derbyshire—At Newholme Hospital, Bawell, Tuesday, 5 December, 8.30 pm, Dr E P Copp: "Rehabilitation with diversions."*

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Bromsgrove General Hospital, Monday, 11 December, 7.45 pm, business meeting followed by buffet supper and film.* (Wives are invited.)

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

MD—R H J Begent, I A Campbell, J J Gayford.
MS—D W Hamer-Hodges, J M Symes.

MANCHESTER

Appointments—Dr J B Witcombe (senior lecturer in paediatric radiology); Dr P Donnai (senior lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology).

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Appointment—Mr P D Wright (senior lecturer in the department of surgery).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

At the annual general meeting held on 18 November Dr E V Kuenssberg was re-elected president. The following awards were presented: Mr Gordon McLachlan (honorary fellowship); Dr C R Kay (Foundation Council award); Dr D J Pereira Gray (George Abercrombie award); Lord Hunt of Fawley (Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancy award); Dr B J Golden

Instructions to authors

The following are the minimum requirements for manuscripts submitted for publication.

(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).

(Fraser Rose gold medal); Dr R Harland (Butterworth gold medal); Dr D S Filer, Dr H I Humphreys, Dr M J Jameson, Dr D M G Jenkins, Dr Bridget Matthews, Dr J C Newell Price, Dr J F Richardson, Dr M A Scatchard, Dr R A Strachan, Dr G B Taylor (Upjohn travelling fellowships).

The following were elected to the fellowship of the college—W L Adams, R W Ballantyne, K J Bolden, G M P Boyes, D Brookes, J D Bruce, J P Bush, G N Cash, R L K Colville, M S Cooling, S E Cornford, A C Darrah, F T Doleman, S M L Dunstone, H J Emden, A J A Ferguson, R S C Fergusson, D M Fleming, G H Fowler, J C Frankland, G R Gates, R G Gilbert, M Goodman, R Greenless, I Haire, S Hoppel, R F F Harbison, C J R Hart, B C Harvey, A Himmelhoch, N D Jarvie, J S Johnston, R V H Jones, W G Keane, W G Kilpatrick, Joan K Lennard, A R McCutcheon, W G McIntosh, J J McMullan, M MacSorley, R N Midha, R Mulroy, P D O'Beirne, M J Oldroyd, A B Otlet, J R Pacy, Shirley J Richards, J A Saunders, Elizabeth M Spencer-Smith, P S Streen, M McD Tellis, B B Wallace, G L Ward, J D W Whitney, Lindsay Wilkie.

The James Mackenzie lecture was delivered by Dr W W Yellowless.

At its first meeting of the current session, Council elected the following officers—Dr M J Linnett (chairman); Dr C Waine (vice-chairman); Dr D G Garvie (deputy vice-chairman); Dr S J Carne (honorary treasurer); Dr J C Hasler (honorary secretary).

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Dr J W Frank (radiologist). Mrs Diana M Werry (radiologist)

WESSEX RHA—Dr M J Noakes (radiologist).

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