

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London—Teach-in "Space-occupying lesions of the liver," 2 January, London. For details see advertisement at p viii.

Royal Society of Health—"Prescribed medicines: what should patients be told?" 22 January, London. Details from Miss Pamela Lockhart, Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961, ext 36.)

Third International Meeting on Digestive Surgery—29 January-2 February, Oporto. Details from Mario Blanco Peres, A/C Ferraz, Lynce, LDA, R Gon Cristovao, 116-3, Porto, Portugal. (Tel 24294, 20933, 310032.)

Medical Women's Federation—Careers symposium "Women in medicine 1979—what is our future?" 9 March, London. Details from the federation, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HY. (Tel 01-387 7765.)

International conference on genetic experimentation—"Recombinant DNA," 1-4 April, Wye, near Ashford, Kent. Details from the executive secretary, Committee on Genetic Experimentation Conference, Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 6AG.

II European Paramedical Symposium on Spinal Cord Injuries—18-19 May, Saint-Genis-Laval, France. Details from Geneviève Ratinet, Hôpital Henry Gabrielle, 69230 Saint-Genis-Laval, France. (Tel (16-78) 56.00.54, ext 357.)

10th Congress of the International Diabetes Federation—9-14 September, Vienna. Details from secretariat, 10th IDF Congress, Bösendorferstrasse 4, A-1010 Vienna, Austria.

"Endothelium, platelets, and prostaglandins: fresh insight into renal disease"—International symposium, 13-15 September, Bergamo, Italy. Details from Dr G Remuzzi, Divisione di Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedali Riuniti, Bergamo, Italy.

British Council—Course 944 on "Paediatric nephrology," 30 September-12 October 1979, London. Details from the director of the Courses Department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

XXth Congress of the Czechoslovak Paediatric Society—3-5 October, Bratislava. Details from congress office, Slovak Medical Society, Mickiewiczova 18, 883 22 Bratislava, CSSR.

British Council—Course 927, "Paediatric cardiology," 14-26 October, London. Details from the director of the courses department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

Royal Society—Details of the programme January-March are now available from the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, reference HC/CAJ. (Tel 01-839 5561, ext 278.)

Castle Priory College—Details and copies of the programme of courses for spring and summer 1979 are now available from the College, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0HE. (Tel 0491 37551.)

St George's Hospital and SW Metropolitan Orthopaedic Training Scheme—Details and copies of the programme for the spring term 1979 are now available from S C Gallannaugh, MS, FRCS, St

George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0QT.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

JANUARY	
3 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10.30 am.
3 Wed	GMC Working Party, 2 pm.
4 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
10 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
11 Thurs	Committee on the EEC, 2.30 pm.
16 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
17 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
17 Wed	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
18 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.

Burnley—At Mackenzie Medical Centre, Friday, 5 January, 8.30 pm, joint meeting with Pharmaceutical Society, Dr W W Fulton: "The use and abuse of psychotropic drugs."

Lincoln—At County Hospital, Wednesday, 3 January, 8 pm, agm.

Torbay—At Torbay Hospital, Saturday, 6 January, 7.30 pm, Balkans festival of food and wine.*

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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