

## People in the news

Sir Derrick Dunlop, professor emeritus of therapeutics and clinical medicine, University of Edinburgh, and first chairman of the Committee on Safety of Drugs and of the Medicines Commission, has been awarded the 1980 Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Dr George Fink, at present university lecturer in human anatomy and fellow in physiology at Brasenose College, Oxford, has been appointed director of the Medical Research Council's Brain Metabolism Unit in Edinburgh.

## COMING EVENTS

**Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Hospital—Clinical Meetings, London.** 18 February, 12.30 pm, Professor Rosalinde Hurley: "Viral infections during pregnancy." 25 February, 12.30 pm, presentation of research projects. 3 March, 12.30 pm, Dr Clara Lowy: "Patient control of blood sugar in pregnancy." Coffee and sandwiches provided.

**Conference on Toxic Substances—7-8 March.** Battelle's Columbus Laboratories. Details from Dr Barney W Cornaby at the laboratories, Bioenvironmental Sciences Section, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201.

**Association of Consulting Scientists—symposium,** "Safety of consumer products," 19 March, London. Details from the association, Owles Hall, Buntingford, Herts. (Tel 0763 72665.)

**International Microwave Power Institute—One-day seminar** "Biological effects of radiowaves and microwaves," 15 April, Croydon. Details from the UK manager of the institute, 3 Bridle Parade, Bridle Road, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey CR0 8HA. (Tel 01-777 3085.)

**The Royal Society of Health—22-25 April, Folkestone.** Congress "Health and welfare in the 1980s." Details from the society's conference secretary, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961.) Closing date for registration 7 March.

**First International Scientific Meeting—College of Physicians, College of Surgeons, and College of General Practitioners, Malaysia.** "Recent advances in medicine." 22-25 May, Kuala Lumpur. Details from Malaysian Medical Association, 4th Floor, MMA House, 124 Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur 02-14. Closing date for advance registration 15 March.

**8th International Congress on Cystic Fibrosis—26-30 May, Toronto, Canada.** Details from the executive director of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3RS. (Tel 01-464 7211.)

**13th Miles International Symposium—"Nutritional factors: modulating effects on metabolic processes,"** Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, 18-20 June. Details from Dr E G Bassett, symposium co-ordinator, Miles Laboratories Inc, PO Box 40, Elkhart, Indiana 46515.

**Second European Symposium on Radiopharmacology—6-8 November, Holland.** Details from Dr P H Cox, Department of Nuclear Medicine, Rotterdamse Radio-Therapeutisch Instituut, Groene Hilledijk 301, 3075 EA Rotterdam, Netherlands.

## 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 February

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CARDIFF—5 pm, West memorial lecture by Professor D Brynmor Thomas: The establishment and maintenance of blood cell production.

### Wednesday, 13 February

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology, 6 pm, Dr John Hallenbeck (Bethesda): Spinal cord damage in decompression sickness: pathophysiology and prospects for treatment. 7 pm, Surgeon Commander R R Pearson: Clinical aspects of barotrauma. INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr G D Schott: Pain in the arm. 7 pm, Mr J G Taylor: Surgery of the rheumatoid hand.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr Maria Wyke: Interhemispheric integration in man.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—At Fenner's, 3.30 pm, Dr A Adelstein or representative and Dr M Badminton: Computerisation of death registration.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At John Radcliffe Hospital, 5 pm, Professor J H Edwards: Disorders of defence.

### Thursday, 14 February

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON—1.15 pm, Mr P A Byrne: Consent in medical practice.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS—At the Royal College of Physicians, London, 5.30 pm, 16th Roy Cameron Lecture, Dame Sheila Sherlock: Chronic hepatitis.

### Friday, 15 February

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Dr J T Scott: Crystals in joint disease.

### Saturday, 16 February

LIVERPOOL JEWISH MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 9 am, Dr J T Scott: Treatment of gout and pseudogout.

### Tuesday, 19 February

LIVERPOOL JEWISH MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Liverpool Medical Institution, 8 pm, in conjunction with BMA Liverpool Division, Rabbi Dr I Jakobovits: Medical ethics in Jewish law.

### Friday, 22 February

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 5 pm, Victor Bonney prize lecture by Professor C N Hudson: Ovarian cancer—a gynaecological disorder.

## BMA NOTICES

### Central Meetings

	FEBRUARY
13 Wed	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.
14 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
14 Thurs	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
15 Fri	Annual Conference of Honorary Secretaries.
21 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
22 Fri	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
26 Tues	Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am.
27 Wed	Council Executive. 10 am.

### Division Meetings

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

**Aberystwyth**—At Conrah Country Hotel, Saturday, 16 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner/meeting, guest speaker Dr Ivor Felstein. (Guests welcome.)\*

**Aldershot and Farnham**—At Camberley Golf Club, Wednesday, 13 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner, speaker Group Captain Peter Whittingham: "Medicine in two worlds."

**East Yorkshire**—At Hull Royal Infirmary (postgraduate lecture theatre), 13 February, 8 pm, meeting on "Medicine and the media," speakers Mr P Bonner and Mr D Lloyd (BBC television). (Bar open before and after meeting.)

**Edgware and Hendon**—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 12 February, 8.30 pm, clinical meeting, Dr Arnold Bloom: "Maturity-onset diabetes, new attitudes to treatment." (Coffee and biscuits. Guests welcome.)\*

**Fife**—At Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy, Tuesday, 12 February, 7 for 7.30 pm, dinner/lecture, speaker Professor Michael Oliver: "Coronary artery disease and diet."\*

**Grampian**—At Medico-surgical Hall, Foresterhill, Thursday, 14 February, 8 pm, general meeting, Health Service reorganisation, Scotland.

**Kingston Richmond Epsom**—At the Medical Centre, Kingston Hospital, Friday, 15 February, 12.15 pm, meeting, modifications to the consultant contract. Address by Dr Jeffrey Cundy. (Open to members and non-members.)

**Lancaster**—At Midland Hotel, Morecambe, Friday, 15 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint BMA/BDA dinner dance.\*

**Lewisham**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Lewisham, Saturday, 16 February, 12 for 12.15 pm, clinical symposium. (Buffet lunch and tea provided.)\*

**Lincoln**—At Postgraduate Centre, County Hospital, Lincoln, Wednesday, 13 February, 8 pm, annual general meeting.

**Manchester and Salford**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 19 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Dr S S Chatterjee: "Management of reversible airways disease." (Full cold platter supper.)\*

**North Warwickshire**—At George Eliot Hospital, Tuesday, 12 February, 8 pm, Dr M Quasim: "Psychiatric emergencies."

**St Marylebone, NE Westminster and Paddington**—At BMA House, Tavistock Square, Wednesday, 13 February, 8 pm, illustrated lecture, Mr Anthony Goode: "Medical aspects of manned space flights." (All members and guests welcome.)

**South Warwickshire**—At Warwick Hospital, 13 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint meeting with junior staff, lecturer Mr Alan Rhodes: "Clinical old wives' tales in childhood." (Wine and cheese provided.)\*

## 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.

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(3) **Spelling** should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

(4) **References** must be in the Vancouver style (*BMJ*, 24 February 1979, p 532) and their accuracy checked before submission.

(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) **Letters to the Editor** submitted for publication must be signed personally by all the authors.

(8) **Acknowledgments** will *not* be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

(9) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 5 January 1980 (p 6).

**Waltham Forest**—At Medical Education Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, Thursday, 14 February, 8.30 pm, special meeting.

**Greenwich and Bexley**—At Greenwich District Hospital, Friday, 22 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner, guest speaker Mr Innes Williams: "Aggression in medicine."\*

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

**Appointments**—Dr J M Savage (lecturer, child health). Dr D W G Harron (research fellow, therapeutics and pharmacology).

## CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

**BIRMINGHAM AHA(T)**—Dr A Timothy (radiotherapy and clinical oncology). Dr M M Sealey (anaesthetist).

**BOLTON AND WIGAN AHA**—Dr E Curless (venereology).

**BURY AHA**—Dr M A Jilari (geriatric medicine).

**LANCASHIRE AHA**—Dr I L Swann (paediatrics).

**LANCASHIRE AND CUMBRIA AHA**—Dr D W Gorst (haematology).

**STOCKPORT AHA**—Dr M A A Siddiqi (paediatrics).

**WIGAN AHA**—Mr M K Maybury (general surgery).

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