

report are the provision of a comprehensive genetic counselling service; research requirements in clinical genetics, particularly in its more applied aspects; training; and genetic registers. Copies of the report are obtainable from Mr D Sanders, Medical Research Council, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL.

COMING EVENTS

Institute of Urology—Course "Urology for the FRCS," 7-8 March, London. Details from the secretary of the institute, 172 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JE. (Tel 01-836 5361.)

International Cerebral Palsy Society—Meeting "Campaigning for the handicapped," 24-28 March, Oxford. Details from the secretary of the society, Mrs Anita Loring, 5a Netherhall Gardens, London NW3 5RN. (Tel 01-794-9761.)

Community Health Group for Ethnic Minorities—Conference "Minority groups and the NHS response," 27-28 March, London. Details from the secretary of the group, the Manor House, the Green, Southall, Middlesex. (Tel 01-571 3041.)

"Alternatives to mental hospitals"—European workshop, 31 March-3 April, Ghent. Details from Nationale Vereniging voor Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg, Kortrijksesteenweg 231, B-9000 Ghent, Belgium. (Tel 091/21 4434.)

Castle Priory College—Details of courses "Self-advocacy by mentally handicapped people," 9 April, and "The principle of normalisation in human services," 11-15 April, are available from the college, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 0HE. (Tel 0491 37551.)

North Staffs MIND—Conference "Suicidal behaviour: trends, causes, and prevention," 18 April, Stoke-on-Trent. Details from the Centre for Mental Health, 44 Church Street, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 1BL. (Tel 0782 46363.)

World Federation of Neurology with the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine—Symposium "Historical aspects of neurology" in honour of the 80th birthday of Dr Macdonald Critchley, 23-24 July, London. Details from Dr W F Bynum, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP. (Tel 01-387 4477.)

Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology—Conference, 17-21 November, Wellington, New Zealand. Details from the conference secretary, PO Box 7393, Wellington South, New Zealand.

Birmingham Medical Institute Section of Psychiatry—Details and copies of the 1980-1 session are now available from the institute, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. (Tel 021-454 5007.)

Child Accident Prevention Committee, Medical Commission on Accident Prevention—Details of the programme of seminars to July 1980 are available from the committee, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF. (Tel 01-267 6111 ext 299.)

Forest Group Hospitals Medical Education and Research Trust—Details and copies of the diary card to April 1980 are now available from the Medical Education Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E11. (Tel 01-539 5522 ext 310.)

Winchester and Central Hampshire Medical and Dental Federation—Details and copies of the programme to April 1980 are now available from the federation, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. (Tel Winchester 63535 ext 422.)

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, 18 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Professor D Pye: Hair cells: the basis of four senses in vertebrates.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 12.30 pm, Professor Rosalinde Hurley: Viral infections during pregnancy.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lecture in psychoanalysis by Dr A Green: Representation: a multiple function.

Wednesday, 20 February

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology, 6 pm, Professor R W Gilliat: Mechanisms of peripheral nerve injury, 7 pm, Mr G L W Bonney: Investigation and surgical management of brachial plexus injuries.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr A Kates and Mr A W F Lettin: Surgery of the rheumatoid elbow.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Professor S Hirsch: Current knowledge about the drug treatment of schizophrenia—an attempt to resolve paradoxes.

NORTHWICK PARK LECTURES IN CLINICAL SCIENCE—4.30 pm, Dr A F Lever: Investigating high blood pressure.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At John Radcliffe Hospital, 5 pm, Dr A L W F Eddleston: Immune responses to liver cell membrane antigens in chronic active hepatitis.

Thursday, 21 February

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON—1.15 pm, Dr A B Wilson: Medicines, benefits and risks.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE—6 pm, meeting: Pathogenesis of African trypanosomiasis.

WEST OF SCOTLAND COMMITTEE FOR POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTRE FOR MEDICAL WOMEN—9.30 am, Professor E K Cruickshank: Organisation of postgraduate medical education and higher training programmes.

Friday, 22 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Dr G A S Lloyd: The radiology of the paranasal sinuses.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Dr D R Bowsher: The clinical physiology of pain.

Saturday, 23 February

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 9 am, Dr S Lipton: Pain treatment today.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

FEBRUARY

21 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

22 Fri Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.

26 Tues Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am.

27 Wed Council Executive, 10.30 am.

MARCH

5 Wed Central Ethical Committee, 10 am.

5 Wed Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.

6 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (GMSC), 10.30 am.

10 Mon Medical Academic Staff Committee, 10 am.

12 Wed Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.

13 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.

13 Thurs Charities Committee, 10.30 am.

14 Fri Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.

19 Wed Council, 10 am.

20 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.

Burton upon Trent and District—At Stanhope Arms Hotel, Friday, 22 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner speaker Mr Ivan Lawrence MP: "Preventative medicine."*

Croydon—At Conservative Club, Tuesday, 19 February, 8 pm, Professor W Linford Rees: "New developments in psychiatry." (Dentists invited.)

Enfield—At Health Co UK Ltd, Thursday, 21 February, 8 pm, joint BMA and BDA (hosts), speaker Professor Seward: "Salivary gland neoplasms." (Preceded by buffet meal 7 pm.)

Guildford—At Unstead Park Nursing Home, Wednesday, 20 February, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, supper meeting, speaker Mr Jack Penycatw: "Old Guildford."*

Kesteven—At King's Hotel Grantham, Thursday, 21 February, 7.30 pm, joint meeting with Lincolnshire Division, British Dental Association, Mr Peter Banks: "Maxillo-facial surgery."* (With buffet supper.)

Lewisham—At Bromley Court Hotel, Saturday, 23 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.*

Mid Glamorgan—At Penyfael Hospital, Thursday, 21 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, Miss Eileen Bailey: "The year of the nurse."* (Guests welcome.)

Sandwell—At Postgraduate Centre, Hallam Hospital, West Bromwich, Tuesday, 26 February, 8 pm, annual general meeting.*

South Bedfordshire—At Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Friday, 22 February, wine tasting.*

South-east Essex—At Civic Centre, Southend, Saturday, 23 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner meeting, speaker Dr Robert Buckman: "Errors in communication."* (Guests are invited.)

South-west Durham—At Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Tuesday, 19 February, 8 pm, Dr R Goldberg: "A personal view of bronchiolitis and cot deaths."

South-west Wales—At Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen, Friday, 22 February, 8 for 8.45 pm, annual dinner dance.*

Wakefield—At Darrington Arms Hotel, Darrington, Wednesday, 20 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner/lecture, speaker Mr J F Patrick: "The art of orthopaedics."* (Guests invited.)

Waltham Forest—At Whipps Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 20 February, 7.30 for 8.30 pm, buffet supper followed by lecture by Mr D W Wilson: "Common foot problems."*

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

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—N I McNeil.

LONDON

The title of professor of medicine has been conferred on Dr P Richards in respect of his post as dean of St Mary's Hospital Medical School.

Appointment—Dr M C Berenbaum (reader in experimental pathology at St Mary's Hospital Medical School).

MD—O Feizi, R D G Leslie, E P Shephard.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Mr A J Letchworth (obstetrics and gynaecology).

NORTHERN RHA—Dr J C S Ainley-Walker, Dr C Starkey (anaesthetics); Dr B G Maguire, Dr G T Vijayasimulu (radiology); Dr K A Jasim (pathology); Dr Hester C Weaving, Dr S Weerasinghe (mental illness); Dr Marion B Barnett (child and adolescent psychiatry); Dr T J Daymond (rheumatology and rehabilitation); Dr Barbara D Case (obstetrics and gynaecology).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Dr S Mukherjee (radiologist); Dr T S Cheah (child and adolescent psychiatry); Dr B K Rathod (psychiatrist with a special interest in psychogeriatrics).

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