

**Royal College of Radiologists, British Institute of Radiology, and Royal Society of Medicine Radiology Section**—Joint radiological meeting, 28-29 March, Southampton. Details from the meetings secretary of the college, 38 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

**"Medical aspects of adoption and long-term fostering"**—Seminar, 22-24 April, Manchester. Details from the conference organiser, Association of British Adoption and Fostering Agencies, 4 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4AA. (Tel 01-242 8951.) Closing date for applications 17 March.

**Atkinson Morley's Hospital Neurological Department**—Day course on "Disorders of speech," 10 May, London. Details from the neurological office of the hospital, Copse Hill, Wimbledon, London SW20. (Tel 01-946 7711.)

**Marie Curie Memorial Foundation**—Symposium "Cancer—questions and answers," 20 May, London. Details from the foundation, 124 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9BP. (Tel 01-730 9157.)

**World Congress Foodborne Infections and Intoxications**—"Safe food for all," 29 June-3 July, Berlin (West). Details from Generalsekretariat Weltkongress, c/o Institut für Veterinärmedizin, Thielallee 88-92, Postfach 330014, D-1000 Berlin 33. (Tel (030) 8308-1.)

**British Nutrition Foundation**—Annual conference "Preventive nutrition and society," 1-2 July, London. Details from the secretary of the foundation, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS. (Tel 01-235 4904.)

**Society for Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida**—XIV annual general meeting, 2-5 July, Gottingen. Details from D G Young, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow G3 8SJ. Tel 041-339 8888 ext 389.)

**International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine**—8-11 September, Montreal. Details from the secretariat of the congress, 925 LaGauchetiere St West, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3N4, Canada. (Closing date for receipt of abstracts 30 April.)

**United Kingdom Intraocular Implant Society**—Autumn meeting, 1-3 October, Moretonhampstead. Details from Mr W J Rich, FRCS, West of England Eye Infirmary, Exeter, Devon.

**British Postgraduate Medical Federation**—Details and copies of the 1980 programme of specialist courses are now available from the federation's Central Office, 33 Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ. (Tel 01-831 6222.)

## 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, 25 February

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lecture in psychoanalysis by Dr A Green: A hypothetical model of language in psychoanalysis.

### Tuesday, 26 February

WORTHING POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE—1 pm, Professor B E C Nordin: Metabolic disorders of bone and their treatment.

### Wednesday, 27 February

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology, 6 pm, Dr E L Trickey: Mechanisms, classification, and diagnosis of spinal cord injuries. 7 pm, Mr D Gordon: The treatment of spinal cord injury.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr Eve Johnstone: The outcome of schizophrenia.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At University of Birmingham Medical School, 3.30 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor D B Clarke: Pulmonary embolism re-evaluated. 5 pm, Arris and Gale lecture by Mr B Williams: Chronic herniation of the hindbrain.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr A Bryceson: Hydatid disease.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—At Fenner's, 3.30 pm, Dr T R Cullinan: Epidemiology and visual disability.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At John Radcliffe Hospital, 5 pm, Dr J Newsom Davis: Myasthenia gravis: immune mechanisms and therapeutic implications.

### Thursday, 28 February

BRITISH MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY—At Royal Anthropological Society, 6.30 pm, film meeting.

DYED HEALTH AUTHORITY—At West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen, 1 pm, Dr E M O Elamin: Case presentation. (Preceded by light lunch if required.)

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON—1.15 pm, Professor M H Lader: Use and abuse of tranquillisers.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—At Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 12.15 pm, paediatric meeting, Dr D T Delpy: Continuous blood gas analysis using electrochemical sensors.

### Friday, 29 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Mr R F McNab Jones: Dysphagia in ORL practice.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Dr P H Buxton: The value of muscle and nerve biopsy.

## BMA NOTICES

### Central Meetings

#### FEBRUARY

26 Tues Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumsheugh 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), 10 am.

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

13 Thurs Charities Committee, 10.30 am.

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

19 Wed Council, 10 am.

20 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

26 Wed Consulting Pathologists Group, 2 pm.

### Division Meetings

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

**Blackburn**—At Montague Health Centre, Wednesday, 27 February, 8 pm, meeting to discuss consultative document "Patients first."

**Bradford and Airedale**—At Bradford University, Wednesday, 27 February, 8.30 pm, Dr Keith Manchester: "Diseases in antiquity."

**Bury**—At Bury General Hospital, Tuesday, 26 February, 8 pm, special general meeting.

**Clwyd North**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Rhyl, Thursday, 28 February, 7.30 pm, financial forum.\* (Preceded by light buffet. Wives, husbands, and fiancées invited.)

**Darlington**—At Darlington Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, 27 February, 8 pm, special meeting.

**Dudley**—At Guest Hospital, Tuesday, 26 February, 8.15 pm, business meeting.

**Eastbourne**—At Queen's Hotel, Tuesday, 26 February, 7.30 pm, Dr J Leahy Taylor: "Medical negligence, present and future."

**East Hertfordshire**—At Lister Hospital, Wednesday, 27 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, clinical meeting.

**Glasgow**—At BMA Glasgow Regional Office, Thursday, 28 February, 8 pm, social meeting "Antiques mini road show."

**Gwent**—At St Mellons Country Club, Friday, 29 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, pre international rugby dinner.\*

**Halifax**—At Royal Halifax Infirmary, Thursday, 28 February, 8.30 pm, Dame Josephine Barnes: "Gynaecology in the 1980s."\* (Guests and members of Huddersfield Division invited.)

**Kingston/Richmond/Epsom**—At Sandown Park Race Course, Wednesday, 27 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.\* (Guests welcome.)

**Manchester and Salford**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 26 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Mr T A Mulligan: "Menière's disease."\* (Cold supper provided.)

**Northallerton**—At Manor House Hotel, Friday, 29 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.\* (Guests welcome.)

**Scarborough**—At Scarborough Hospital, Thursday, 28 February, 8.30 pm, Dr Clive Aber: "What is coronary care?"

**Solihull**—At George Hotel, Thursday, 28 February, 7.15 pm, dinner/lecture, Mr J B Haycraft: "Antiques at auction."\* (Wives/husbands invited.)

**South Middlesex**—At Oak Lane Health Centre, Wednesday, 27 February, 7 for 7.45 pm, buffet supper and talk by Mr A W Goode: "The history and development of medical findings in manned space flights; its application to clinical medicine; and where we go in future with space laboratories and space shuttle."\*

**Walsall**—At Manor Hospital, Thursday, 28 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, musical evening with Mr Downes.\*

**Worcester and Bromsgrove**—At Ronkswood Postgraduate Medical Centre, Friday, 29 February, 7.45 pm, buffet supper and talk by Mr Tony Grabham: "Current medical political problems." (One guest per member invited.)

### Regional Meetings

**North-east Thames Regional Committee for Hospital Medical Services**—At BMA House, Tuesday, 26 February, 5.30 pm.

**North-west Regional Council**—At Boyd House, Wednesday, 27 February, 3 pm.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### BRISTOL

MD—B J Burke.

### NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Appointment—Dr R W F Campbell (senior lecturer, department of cardiology).

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(2) **Two copies** (or preferably three) should be submitted.

(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).

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

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

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The following were admitted members of the college on 1 and 2 February—S Agarwal, S Aggarwal, M A-R Al-Irhayim, R S Anderson, Jillian M Arnold, T Aslam, C H Baird, S N Bakhom, D H Barlow, P S Benny, P Beresford, Jill Blacklin, V Boriah, Susan Brown, C J Chandler, S K Chattopadhyay, E S C Chau, P K Chng, J P Cresswell, Patricia A Crowley, Caroline A Crowther, D C Damodaram, W A R Davies, Carol A Dixon, N C Drew, J N T Edwards, M Y S El-Zibdeh, J O Ermembolu, D C Evans, Dorothy Fernandes, W K Fiamanya, C Ganesan, R T Geirsson, P G George, B K Ghosh, J Glatt, T Gorojini, K W Hill, P J Hill, D J Houghton, M Hussain, A H A Ismail, D K James, C V Kamath, S Kanagaratnam, B C Kang, W H Kee, M Keshavarzian, M H D Khatree, P H Kirwan, H C Kitchener, I E Lowles, T H R Lui, G MacNab, F R McLeod, M Mahfoudh-Chhib, C T Maitin, M J A Mares, Heather J Mellows, B K V Menon, R A M Mesleh, M T Mikhail, D M Morris, M N A M Moursy, S Munjanja, N Naha, A K Nandi, S Naqvi, M R B Newman, B I Nsofor, N J Nwabineli, G Ohel, C J Orchard, Augustine Orhue, C O Osula, D J Parkinson, B G Patel, P N Patel, P Patroclou, H N Pepas, G R M D Perera, T A Pozyczka, D H O Pugh, S K Qureshi, K D S Ranasingha, H Rauld, J W Ridley, P W Rooke, L D Ross, S F Salama, N Saleh, Gillian E Scammell, S P Shah, O B Sobowale, A R Sooltan, R A Speed, S Sriangalingam, E J Tarr, K L D Ting, P J Toplis, J A Unigbe, P G Walker, H W Wijeratne, J S-K Woo, K R Young, A H Zawawi.

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