

insurance, or housing opportunities. Moreover, it believes that a prenatal screening test capable of detecting fetuses carrying the dominant gene should become possible during this decade. Huntington's chorea costs the health and social services an average of £15 000 a patient from diagnosis to death; yet the care and support provided, says OHE, are all too often inadequate. Even present standards are threatened with the reductions in spending on the social services. OHE suggests that perhaps one of the established professions, like nursing, could be encouraged to form a new group that would care for individuals and families with social disadvantages related to all forms of disabling chronic illness.

Ciba Foundation

The Ciba Foundation's report for 1979 gives details of the year's scientific programme and its new and forthcoming publications. The director in his report notes five changes that have been initiated: (a) the extension of the foundation's activities to include the agricultural sciences; (b) the establishment of independent study groups to examine scientific matters of public concern; (c) the reorganisation of the foundation's publishing arrangements (Pitman Medical Publishing Ltd is taking on Ciba's publications during 1980); (d) plans for the improvement of the library and information services; and (e) the purchase of new property to extend the foundation's facilities and expand its range of activities. The Ciba Foundation was set up in 1949 "for the Promotion of International Co-operation in Medical and Chemical Research"; and this report includes a summary of its first 30 years as well as looking at plans for future activities. Copies may be obtained from the foundation at 41 Portland Place, London W1N 4BN.

COMING EVENTS

Fourth International Congress on Medical Librarianship—"Health information for a developing world," 2-5 September, Belgrade. Details from the congress secretariat, Institut za Strucno Usavršavanje i Specializaciju Zdravstvenih Radnika, PO Box 658, Nusiceva 25/11, 11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia.

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, 17 March

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lecture in psychoanalysis by Dr A Green: Madness and psychosis.

Tuesday, 18 March

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Professor J A Dudgeon: Immunization past, present and future.
WORTHING POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE—1 pm, Professor S Selwyn: Treatment of patients with impaired immunity.

Wednesday, 19 March

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr J Crawford Adams: Shoulder instability. 7 pm, Dr C B Wynn Parry: Motor and sensory re-education.

NORTHWICK PARK LECTURES IN CLINICAL SCIENCE—4.30 pm, Professor W F Bodmer FRS: HLA and disease.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN—7 pm, Professor J E Carless: The heterogeneous pharmacist.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—3 pm, Joseph Clover lecture by Professor D G McDowall: Anaesthesia and the brain.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Willesden General Hospital, 8.30 pm, Mr E P N O'Donoghue: Reflections of an itinerant urologist.

Thursday, 20 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor J W Goodfellow: A new description of the mechanics of the human knee joint.

WEST OF SCOTLAND COMMITTEE FOR POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTRE FOR MEDICAL WOMEN—9.30 am, Professor A Goldberg: Current medical topics.

WEST WALES GENERAL HOSPITAL—1 pm, Dr I Zamiri: Staphylococci: successful pathogens. (Preceded by light lunch.)

Friday, 21 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Mr A D Cheesman: The management of facial palsy.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At Queen's University of Belfast, 3.30 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor G Johnston: Bleeding oesophageal varices—management of shunt rejects. 4.45 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor N Hughes: Plastic surgery since 1945.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Professor R G Burwell: The scientific basis of bone grafting.

Saturday, 22 March

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 9 am, Professor R G Burwell: Synovial joint cartilage allografting.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

MARCH

19 Wed **Council**, 10 am.
20 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
25 Tues Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.
26 Wed Consulting Pathologists Group Committee, 2 pm.

29 Sat and 30 Sun Junior Members Forum, College of Education, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

APRIL

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

9 Wed Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.

9 Wed Diseases of the Chest Group (Swansea University) 5.30 pm.

10 Thurs Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.

10 Thurs Accident and Emergency Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.

Division Meetings

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

Bromley—At Farnborough Hospital, Wednesday, 19 March, 12.30 for 1.15 pm, buffet lunch, speaker Dr A J Smith: "How to get into print."*

Burnley—At Spread Eagle Hotel, Sawley, Friday, 21 March, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual members dinner.* (Guests invited.)

Bury—At Bolholt Residential Club, Saturday, 22 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests invited.)

Croydon—At Mayday Hospital, Tuesday, 18 March, 8 pm, Dr John Marks: "Current political problems facing the profession."*

Doncaster—At Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 19 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner lecture, speaker Dr J D J Havard: "The Association."*

Greenwich and Bexley—At Greenwich District Hospital, Tuesday, 18 March, 7.30 pm, supper followed by clinical meeting.*

Kesteven—At George Hotel, Grantham, Friday, 21 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner, speaker Lt Col W E I Forsythe-Jauch.* (Guests are invited.)

Manchester and Salford—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 18 March, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Dr D Rowlands: "Angina and hypertension."* (Cold supper provided. Preceded by general meeting, 8 pm.)

North Birmingham, Lichfield, and Tamworth—At Tamworth General Hospital, Thursday, 20 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr B Davies: "Death and sudden death."* (Buffet available.)

Oldham—At Frank Ward Postgraduate Medical Centre, Friday, 21 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, informal dinner, speaker Mrs Pamela Taylor: "Are women better communicators than men?"*

Oxford—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Wednesday, 19 March, 8.30 pm, Mr P M Imbert: "Violence in society."*

Perth and Kinross—At Moncrieff Arms Hotel, Bridge of Earn, Friday, 21 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.*

Rochdale—At Midway Hotel, Castleton, Friday, 21 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.*

Rugby—At Hospital of St Cross, Thursday, 20 March, 12.30 for 12.50 pm, agm.* (With buffet lunch.)

Wakefield—At Holmfild House, Wednesday, 19 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner-lecture, speaker Dr I M Quest: "Six easy ways to damage a patient."* (Guests invited.)

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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.

(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).

(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.

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

Regional Meetings

Trent Region Committee for Community Medicine—At Nottinghamshire AHA(T) Office, Thursday, 20 March, 2.30 pm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—R P S Edmondson.

LEICESTER

Appointment—Dr D Dutta (physician in the Student Health Service).

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AHA(T)—Mr J R Moore (ent surgeon); Dr C J Paul (dermatologist).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Dr J Jip (haematologist); Dr C M Bate (physician in general medicine); Dr G Ainscow (obstetrician and gynaecologist); Dr D J Smithard (physician).

SOUTH GLAMORGAN HA(T)—Dr C W T Keen, Dr P F Salaman (radiotherapists).

SALFORD AHA(T)—Dr M R Haeney (immunologist).

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