

Ltd, Basingstoke, Hants); and a ventilator-resuscitator instant action set (Pneupac Ltd, Dunstable, Beds). The awards are sponsored jointly by the DHSS and the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

Statistics of infectious diseases

The whooping cough epidemic was one of the most striking features of 1978, says the report *Statistics of Infectious Diseases: Notifications of Infectious Diseases in England and Wales, 1978* (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys; HMSO, £4). In addition, notifications of malaria and food poisoning showed increases over 1977. For the latter the number of notifications (9741) was the highest since 1959, a particularly notable increase being in identifications of *Salmonella hadar*, which is closely associated with turkeys and would appear to be widespread in the turkey population of England and Wales. For the first time on record there were no notifications of diphtheria.

COMING EVENTS

St John Ambulance—Medical conference, 18-20 April, Nottingham. Details from the medical conference secretary of St John Ambulance, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7AE. (Tel 01-235 5231.)

Advanced course in arthritis surgery—12-16 May, Edinburgh. Details from the postgraduate dean, Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine, Pfizer Foundation, Hill Square, Edinburgh EH8 9DR.

Institute of Urology—Course on "Endoscopic surgery in urology," 15-17 May, London. For details see classified advertisements.

Royal Society of Medicine Section of Measurement in Medicine—Meeting "Clinical trials—can all the differing requirements be reconciled?" 19 May, London. Details from the section, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

Institution of Environmental Sciences—Conference "Nutrition and killer diseases," 28 May, London. Details from Dr J Rose, c/o College of Technology, Feilden Street, Blackburn, Lancashire BB2 1LH. (Tel 0254 64321.)

Workshop on Bioethics 1980—6-12 July, London, Canada. Details from Michael D Bayles, Westminster Institute for Ethics and Human Values, Westminster College, London, Canada N6G 2M2. (Tel (519) 673-0040.)

Society for Endocrinology—Details of meetings on 21 May, London, 22-23 May, London, and 25-27 November, London, are available from the society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1.

"Alcohol and drugs, use and misuse"—Conference, 13-15 June, Birmingham. Details from Dr M I Akhter, All Saints' Hospital, Lodge Road, Birmingham 18. (Tel 021-523 5151.)

National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare—67th annual study course and conference, 25 June, London. Details from the association, 1 South Audley Street, London W1Y 6JS. (Tel 01-491 2772.)

"International symposium on oligozoospermia"—30 June-2 July, L'Aquila, Italy. Details from G Frajese, Policlinico Umberto I, 00100 Rome, Italy. (Tel 06/490465 and 4958245.)

5th international competition for medical films—2-6 July, Marburg. Details from German Green Cross, Schuhmarkt 4, D-3550 Marburg/Lahn, Germany.

Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped—Annual congress, 8-11 July, Keele. Details from Dr Nigel Beasley, Department of Psychology, University of Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG.

"Water supply and health"—International symposium, 27-29 August, Amsterdam. Details from Symposium WSH, c/o KIVI, PO Box 30424, 2500 KG The Hague, Netherlands. (Tel (0)70-646800.)

University of Dundee—Details and copies of the summer term programme of postgraduate medical education are now available from Dr Hamish Watson, University of Dundee Medical School, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee DD1 9SY. (Tel 0382 60111 ext 2181.)

12th Epilepsy International Symposium—6-10 September, Copenhagen. Details from the organising secretariat, Copenhagen Congress Center, Bella Center, Center Boulevard 5, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark.

World Congress on Health Economics—8-11 September, Leyden. Details from the congress, Centre for Research in Public Economics, Hugo de Grootstraat

32, 2311 XK Leyden, Netherlands. (Tel (0)71-149641 ext 451.)

Society of Nuclear Medicine—18th International annual meeting, 9-12 September, Nuremberg. Details from Professor Dr F Wolf, Society of Nuclear Medicine, Institut und Poliklinik für Nuklearmedizin, der Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Krankenhausstrasse 12, D-8500 Erlangen, Germany.

International aeromedical evacuation congress—16-19 September, Munich. Details from the organisers, Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club eV, Baumgartnerstrasse 53, D-8000 Munich 70, Germany.

Society for Computer Medicine—Tenth annual conference, 24-27 September, San Diego. Details from the society, 1901 N Ft Myer Dr, Suite 602, Arlington VA 22209, USA.

European Organisation for Research on Treatment of Cancer—Symposium "Nature, prevention, and treatment of clinical toxicity of anticancer agents," 25-27 September, Brussels. Details from Dr M Staquet, EORTC, Institut Bordet, Rue Heger-Bordet 1, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

World Federation of Doctors Who Respect Human Life, British Section—International congress "Medicine and ethics 1980," 26-28 September, Dublin. Details from Dr Peggy Norris, "Mayfield," 75 St Mary's Road, Huyton, Merseyside L36 5SR. (Tel 051-489 5996.)

Oncology Club—Details of meetings to be held on 12 June, 10 July, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, and 12 December, which are open to all interested people, are available from the club, c/o Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ.

European Paediatric Respiratory Society—Second annual meeting, 10-11 October, Baden Bei Wien. Details from Dr M H Gotz, Universitätskinderklinik, Wahringer Gürtel 74-76, A 1090 Vienna, Austria.

Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center—Symposium "Cancer prevention and screening," organised by the Claire Zellerbach Saroni Tumor Institute, 7-8 November, San Francisco. Details from the Office of Continuing Education, PO Box 7921, San Francisco, California 94120, USA.

"Plastic surgery repairs of malformations and cervico-facial oncologic surgery"—XI international course of advances in ENT organised by the Catalan Society of Otorhinolaryngology, 24-26 November, Spain. Details from the secretary of the society, Dr R Avellaneda, càtedra d'O R L, Hospital Clinic i Provincial, carrer Casanova no 143, Barcelona 36, Spain.

Castle Priory College—Details and copies of the programme of courses for the summer and autumn are now available from the college, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 0HE. (Tel 04913 2551.)

Institute of Food Science and Technology—Details and copies of the consolidated programme of the participating bodies, April-July, are now available from Mr DF Johnson, 10 School Lane, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Essex. (Tel 0245 440697.)

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.

Wednesday, 9 April

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Bernhard Baron lecture by Dr J A Buskman: The clinician, the engineer, and the patient.

Thursday, 10 April

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Gordon-Taylor memorial lecture by Professor M Hobbs: Sir Gordon Gordon-Taylor: two themes illustrated by diseases of the parotid salivary gland.

Friday, 11 April

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At University of Kent at Canterbury, 12 noon, Watson Jones lecture by Mr O J Vaughan-Jackson: The pursuit of excellence.

BMA NOTES

Central Meetings

APRIL

8 Tues Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 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.

16 Wed Council Executive, 1.30 pm.

17 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

18 Fri Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Group (Charing Cross Hospital Medical School), 4.45 pm.

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(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).

24 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.

29 Tues Joint Consultants Committee (British Dental Association, 63 Wimpole Street, London W1), 9.30 am.

Division Meetings

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

Fife—At Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy, Tuesday, 8 April, 7 for 7.30 pm, dinner/lecture, speaker Professor I M Richardson: "Training for practice—the eternal triangle."*

Mid-Glamorgan—At Penyfa Postgraduate Centre, Friday, 11 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr M Annear: "Illustrated tour through China."*

North Warwickshire—At George Eliot Hospital, Tuesday, 8 April, 8 pm, Dr Joyce Galbraith: "Doctor for real."*

South-east Essex—At Civic Centre, Southend, Thursday, 10 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner meeting, speaker Dr John Havard.* (Open to all doctors.)

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

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