

due to staff who have left the authority's employment should be notified to the staff; where their current address is in doubt they should be asked to confirm it, so that payment can be made. There have been two amendments to the terms and conditions of service. A consultation fee at the standard rate will be paid for each domiciliary consultation if a doctor sees more than one case at the same residence on the same occasion provided that the cases are clinically unrelated. Another amendment provides for allowances to be paid to clinical and senior clinical medical officers for port health work. For general practitioners implementation is authorised in Health Notice HN(FP)(80)18, which describes the action to be taken to make payments on account if necessary. Payments on account should be made at the end of June if payments of arrears cannot be made by then. The notice also includes revised allowances for additional motor vehicles under the trainee practitioner scheme. The criteria for eligibility for seniority payments has been altered and the statement of fees and allowances includes the following new paragraph: "The eligibility for a seniority payment of a practitioner on the Medical List at 31 March 1980 will continue to be determined in accordance with the criteria in force immediately prior to 1 April 1980 until it becomes more favourable to the practitioner for eligibility to be assessed in accordance with the [revised] criteria set out . . ."

Clinical academic staff: salary increases

The Clinical Academic Staff Salaries Committee, chaired by Lord Hunter of Newington, met on 3 June and considered a draft implementation letter for salary increases for clinical academic staff following the recommendations in the Review Body's *Tenth Report* for NHS doctors. The draft was published on 9 June. The agreed salary scales, payable from 1 April, will be published in a future issue.

Prescription "season tickets"

From 1 December the charges for prepayment certificates (season tickets) will be £15.00 for an annual certificate and £5.50 for a four-monthly certificate. At present the certificates are worth while for anyone requiring more than 17 prescription items in a year or more than six items in four months. At the new prices, they will be worth while for anyone requiring more than 15 items in a year or five items in four months. Certificates at the current rates of £12.00 a year and £4.50 for four months may continue to be purchased before 1 December and will remain valid for their full period.

British Association for Psychopharmacology

At the AGM of the British Association for Psychopharmacology held on 25 April the following were elected to office: Professor M Sandler (president); Professor E Paykel (vice-president); Dr P K Bridges (honorary secretary); Professor M Lader (honorary assistant secretary); Dr R Maggs (honorary treasurer); Professor S Hirsch, Professor B E Leonard, Dr S A Montgomery, Professor I Oswald, Professor R G Priest, Dr T Silver-

stone, Professor P S J Spencer, Dr D M Wheatley (council). Details of the association's summer meeting (13-15 July, Exeter) and autumn meeting (24 October, London) are available from Dr P K Bridges, Department of Psychiatry, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London SE1 9RT.

Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland is proposing to set aside one half-day for papers presented by junior anaesthetists at the Junior Anaesthetists Group annual scientific meeting in Guildford from 1 to 4 April 1981. Awards will be given to the three best presentations. Anyone wishing to contribute should send a synopsis of not more than 250 words to Dr Julian M Leigh, Department of Anaesthetics, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Park Barn, Guildford GU2 5XX before 1 February 1981.

New calendar of international meetings

The Council of International Organisations of Medical Sciences is publishing annually a calendar of international and regional congresses of medical sciences. The 1980 edition, in English and French (price Sw frs 10), lists meetings for 1980-2, giving the title of the meeting, date, place, and organiser. It may be obtained through booksellers or direct from the WHO sales agents—in Britain HMSO, 49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HB; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AR; 41 The Hayes, Cardiff CF1 1JW; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY; Bazennose Street, Manchester M60 8AS; 258 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HE; and Southey House, Wine Street, Bristol BS1 2BQ; or mail orders to PO Box 569, London SE1 9NH. In the United States it is obtainable from WHO Publications Centre USA, 49 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12210. Orders may also be sent direct to WHO Distribution and Sales Service, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland; remittances must be sent in pounds sterling, US dollars, or Swiss francs.

Student elective competition

After the good response to last year's competition we are holding another competition for articles written by students on their electives abroad. The elective should have been within the last year and the article, which should be 1500 words or less and may contain photographs, should be sent to the Editor not later than 30 November 1980. We will publish the eight best articles and pay £50 to the authors.

COMING EVENTS

Commemorative meeting for Dr Sheila Worledge—19 June, London. Details from Dr S M Lewis, Department of Haematology, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Duane Road, London W12 0HS. (Tel 01-743 2030.)

Medical Education and Information Unit—Meeting "Destroying myths in breast feeding," 20 June, London. Details from Mrs Anita Loring, MEIU, 5a Netherhall Gardens, London NW3 5RN. (Tel 01-431 0495.)

Sixth Australian Medical Congress—12-18 February 1981, Tasmania. Details from the secretary of the congress, AMA House, 2 Gore Street, South Hobart, Tasmania 7000, Australia.

Instructions to authors

The following are the minimum requirements for manuscripts submitted for publication.

A stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon *must* accompany the manuscript if acknowledgment of its receipt is desired.

(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.

(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).

XVIII International Congress for Thalassotherapy—12-17 February 1981, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Details from the secretariat of the congress, Calle de Portugal No 8, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain.

Pediatric Dermatology Seminar VIII—26 February-1 March 1981, Miami Beach, followed by tour to Tahiti, New Zealand and optional extension to Australia. Details from Dr Guinter Kahn, 16800 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, Florida 33169, USA. (Tel 305 652 8600.)

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

JUNE	
16 Mon	Conference of Medical Academic Representatives, 10.30 am.
17 Tues	Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP) 10.45 am.
18 Wed	Council, 10 am.
19 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
19 Thurs	Senior Hospital Staff Conference, 10 am.
20 Fri	Hospital junior staff "teach in", 1.30 pm.
21 Sat	Hospital Junior Staff Conference, 9.45 am.
25 Wed	Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees, 9.30 am.
26 Thurs	Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees, 9.00 am.
28 Sat	Conference of Community Medicine, 10 am.

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