

portion of short-stay cases ranged from 12.1% (Northern) to 31.2% (Oxford). The maternity statistics (MB4 80/1) may be obtained free of charge from the Information Branch (Dept M), Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, St Chatherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

New professors, University of Manchester

Dr R D H Boyd has been appointed to a chair of child health and paediatrics in the University of Manchester from a date to be arranged. Dr Boyd graduated in medicine from Cambridge in 1962 and, after house appointments in London, from 1964 to 1971 held appointments as senior house officer and senior registrar in paediatrics at various London hospitals. He was also Sir Halley Stewart Trust fellow and honorary lecturer at University College Hospital Medical School during 1966-8. In 1971 Dr Boyd held a Medical Research Council travelling fellowship in the division of perinatal medicine at the University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver. He returned to London in 1972 to take up his present appointment as senior lecturer in paediatrics and honorary consultant at University College Hospital Medical School. Dr Boyd's main research interests are in physiology, especially placental physiology. As a general paediatrician, he is concerned with the care of children in general and community medicine and with the monitoring of infant mortality.

Dr D C Taylor has been appointed to the new chair of child and adolescent psychiatry in the University of Manchester from a date to be arranged. Dr Taylor graduated in medicine from London in 1960. After various junior appointments in London, from 1962 he was successively registrar at the Maudsley Hospital, Guy's Maudsley neurosurgical clinic, and Guy's Hospital. In 1965 he was appointed research assistant in Guy's Maudsley neurosurgical unit and honorary senior registrar at the Maudsley Hospital. Dr Taylor became medical research officer, University of Oxford, and honorary consultant psychiatrist at Park Hospital for Children in 1967. In 1972 he took up his present posts of consultant in developmental psychiatry at Park Hospital for Children and administrative director of the human development research unit in the department of psychiatry, University of Oxford. Dr Taylor was visiting professor of paediatrics and psychiatry at McMaster University in 1978-9. His research interests centre on the psychiatric problems of adolescents, epileptics, and the mentally handicapped; and he has carried out detailed studies on the management of epilepsy—a subject in which he has held a WHO consultancy.

Lady Hoare Trust for Physically Disabled Children

The Lady Hoare Trust, which is concerned with the rehabilitation of families with a physically handicapped child to help them live as normal a life as possible, wishes to draw the attention of doctors to its interest in children with Still's disease. In the last three years it has contributed to parents' fares for hospital visiting and helped in rehabilitating the children outside hospital. The trust's address is 7 North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DJ.

COMING EVENTS

International Congress of the European Society for Clinical Respiratory Physiology—2-6 September, Sheffield. Details from Dr P Howard, Department of Medicine, Floor M, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield S10 2JF. (Tel 0742 26484 ext 2055.)

Society for Radiological Protection—Details of two meetings, "Transport of radioactive materials," 30 September, Bristol; and "Radiological protection aspects of waste disposal," 27 January 1981, London, are available from Professor J H Martin, Department of Medical Biophysics, Blackness Laboratory, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN.

British Medical Ultrasound Society—Twelfth annual scientific meeting, 15-16 December, Nottingham. Details from and contributions for consideration to Dr P Davies, Department of Radiodiagnosis, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham NG5 1PD.

Australian Medical Association—Sixth Australian Medical Congress, 12-18 February 1981, Tasmania. Details from the AMA, Box 20, Glebe, NSW 2037, Australia.

Fleischner Society—Eleventh annual symposium on the chest, 7-11 March 1981, St Thomas, Virgin Islands. Details from the society, 2321 Morena Blvd, San Diego, California 92110, USA.

British Council—Details of course 039, "Advanced paedodontics," 8-20 March 1981, London and Newcastle, are available from the director of the courses department of the council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

British Council—Details of course 057, "Inflammatory bowel disease," 29 March-8 April 1981, Birmingham; and course 065, "The clinical medicine of old age," 29 March-9 April 1981, Cambridge, are now available from the director of the courses department of the council, 6 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

International symposium on prevention of occupational cancer—21-24 April 1981, Helsinki. Details from the secretariat of the symposium, Institute of Occupational Health, Haartmaninkatu 1, SF-00290 Helsinki 29, Finland.

II International Symposium on Urokinase—27-28 April 1981, Geneva. Details from Professor P M Mannucci, Via Pace 15, 20122 Milano, Italy.

International Society and Federation of Cardiology—Details of three lectures to be given in Britain by Dr Edgar Haber are available from Mme Marianne de Figueiredo, Central Office, ISFC, PO Box 117, CH-1211 Geneva 12, Switzerland.

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, 30 June

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—12.30 pm, Mr Dennis Cavanagh (Florida): Septic shock in obstetrics and gynaecology.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—5 pm, Lesley Cooper memorial lecture by Dr David Harvey: Breast feeding.

Wednesday, 2 July

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr M A Edgar, Lumbar fusion: indications and techniques. 7 pm, Mr M F Sullivan: Failed spinal fusion.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr James L Boyer (Yale): Newer concepts of mechanisms of bile formation and cholestasis.

Thursday, 3 July

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE—At University of Stirling, 4.15 pm, Mackenzie industrial health lecture by Mr John Garnett: The manager and industrial health and the role of the doctor.*

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

	JUNE
28 Sat	Conference of Community Medicine, 10 am.
	JULY
7 Mon to 11 Fri	Annual Representative Meeting, Newcastle upon Tyne.
10 Thurs	Annual General Meeting, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.30 pm.
10 Thurs	Adjourned Annual General Meeting, City Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, 8 pm.
11 Fri	Council, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2.30 pm.
16 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
17 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

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(4) **References** must be in the Vancouver style (*BMJ*, 24 February 1979, p 532) and their accuracy checked before submission.

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(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).

17 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
22 Tues	Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC1), 9.30 am.

Division Meetings

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

Darlington—At Europa Lodge Hotel, Friday, 4 July, 7.30 pm, sherry reception followed by dinner, guest of honour Dr Hugh L'Etang.* (Guests invited.)

Dudley—At Guest Hospital, Tuesday, 1 July, 8.15 pm, meeting to discuss ARM agenda, and other business.

Scunthorpe—At Scunthorpe Hospital, Tuesday, 1 July, 7.30 pm, meeting to discuss motions for ARM.

Solihull—At Greswolde Hotel, Monday, 30 June, 8 pm, meeting to discuss ARM agenda.* Preceded by drinks at 86 Knowle Wood Road, 7.15 pm.*

South Middlesbrough—At Red Lion Hotel, Hounslow, Monday, 30 June, 8 pm, meeting to discuss ARM agenda.

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Worcester Royal Infirmary, Monday, 30 June, 7.45 pm, business meeting.

Regional Meetings

North-east Thames Regional Committee for Hospital Medical Services—At BMA House, Tuesday, 1 July, 5.30 pm.

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