

therefore, concluded that before I make final decisions there should be further opportunity for comment in the light of the explanations in the statement and of local consultations about the pattern of health units. I am also inviting further comment on the arrangements at all-Wales level, where I propose to set up an advisory Welsh Health Council comprising representatives of the health authorities, the professions, and the Welsh National School of Medicine. My intention is that the council should meet in public thus facilitating public awareness of debates on major health issues. I also propose to promote further co-operative working between health authorities.

I wish to minimise continuing uncertainties, particularly for NHS staff, so I am asking that further comments be submitted to me by 31 December and I would then hope to publish final decisions early in 1981.

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Health Education Council annual report

Encouraging people to improve their diet, avoid smoking, take regular exercise, and think of their mind and body as an entity is a long-term goal of the Health Education Council (*Annual Report 1979/80*, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1HA, 01-637 1881). Its emphasis on self-care over the past two years has been rewarded by a lower consumption of sugar, junk foods, cakes, and biscuits, and an increase in the proportion of non-smokers. It also reports that attitudes towards diet, exercise, smoking, and self-care in general have improved. Seventeen million pieces of information on health have been distributed.

Still, about 16 million people continue to smoke, and more than 50 000 die from the effects every year. There have also been proportionate increases in mental illness related to alcohol, cirrhosis of the liver, teenage convictions for drunkenness, volume of advertising of alcohol, and quantities consumed. The programme to combat alcoholism has hardly begun, comments the report, and complete prohibition of tobacco advertising and sponsorship and new health warnings are urgently needed.

### Memorial symposium

A memorial symposium for Sir Derrick Dunlop, who died on 19 June, will be given by the University of Edinburgh on 17 October 1980. Professor R H Girdwood, Sir Eric Scowen, Professor G Teeling-Smith, and Professor R Hoffenberg will speak. The symposium will be opened by the Principal of the University in the George Square Lecture Theatre and will be held from 2.30 to 5.00. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

### New drug standards

*British Pharmacopoeia 1980* has just been published by HMSO in two volumes at £60. It contains the official standards that will come into effect in the United Kingdom on 1 December 1980 for a wide range of substances used in medicine and pharmacy.

## COMING EVENTS

**Association Européenne et Méditerranéenne de Coloproctologie**—Annual meeting, 9-13 May 1981, Czechoslovakia. Details from Professor Z Maratka, Hospital Bulovka, 18081 Praha 8, Czechoslovakia.

**International Symposium on Human Milk**—18-21 May, Czechoslovakia. Details from Ing Lubomír Vávra, Fakultní nemocnice KÚNZ, Tkáňová ústředna, 500 36 Hradec Králové, Czechoslovakia.

**Castle Priory College**—Course on "Programme analysis of service systems," 12-17 September, Wallingford. Details from the college, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0HE.

**Association for the Study of Medical Education**—Annual conference, 15-16 September, Dundee. Details from the association, 150b Perth Road, Dundee DD1 4EA. (Tel 0382 26801.)

**Two radiological meetings**—Details of the joint radiological meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists, British Institute of Radiology, and Royal Society of Medicine Radiology Section, 19-20 September, Bath, and symposium on clinical oncology, "Colorectal Cancer," 27-28 February 1981, London, are available from the meetings secretary of the college, 38 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

**St George's Hospital Medical School**—Trainee day for junior psychiatrists in South-west Thames and South-east Thames Regions, 24 September, London. Details from Dr Sireling or Dr Hall, 01-672 1024, or Dr Waters, 703-5411.

**Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**—Details of a teach-in for senior registrars, "Recent advances in obstetrics and gynaecology as practised at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology," 6-10 October; and symposia, "Genetic aspects of obstetrics and perinatology," 14 November, and "Neonatal haematology," 12 December, London, are available from the symposium secretary of the institute, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. (Tel 01-748 6802 ext 354.)

**Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**—Refresher course for general practitioners on modern management of obstetric and gynaecological problems in hospital and general practice, 29-31 October, London. Details from the symposium secretary of the institute, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. (Tel 01-748 6802 ext 354.)

**Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom**—Annual congress, 8-10 April 1981, Southampton. Details from the society at Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. Closing date for submission of papers or films 19 September.

**Czechoslovak Medical Society**—Details and copies of the 1981 programme of medical congresses and symposia are now available from the Czech Medical Society, Vítězného února 31, CS-120 26 Praha 2, Czechoslovakia and Slovak Medical Society, Mickiewiczova 18/1, CS-883 22 Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.

## BMA NOTICES

### Medical Assistants' Subcommittee (CCHMS)

Nominations are invited from medical assistants holding permanent posts in the National Health Service for representatives to serve on the Medical Assistants' Subcommittee for the session 1980-1.

The representatives will be appointed on a regional basis as follows:

Northern	1	Wessex	1
Yorkshire	1	Oxford	1
Trent	1	South-western	1
East Anglia	1	West Midlands	1
North-west Thames	1	Mersey	1
North-east Thames	1	North-western	1
South-east Thames	1	Wales	2
South-west Thames	1	Northern Ireland	1

It will also be necessary to appoint a deputy for each representative. Nomination forms are obtainable from the undersigned and must be returned not later than *Friday 22 August*. In the event of a contest arising for any seat, voting papers will be issued at a later date.

J D J HAVARD  
Secretary

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(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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## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### MANCHESTER

**Appointments**—Dr J H Scarffe (senior lecturer in medical oncology); Mr S D Chowdhury, Mr C D Costello (senior lecturers in urological surgery).

### LONDON

MD—O D Cuthbert, D D Mathews, A D Stephens, Elaine C Wright.

## CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

**BIRMINGHAM AHA(T)**—Dr P M Rauchenberg (psychiatrist).

**MANCHESTER AHA(T)**—Mr D C S Gough (paediatric surgery).

**SALFORD AHA(T)**—Dr S Waldek (nephrologist).

**WESSEX RHA**—Mr J M Symes (general surgery); Dr L J Cook (dermatology).

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