

surgery or drugs?" 21 October, and clinicopathological conference, 30 October, London, are available from the college, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.

"Computing for renal units"—Meeting organised by the Nottingham City Hospital Postgraduate Medical Centre, 22 October, Nottingham. Details from Dr M S Knapp, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham NG5 1PD.

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation—Details of teach-ins "Breast cancer," 29 October, and "Tumours of the nervous system," 26 November, London, are available from the administrative officer of the foundation, 138 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9AY. (Tel 01-730 9157 ext 13.)

University of Lund—Conference on biological medicine, 6-7 November, Lund. Details from Dr Åke Stenram, University Hospital, S-221 85 Lund, Sweden.

Pancreatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland—Annual meeting, open to non-members, 7 November, Bournemouth. Details from Dr Martin Sarner, 79 Dukes Avenue, Muswell Hill, London N10.

Royal Society—Meeting for discussion "The assessment and perception of risk," 12-13 November, London. Details from the executive secretary of the society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, reference DM11, CAJ. (Tel 01-839 5561 ext 278.)

Society of Orthopaedic Medicine—Course on orthopaedic medicine, 29 November-3 December, London. Details from Mrs S Saunders, 20 Ailsa Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 1QW.

Biochemical Society—59th meeting, 15-17 December, London. Details from the meetings officer of the society, 7 Warwick Court, High Holborn, London WC1R 5DP. (Tel 01-242 1076/7/8.)

"The biological basis of ageing"—Residential course, 5-8 April 1981, Leeds. Details from the Director of Special Courses, Department of Adult Education and Extramural Studies, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT.

British Nuclear Medicine Society—9th annual scientific meeting, 6-8 April 1981, London. Details from the conference secretary of the society, 22 Leinster Avenue, East Sheen, London SW14 7JP. Closing date for abstracts 24 January.

1st International Symposium on Chromatography in Biochemistry, Medicine, and Environmental Research and 8th International Symposium on Mass Spectrometry in Biochemistry, Medicine, and Environmental Research—16-19 June 1981, Venice. Details from Dr A Frigerio, Italian Group for Mass Spectrometry in Biochemistry and Medicine, c/o Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research, Via Eritrea 62, 20157 Milan, Italy.

Third World Congress of Biological Psychiatry—28 June-3 July 1981, Stockholm. Details from Catharina Hamilton, Stockholm Convention Bureau, Jakobs Torg 3, S-111 52 Stockholm, Sweden.

"The brain-gut axis: a new frontier"—International symposium, 29 June-1 July, Florence. Details from E Lezoche, Università degli Studi di Roma, Istituto di vi Clinica Chirurgica Generale e Terapia Chirurgica, Policlinico, Umberto I, 00161 Roma, Italy, or J H Walsh, VA Wadsworth Medical Center, CURE, Building 115, Los Angeles, California 90073, USA.

University of Strathclyde—Seminar "Design in medicine," 1-3 July 1981, Glasgow. Details from Publication Services, 33/35 Foxley Lane, High Salving-

ton, Worthing, Sussex BN13 3AD. (Tel 0903 65405 and 204283.)

First International Symposium on Minimal Invasive Cancer—1-4 July, Graz, Austria. Details from the secretariat of the symposium, PO Box 105, A-1014 Wien, Austria.

XIV International Congress of the World Federation of Hemophilia—3-7 July 1981, Costa Rica. Details from Dr R Cordero, General Secretariat, PO Box 5127, San Jose, Costa Rica.

First World Congress on Open Heart Technology—Organised by the Society of Perfusionists of Great Britain and Ireland, 13-17 July 1981, Brighton. Details from the technical committee of the congress, c/o Conference Clearway, Conference House, 9 Pavilion Parade, Brighton BN2 1RA. (Tel 0273 694079.)

St George's Hospital and SW Metropolitan Orthopaedic Training Scheme—Details and copies of the winter term 1980 calendar are available from Mr R C Whalley, FRCS, Orthopaedic Department, Crawley Hospital, West Green Drive, Crawley, Sussex.

Midland Thoracic Society, Birmingham Medical Institute—Details and copies of the 1980-1 programme are available from the secretary of the institute, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3AF. (Tel 021-454 5007.)

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, 1 October

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr Mary Corbett: Use and abuse of drugs in rheumatoid disease. 7 pm, Dr J M Gumpel: Indications for synovectomy.

RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 7 pm, Stephen Paget memorial lecture by Mr Godfrey J Carter: The law of the matter, viewed in relation to its ethics." Followed by dinner, guests invited.*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—3.30 pm, Professor Emeritus James Ireland: Dental education: past and present.

Friday, 3 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Stanford Cade memorial lecture by Professor H Ellis: Some principles of cancer surgery.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER
30 Tues Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am.

OCTOBER
1 Wed Council, 10 am.

8 Wed Armed Forces Committee, 10.30 am.
9 Thurs Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
10 Fri Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
15 Wed Central Ethical Committee, 10 am.
15 Wed Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.
15 Wed Occupational Health Committee, 10 am.
16 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
21 Tues Permanent Committee on Manpower, 2 pm.
22 Wed Committee on the EEC, 2.30 pm.

Division Meetings

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Ayrshire and Arran—Visit to nuclear power stations at Hunterston, Wednesday, 1 October, 7 pm.*

Blackburn—At the Saxon Inn, Friday, 3 October, 8.30 pm, annual dinner/dance.*

Clwyd North—At Glan Clwyd Hospital, Tuesday, 30 September, 7 for 7.30 pm, annual get-together with junior hospital doctors, speaker Dr D L Williams.

Greenwich and Bexley—At 57 Penderley Road, SE6, Saturday, 4 October, 8 pm, chairman's party.*

Manchester and Salford—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 30 September, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting on the mast cell, speaker Mr R B M Wenham.* (Cold supper provided.)

Oldham—At Oldham and District General Hospital, Wednesday, 1 October, 7 for 7.30 pm, informal dinner, speaker Dr John S Noble.*

Scarborough—At Scarborough Hospital, Thursday, 2 October, 8.30 pm, Mrs June Hopkins speaking about rape.

Solihull—At St John's Hotel, Wednesday, 1 October, 7.30 pm, HM Coroner Dr R Whittington talking on some aspects of a coroner's work.* (Spouses invited.)

South Middlesex—At Ashford Hospital, Saturday, 4 October, 8 pm, wine and supper party, speaker Mr Leslie Gardner.*

Wakefield—At Milford Hall Country Club, Friday, 3 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests welcome.)

Wigtown—At Judge's Keep Hotel, Wednesday, 1 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint meeting with rescue services, Group Captain A J Barwood: "The aeromedical investigation of aircraft accidents."

North-east Thames Regional Committee for Hospital Medical Services—At BMA House, Tuesday, 30 September, 5.30 pm.

Woking and Chertsey—At St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Wednesday, 1 October, 8.30 pm, general business meeting.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

WESSEX RHA—Dr K J Gill (anaesthetics).

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