

returned not later than 31 December) from the association at the rehabilitation department, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8BJ.

COMING EVENTS

Cerebral palsy—Study day, 21 November, London. Details from Mrs D Patterson, Medical Education and Information Unit of the Spastics Society, Newcomen Centre, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT.

Institute of Urology—Uro-radiology weekend, 5-6 December. For details see classified advertisements.

Association of British Adoption and Fostering Agencies Medical Group—Day seminar "Early deprivation and family placement: contributions from psychology and psychiatry," 11 December, Cardiff. Details from the conference organiser of the association, 11 Southwark Street, London SE1 1RQ. (Tel 01-407 8800.)

Gerontological Institute Amsterdam—Seminar "Geriatrics for the practitioner," 8-11 July 1981, Amsterdam. Details from Organisatie Bureau Amsterdam BV, Europaplein 14, 1078 GZ Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Manchester Medical Society—Details and copies of the October programme are available from the society, Coupland Building, the University, Manchester M13 9PL. (Tel 061-273 6058.)

Institute of Food Science and Technology—Details and copies of the October-January programme of the participating bodies are available from Mr D F Johnson, 10 School Lane, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Essex. (Tel 0245 440697.)

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

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, 6 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.45 pm, Dr D Murray: Treatment and investigation of leg ulcers.

Tuesday, 7 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.45 pm, Dr R A J Eady: The structure of the epidermis.

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY—At Staff House, University of Birmingham, 7.15 for 7.45, annual dinner. * (Guests invited.)

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY GENERAL APPLICATION SECTION—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 pm, Mr J Prevett: Actuarial assessment of damages.

Wednesday, 8 October

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr A T Richardson: The use of local steroids. 7 pm, Dr F Dudley Hart: Systemic manifestations of rheumatoid arthritis.

LONDON SOCIETY OF FAMILY PLANNING DOCTORS—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Mr S J Steele: Aspects of pelvic inflammatory disease. (Open to all interested doctors.)

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5.40 pm, Langdon-Brown lecture by Professor J L Gowans: Medical research and medical practice—planning for the future.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—At Lister Institute, 2 pm, Mr Ian Grimbly: East and west: the Celtic link.

ROYAL SOCIETY—5.30 pm, Wellcome Foundation lecture by Dr C Milstein: Monoclonal antibodies from hybrid myelomas. *

Thursday, 9 October

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—5.30 pm, Professor R G Robinson (New Zealand): Chronic subdural haematoma: clinical features and treatment.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 12.15 pm, Dr Clare Sturges: Reactions of young children to a new arrival.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor S Lipton: Intractable pain—the present position.

Friday, 10 October

NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY—6.30 pm, Professor Basil Petropoulos (Greece): Drug induced congenital malformations.

SOCIETY OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 6 pm, Christopher Kershaw memorial lecture by Professor Neville Butler: Stress, handicap and social disadvantage in children.

Saturday, 11 October

NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY—8.30 am, Professor Basil Petropoulos (Greece): Thallium induced abnormalities of the skeleton. 9.30 am, Professor R B Duthie: The timing of congenital abnormalities.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

OCTOBER

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

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

Dewsbury—At Marmaville Country Club, Friday, 10 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner. * (Guests very welcome.)

East Kent—At Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Wednesday, 8 October, 6.30 for 8 pm, joint discussion meeting with the Royal College of Nursing, "Interpersonal relationships and how they might be improved." * (Supper provided.)

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 8 October, 8 pm, agm.

Fife—At Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy, Tuesday, 7 October, 7 for 7.30 pm, dinner meeting, speaker Dr J D J Havid: "The BMA in the '80s." *

Guilford—At Unstead Park Nursing Home, Wednesday, 8 October, 7.15 for 8.15 pm, buffet supper, speaker Mr Patrick Trevor-Roper: "The influence of eye disorders on the artist." * (Guests invited.)

Hastings—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Tuesday, 7 October, 7.15 for 8.15 pm, buffet supper, speaker Dr Frank O Wells: "Cannabis and other abused drugs." * (Spouses invited.)

Kingston/Richmond/Epsom—At Kingston Medical Centre, Wednesday, 8 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, buffet supper, speaker Professor Sir John Walton: "On training tomorrow's doctors." * (Guests invited.)

Manchester and Salford—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 7 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Dr William Shaw: "Recent advances in antidepressant therapy." * (Cold supper provided.)

Rotherham—At Cutler's Hall, Sheffield, Saturday, 4 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance. * (Guests welcome.)

Rugby—At the Dun Cow, Dunchurch, Friday, 10 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, social evening. *

South-east Kent—At Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, Wednesday, 8 October, 8 pm, agm.

West Berkshire—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 8 October, 8.30 pm, Dr I McKim Thompson and Mr Norman Ellis: "If the BMA did not exist, would we have to invent it?" (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 pm. *)

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Mr B L Hercules (ophthalmology); Mr S U Rahman (accident and emergency); Dr J E Ellis (paediatrics); Dr S C Sharma (geriatric medicine); Dr M R Gargis (genitourinary medicine).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—Dr R N Dias-Weerasinha (mental handicap); Dr M M Gregory (histopathology); Dr M H Garland; Dr K B Anand (physicians); Dr G H Schuff (psychotherapist); Mr J A Harding (ENT surgeon); Mr A Rees (cardiothoracic surgeon); Mr G R Sagor (general surgeon).

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