

term research, but to counterbalance this reduction it will be allocating more of its budget for three-year project grants for workers in universities.

Basic research on the cell at the molecular level, says the report, has now reached the stage of potential relevance to clinical medicine—in particular the work on molecular sequencing techniques, genetic manipulation, and monoclonal antibody production. The council would wish to carry projects forward from the point where basic research is being done but the commercial "biotechnological" development has not yet begun—in other words, to fill the "intermediate development gap"; but it points out that additional funding would be needed.

The report, which is published by HMSO at £4.65, contains in addition to the discussion on general policy a series of notes on scientific developments during the year.

### Inquiry on medical education

In its current inquiry on medical education, with special reference to the numbers of doctors and the career structure in hospitals, the House of Commons Social Services Committee has appointed the following as specialist advisers: Professor T J H Clark—professor of respiratory medicine, Guy's Hospital; Dr S R Engleman—department of community medicine, University of Edinburgh; Mr N G C Hendry—lately consultant in orthopaedic surgery, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; and Professor J Parkhouse—postgraduate dean and director, Newcastle upon Tyne Regional Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Dentistry.

### Medical audit

The Royal College of Physicians of London is holding a conference on medical audit on 23 January 1981. The conference, entitled "Monitoring Practice and Learning from Mistakes," is open without charge to anyone interested. Application forms are available from Gillian Andrew, conference secretary, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regents Park, London NW1.

### Hospital posts in France

The address of the Service Scientifique of the French Embassy is now Silver City House, 62 Brompton Road, London SW3 1BW, not as given in the issue of 18 October, p 1079.

### COMING EVENTS

**British Institute of Radiology**—Meeting on "State of the art" (seminar) and "Whole body irradiation," 20 November, London. Details from the institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG (Tel 01-935 6237 and 6867).

**Centre for Extension Training in Community Medicine** (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)—Symposium "Reducing perinatal mortality," 5 December, London. Details from the CETCM administrator, Peter Waters, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street (Gower Street), London WC1E 7HT. (Tel 01-636 7382.)

**British Medical Ultrasound Society**—12th annual scientific meeting and exhibition, 14-16 December, University of Nottingham. Details (registration not later than 21 November) from General Secretary, British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG.

**International Conference on Sports Medicine**—"Muscle in sports medicine," 23-26 March 1981, Utrecht. Details from Special Events Department, Royal Netherlands Industries Fair, PO Box 8500, 3503 RM Utrecht, The Netherlands.

**Second International Congress on the Ultrasonic Examination of the Breast**—22-23 June 1981, London. Details from the organising secretary, Institute of Cancer Research, Clifton Avenue, Belmont, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5PX.

**International symposium on education and training policies in occupational safety and health and ergonomics**—16-19 August 1981, Sandefjord. Details from International Labour Office, Occupational Safety and Health Branch, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland, and Direktorat for arbeidstilsynet, Postboks 8103, Dep, Oslo 1, Norway.

### 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, 17 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.45 pm, Dr M F Spittle: Radiotherapy III.

#### Tuesday, 18 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.45 pm, Dr R S Wells: Principles of genetics.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS—5.30 pm, Foundation lecture by Sir Richard Doll, FRS: Environmental cancer: origins of risk.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE—6 pm, Lloyd-Roberts lecture by Sir Douglas Black: Apples of discord.

#### Wednesday, 19 November

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY, QUEEN SQUARE—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology, 6 pm, Professor J R Batchelor: Immune responses and the HLA system. 7 pm, Dr D A S Compston: HLA system in neurological disease.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr J B King: The rheumatoid ankle and hind foot. 7 pm, Mr A Kates: The rheumatoid forefoot.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—5 pm, Dr K Wormsley: Pancreatic disorders.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At John Radcliffe Hospital, 5 pm, Professor W F H Jarrett: Papilloma viruses in human and bovine cancer.

#### Thursday, 20 November

PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH—7 pm, Mr A J Blowers: Patients first (NHS reorganisation again!).\*

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr Barbara Morgan: Pain relief in labour.

#### Friday, 21 November

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Mr G V Osborne: Compression lesion of peripheral nerves.

#### Saturday, 22 November

NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY—8.30 am, Dr D Y Mason: The immunology of tumours. 9.30 am, Dr M Webley: The immunology of rheumatic diseases.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 9 am, Mr I J Leslie: Practical problems in the hand clinic.

### BMA NOTICES

#### Central Meetings

	NOVEMBER
19 Wed	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
20 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
27 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.30 am.

	DECEMBER
3 Wed	Armed Forces Committee, 10.30 am.
4 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
9 Tues	Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.
10 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.

#### Division Meetings

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

**Croydon**—At the Conservative Club, Tavistock Road, Tuesday, 18 November, 8 pm, supper followed by Surgeon Captain Milton-Thompson RN: "Changing pattern of inflammatory bowel disease."\*

**Dartford, Gravesend, and Medway**—At St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Tuesday, 18 November, 8.30 pm, agm.

**East Kent**—At Slater's Hotel, Canterbury, Wednesday, 19 November, annual medicolegal dinner.\*

**Glasgow**—At Normandy Hotel, Saturday, 13 December, annual dinner party and dance.\*

### Instructions to authors

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(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) **Three copies** should be submitted. Two will be returned if the manuscript is rejected.

(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).

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(9) **Acknowledgments** will *not* be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

(10) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 5 January 1980 (p 6).

**Grimsby**—At Postgraduates' Centre, Scarth Road Hospital, Thursday, 20 November, 7.30 pm, lecture, Professor R H S Mindham: "The diagnosis and management of schizophrenia." (Buffet supper and drinks.)\*

**Manchester and Salford**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 18 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting.\* (Cold supper provided.)

**Salop**—At Medical Institute, Thursday, 20 November, 7 for 7.15 pm, AGM followed by buffet supper.

**Swansea and West Glamorgan**—At Singleton Hospital, Thursday, 20 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint scientific meeting with British Dental Association, speaker Dr D M Walker: "The oral manifestations of systemic disease," (followed by cold buffet).

**Tower Hamlets**—At Hackney Hospital Postgraduate Centre, Thursday, 20 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, Mr Patrick Dixon, managing director of Medicom: "Computers in medicine." (Refreshments before the meeting.)

**Walsall**—At The Elms Hotel, Aldridge, Thursday, 20 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner, speaker Dr I McKim Thompson.\*

### CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

CITY AND EAST LONDON AHA (T)—Dr J V Meadway (physician with special interest in respiratory medicine); Dr J B Murfitt (radiologist).

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