

Death of the Calorie

Scientific journals are being advised to drop the word "calorie" and replace it with "energy" in phrases such as "energy requirements." This recommendation is based on the introduction of the joule as the unit of energy in nutritional sciences, and is the major change suggested in a report, *Metric Units, Conversion Factors and Nomenclature in Nutritional and Food Sciences*, published by the Subcommittee on Metrication of the British National Committee for Nutritional Sciences. Copies of the report are available from the executive secretary of the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG.

Medical Film for Madrid Festival

A film on "Rheumatoid Arthritis—Differential Diagnosis," made by Reckitt and Colman Pharmaceutical Division under the directions of Drs. Barbara Ansell and J. T. Scott, has been chosen by the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association as the British entry for the Madrid Film Festival to be held in October.

Order of St. John of Jerusalem

Those recently appointed to, or promoted in, the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem include the following members of the medical profession:

As Knight: Dr. D. A. Ireland. As Commanders (Brothers): Dr. B. Reffold, Mr. P. S. London, Surgeon Commodore A. O'Connor, Surgeon Captains G. A. Binns and C. L. T. McClintock.

Guy's Hospital Gazette

A special edition of the *Guy's Hospital Gazette* is to be published on 4 November to mark its one hundredth year of publication. The *Gazette* is believed to be the oldest hospital journal in existence; it has been published fortnightly since its foundation in 1872.

International Prize for Modern Nutrition

A prize of 15,000 Swiss francs is offered by the Central Union of Swiss Milk Producers for recent research work on the "Relation between food carbohydrates and atherosclerosis (diabetes excluded)." The closing date is 31 January 1973, and details are obtainable from Professor M. Demole, Unite de Diététique, Hôpital Cantonal, CH-1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland.

Registrars' Prize in Anaesthetics

The Royal Society of Medicine offers £100 for a paper written by a medical practitioner of senior registrar status holding a hospital appointment in anaesthesia or serving in the armed Forces of the Commonwealth or the Republics of South Africa or Eire. Papers for the 1973 award must be submitted in triplicate by 1 January 1973. Further details from Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

People in the News

Professor K. R. Hill, professor of pathology at the Royal Free Hospital, is taking up a

two-year appointment as vice-chancellor of the University of Benin, Nigeria.

Dr. N. C. Oswald, consultant physician to St. Bartholomew's and the Brompton Hospital, London, has been appointed honorary consultant in diseases of the chest to the Army.

Mr. G. Westbury, consultant surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, London, has been appointed honorary consultant in neoplastic surgery to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, London.

COMING EVENTS

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—Drug Dependency Discussion Group meeting, 17 October, Brighton. Details and application forms from the assistant director of the fund, Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN. (Tel. 01-262 2641.)

"Immunology in Relation to Surgery."—Day symposium, 20 October, 10 a.m., postgraduate centre, West Lane Hospital, Middlesbrough, Teesside. Sponsored by Newcastle Regional Postgraduate Organization for Medicine and Dentistry and the Cleveland and Middlesbrough Division of the B.M.A. Applications should be made by 16 October and details are obtainable from the clinical tutor at the postgraduate centre. (Tel. Middlesbrough 87736.)

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.—Symposium, "Moving Points in Medicine," 20-21 October, Dublin. Details from The Conference Secretary, Royal College of Physicians, 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Eire.

"Toxicology and the Environment."—Lecture by Professor A. N. Worden, 25 October, Royal College of Physicians of London. Details from Dr. W. G. Thomas Development Laboratories, Merck Sharp and Dohme Ltd., Hoddesdon, Herts. (Tel. Hoddesdon 69576.)

"Rehabilitation and the Tunbridge Report."—Day conference, 25 October, 10.30 a.m., Regent Centre Hotel, London W.1, by Central Council for the Disabled and National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases. Sir Ronald Tunbridge will be the main speaker. Tickets £2.70 (including lunch). Early application is advised to the C.C.D., 34 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 7PE. (Tel. 01-834 0747.)

Association of British Adoption Agencies.—Day conference, 25 October, London S.W.1, by the Medical Group of A.B.A.A., open to all doctors. Details and registration forms from the conference secretary, A.B.A.A., 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BU. (Tel. 01-930 1653.)

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.—Symposium, "Current Attitudes in Management of Disease," 27 October, 2 p.m. Admission is by ticket only and applications should be made to the treasurer, R.C.P., 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.

British Association of Manipulative Medicine.—Course, "Introduction to Locomotor and Manipulative Medicine," 28-29 October, 9-10 December, 13-14 January, 10-11 February. Details from the honorary secretary, B.A.M.M., 72 Ossulton Way, London N2 0LB.

American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.—17th Annual Meeting, 29 October-1 November, Philadelphia, U.S.A. Details from Dr. Barry B. Goldberg, Programme Director, Department of Radiology, Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19125, U.S.A.

Aviation Medical Society of Australia and New Zealand.—International meeting on aerospace

medicine, 30 October-2 November, Melbourne University. Details from the secretary of the society, G.P.O. Box 1454N, Melbourne, Australia, 3001.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Thursday, 28 September

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—6 p.m., Neuro-otological clinical meeting: Facial Spasm.

Monday, 2 October

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—At medical school, 5 p.m., Macarthur postgraduate lecture by Professor C. F. Code (Mayo Foundation): Histamine and Gastric Secretion.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Clinicopathological conference.

Tuesday, 3 October

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Sir Norman Jeffcoate: Vulval Dysmorphias. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, S.W.3.)

Wednesday, 4 October

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Professor J. P. Blandy: Basic Investigations in Urology.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor W. H. J. Summerskill (Mayo Clinic): Characterization and Treatment of Chronic Active Liver Disease.

Thursday, 5 October

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Schorstein memorial lecture by Professor M. Mercadier (Paris): Stress Ulcers.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Professor D. A. Davey (Cape Town): The Menopause, its Effects and Management.

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Alex Simpson Smith lecture by Dr. D. Vervat (Rotterdam): Technical and Ethical Problems in Paediatric Surgery.

Friday, 6 October

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor T. Nicol: Body Defence.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At London Hospital Medical College, 5 p.m., Professor H. Sarles (Aix-Marseille): Alcohol and the Pancreas.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Mr. J. H. Mulnier (consultant orthopaedic surgeon, Tottenham group); Mr. W. W. Woodward (consultant orthopaedic surgeon, Thames group); Mr. J. E. Crockett (consultant in charge, Emergency Department, South Essex group); Mr. R. V. Clements, Miss Margaret J. Witt (consultants, obstetrics and gynaecology, Enfield group, North Middlesex Hospital); Mr. N. R. H. Boyd (consultant, obstetrics and gynaecology, Enfield group (Chase Farm Hospital)); Dr. C. P. Cooper (consultant radiologist, Forest group); Mr. J. McL. Singleton (consultant surgeon, Tottenham group); Dr. Margaret A. Cormack (consultant for treatment of mental handicap, Royal Eastern Counties group); Dr. Elizabeth G. Dowsett (consultant bacteriologist, South Essex group); Dr. J. J. R. Almeida (consultant dermatologist, Enfield group); Dr. M. Swash (consultant neurologist, Thames and East London groups, part of an appointment with the London Hospital).

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