

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Design Council Awards for Medical Equipment

The Design Council together with King Edward's Hospital Fund and the Department of Health and Social Security is to give awards for good design in the British medical equipment industry. The first awards will be announced in May 1975 and they will be given annually for products which show outstanding achievement in the design of medical equipment used in diagnosis, therapy, or rehabilitation. Products will be assessed in three main categories: medical scientific equipment (including mechanical, electrical, electronic, hydraulic, and pneumatic apparatus); bio-medical equipment and appliances (to include implant devices, aids for the disabled, patient-handling equipment, etc.); and surgical equipment, instruments, and related equipment (including equipment for services in hospitals, operating theatres, and for use by nursing staff). All products must have been designed and made in Britain, although a product embodying foreign components will not be excluded.

Judging will be by a panel of eight, among whom is Professor M. K. Sykes, Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

Submissions for the 1975 awards should be made by 31 August 1974. Further details may be obtained from A. H. L. Key, Design Council, 28 Haymarket, London S.W.1Y 4SU; 01-839 8000.

### Coping with Disablement

Some of the difficulties and how to overcome them for the disabled and the elderly whose increasing limitations change their way of life are described in a paperback from the Consumers' Association. Many kinds of physical aids to the handicapped are enumerated and the addresses where they can be obtained are given. Apart from well-known devices used in the nursing context many special aids to cooking and laundering exist, and some hints on how to continue to be independent in these and allied matters without mechanization are included under the headings of "kitchen," "bathroom," and so on. There is a section on getting out, including minimizing the problems of air travel, and the book ends with a list of voluntary organizations and notes on what they set out to do. *Coping with Disablement*, Consumers' Association, 1974. Available from the Consumers' Association at £1.25; from bookshops £1.50.

### Health of Women

A Family Doctor booklet on women's health has recently been published. While women live longer than men, the booklet states, they have a number of special health problems many of which are comparatively minor and easy to rectify. Anaemia, cystitis, bowel problems, anxiety, and the gynaecological gamut of symptoms and disease are among those discussed in straightforward terms by Dr. Wendy Greengross in 25 pages. *The Health of Women*, a Family Doctor publication, is published by the

British Medical Association and is available at chemists price 15p or direct from Family Doctor Publications, 47/51 Chalton Street, London NW1 1HT, price 19p.

### Advanced Medicine: R.C.P. Conference on Therapeutic Topics

The Royal College of Physicians of London will hold a meeting on 13-15 November on five therapeutic topics: Problems of Poisoning and Drug Overdosage (chairman, Sir Derrick Dunlop); New Problems Presented by Old Drugs (chairman, Professor D. A. Price Evans); Medical Education and the Drug Explosion (chairman, Professor J. Crooks); Problems of Changing Therapeutic Practice (chairman, Professor G. M. Wilson); and Problems Presented by Psychotropic Agents (chairman, Professor W. Linford Rees). There will be four lectures in each section with intervening periods for discussion. Further details from the Registrar, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE. For details see advertisement on page x.

### Darling Foundation Prize

Dr. Ian Alexander McGregor and Dr. Amar Prasad Ray have been awarded the Darling foundation medal and prize—given for outstanding work on malaria—by the World Health Organization at its 27th assembly.

Dr. McGregor is head of the laboratory for tropical community studies at the National Institute for Medical Research, London, and has been a member of the W.H.O. expert advisory panel on malaria since 1960.

Dr. Ray is also a member of the W.H.O. expert advisory panel on malaria and since 1973 has been director of the malaria research unit at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, University of Sydney, Australia.

### Fellowships in Medical Oncology

The European Organisation for Research on Treatment of Cancer has recently introduced clinical training Fellowships in medical oncology. These can be held in any of the major centres in Western Europe. Information from Professor E. H. Cooper, Department of Experimental Pathology and Cancer Research, School of Medicine, University of Leeds, Leeds 2.

### People in the News

Dr. Evan Fletcher, physician in charge of the cardiovascular unit, Belfast City Hospital, has been appointed professor of medicine and director of the division of cardiology, University of Texas Medical School, Houston. He graduated from Belfast in 1939.

Dr. William Wagstaff has been appointed director of the Regional Blood Transfusion Service, Sheffield. He succeeds the late Dr. Christopher Bowley.

Dr. D. T. Jones has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Port and City of London, in succession to Dr. W. G. Swann.

Dr. Mary Sheridan is this year's winner of the Harding Award, given in recognition of her outstanding work of benefit to the disabled.

Dr. E. L. Harris has been promoted to the grade of senior principal medical officer as head of the medical staff of the Medicines Division with the Department of Health and Social Security. He succeeded Dr. D. Mansel-Jones, who left the service on 1 July.

Dr. Frank Hartley, Vice-chancellor of London University and Dean of the School of Pharmacy, has been awarded the charter gold medal of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Dr. Cecil A. Hoare, who was for many years head of the protozoological department of the Wellcome Laboratories of Tropical Medicine in London, has been awarded the Manson Medal of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

## COMING EVENTS

**Royal College of Physicians of London.**—Clinico-Pathological Conference. 25 July, 1974, 2.30-4 p.m. Chairman: Professor R. Hoffenberg, University of Birmingham. The case will be discussed by Dr. J. G. G. Ledingham. The conference is open to any medical practitioner. Details from the Secretary, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.

**6th International Symposium on Epilepsy.**—15-18 September, 1974, Belgium. Details from the secretariat, Kurt Fleischmann and Associates, 164 North Gower Street, London NW1 2ND.

## 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.

### Monday, 22 July

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Combined Staff Consultation Clinical Meeting.

### Wednesday, 24 July

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor D. O'B. Hourihane: Alcoholic Hepatitis.

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