

MEDICAL NEWS

Chair of Physiology

Dr. David L. Yudilevich has been appointed to the chair of physiology at Queen Elizabeth College, University of London, from 1 October 1974. Dr. Yudilevich, who is 44, graduated M.D. in 1957 from the University of Chile where he held full-time appointments in physiology until 1969 when he was appointed professor of physiology. From 1958-61 he

was in the United States as a post-doctoral fellow. At present, Dr. Yudilevich holds an M.R.C. research fellowship at the department of physiology, University College, London.

All Souls Service for Doctors

The annual service for doctors will be held in All Souls Church, Langham Place, London W.1, on Sunday, 6 October, at 11 a.m. The lesson readers will be Mr. George Pinker and Dr. Cicely Saunders. The sermon will be preached by the rector, Mr. John Stott, on "The Mystery and Mastery of Suffering." Luncheon will be served afterwards from 12.45 p.m. at the Royal College of Physicians (tickets £1.25 for adults, and 65p for children under 14). As usual, arrangements will be made for babies and young children, and for doctors on call (tel. 01-580 3522). Application for lunch tickets (enclosing remittance) should be made by Wednesday, 2 October to the vicar's secretary, 12 Weymouth Street, London W1N 3FB.

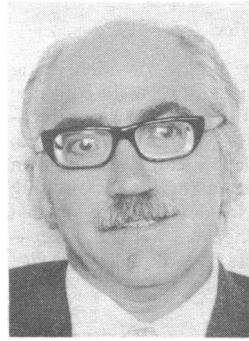
There will also be a lunch and discussion for medical students at the Medical Missionary Association, 31 Bedford Place, London W.C.1. Tickets 40p, and details from Mr. Richard Hamlin at the M.M.A. (tel. 01-636 6583).

Cigarette Advertisements and Tar Yields

The Department of Health has announced that, as a result of a voluntary agreement between it and the tobacco industry, tar groups are to be shown on cigarette brand advertisements in the future. The grouping will be based on a table published on 10 September by the D.H.S.S. showing tar and nicotine yields of the main brands of cigarettes sold in Britain.

The table, which is the third of its kind to be produced (see *B.M.J.*, 21 April 1973, p. 134 and 20 October 1973, p. 181), is divided into five groups according to the tar yield, as follows: low tar (0-10 mg/cigarette); low to middle 11-16 mg; middle tar 17-22 mg; middle to high 23-28 mg; and high tar 29 mg and over.

Within the next few weeks manufacturers have undertaken to show in all advertisements the tar group in which their brands fall. The tar and nicotine yield figures are



rounded averages of the samples tested, and the brands are tabulated in the order of tar yield; those with the lowest tar yield at the top of the list. Where more than one brand has the same figure for tar yield the brands are in alphabetical order.

Copies of the new table of cigarettes are to be made widely available, and will be sent to health authorities for distribution. Leaflets will also be available from the Health Education Council, 78 New Oxford Street, London W.C.1.

Abortion Act—Clinic Approval Withdrawn

Mrs. Barbara Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, has decided not to give further approval under the Abortion Act to a nursing home whose present approval expired on 14 September. The nursing home is the Park Clinic, London E.11.

People in the News

Dr. G. A. Oyedele, of Nigeria, is the first holder of the Cicely Williams medal awarded by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. The new medal, struck in honour of Dr. Cicely D. Williams, the discoverer of kwashiorkor, was presented by her on 18 September. It will be awarded annually to the best student in the course leading to the diploma in tropical child health.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Pathologists.—Day symposium, "Malignant Melanoma," 17 October, at Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Fee £2.50 (including lunch). Applications to secretary, Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AF. (Tel. 01-930 5861.)

"Orientation Course for Speakers on Health in Pre-retirement Advisory Courses."—18-20 October, Abergavenny, under the auspices of the medical advisory panel of the Pre-retirement Association. Fee £15 (inclusive of meals and residence). Applications to Dr. Morag L. Insley, Mount Pleasant Hospital, Chepstow, Gwent NP6 5YU.

Royal College of Physicians.—Conference on Advanced Medicine: Topics in Therapeutics, 13-15 November, 1974. Speakers: Sir Derrick Dunlop, Dr. D. A. Price Evans, Dr. J. Crooks, Dr. G. M. Wilson, and Dr. W. Linford Rees. Fee £18.15, or £16.50 for Fellows and Members. Details from the Assistant Registrar, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE, before 30 October 1974.

Charing Cross Hospital (Fulham).—Course on "Allergy," 18-19 November. Fee £5 (including lunches). Details and application forms from the secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF. (Tel. 01-748 2050, extn. 2980.)

"Malignant Melanoma."—Study day, 21 November, St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey. Details from the postgraduate centre, at the hospital. (Tel. 01-644 4343, extn. 419.)

Bridgend Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Copies and details of the programme, September-June, are obtainable from the postgraduate organizer, Bridgend General Hospital, Quarrella Road, Bridgend, Glam. (Tel. Bridgend 3341.)

Department of Otolaryngology Postgraduate Seminars.—Copies and details of the programme, October 1974-June 1975, are obtainable from the Academic Secretary, Department of Otolaryngology, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, OX2 6HE. (Tel. 0865 49891, extn. 544.)

Medico-Legal Society.—Details of the programme of meetings, October-June, and of membership, are obtainable from the honorary secretaries of the society, 71 Great Russell Street, London W.1.

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, 23 September

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—1.15 p.m., Dr. A. K. Asbury (Pennsylvania): The Armadillo as a Model of Leprous Neuritis.

Tuesday, 24 September

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. F. E. Dreifuss (Virginia University): Clinical Investigation of the Absence Seizure.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.—At Central Hall, Westminster, 2 p.m., meeting: Prevention of Suicide.*

Wednesday, 25 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arris and Gale lecture by Professor D. B. Albrook: Regeneration and Transplantation of Striated Muscle.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor G. C. Cook (Zambia): Effect of Systemic Infections on Intestinal Absorption.

B.M.A. ASSOCIATION NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

	SEPTEMBER
24 Tues.	Executive Subcommittee (H.J.S.G.C.) (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10 a.m.
25 Wed.	Council, 10 a.m.
26 Thurs.	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.
26 Thurs.	Organization Committee, 10 a.m.
26 Thurs.	Working Group on a New Contract (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.
26 Thurs.	Liaison Committee between G.M.S. Committee and Royal College of General Practitioners, 2.30 p.m.
27 Fri.	Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Committee, 10.30 a.m.
	OCTOBER
3 Thurs.	General Purposes Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.
4 Fri.	Board of Science and Education, 10.30 a.m.
9 Wed.	Occupational Health Committee, 10 a.m.
15 Tues.	Joint Consultants Committee (at Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 242 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow), 10 a.m.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

BIRMINGHAM

On 12 July the honorary D.Sc. was confirmed on Sir Cyril Clarke, F.R.S.
M.D.—G. K. T. Holmes, J. F. Murphy, M. J. Sulway, S. M. Wood.
Ch.M.—N. J. Dorricott, S. J. A. Powis, M. Baum.

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