

to indicate specially in the Monthly Index of Medical Specialities and on data sheets products designated as recently introduced. The committee admits that towards the end of 1974 there was a backlog of applications for clinical trial certificates and product licences for new drugs. There was an even larger backlog affecting products containing known ingredients and for variations of existing licences.

#### Petition to Save E.G.A. Hospital

A petition signed by over 23 000 patients and supporters of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital was presented at 10 Downing Street on 29 July. The petition asked the Prime Minister to ensure that the all-women hospital in Euston remains open, states the E.G.A. action committee. The hospital's future is soon to be determined by the health ministers, after a submission from the Camden and Islington Area Health Authority last week. The action committee of patients and staff was established in November to fight the threatened closure. Since then, the hospital's survival has been supported by the new local Community Health Council, and its future has been debated in both chambers of the Houses of Parliament, with about 100 M.P.s declaring their support for the hospital.

#### Writing and Speaking in Medicine

The B.M.J. will be holding a one-day seminar on writing and speaking in medicine on Friday, 14 November at the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, London W.C.1. The speakers, including Professor J. S. Calnan, Dr. Clifford Hawkins, and Dr. D. A. Pyke, will discuss various aspects of writing, refereeing, and editing medical articles (see advertisement, p. vi).

#### Chair of Experimental Haematology, Sheffield

Dr. George Hudson, Administrative Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and honorary clinical lecturer in haematology, Sheffield University, has been appointed to a personal chair of experimental haematology at Sheffield. Dr. Hudson, who is 51, was educated at Bury Grammar School and at the University of Manchester, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1949, proceeding at Bristol to M.D. in 1959 and D.Sc. in 1966. After posts at the Manchester Royal Infirmary and the University of Bristol he did his national service in the R.A.M.C., returning to Bristol as lecturer and then reader in anatomy and preclinical dean. In 1959-60 Dr. Hudson gained a Fulbright travel award and was appointed assistant professor in the University of Minnesota. In 1968 he became administrative dean of the Faculty of Medicine and honorary clinical tutor in haematology at Sheffield. He was elected F.R.C.Path. in 1975. Dr. Hudson's main research interests are in the quantitative and cellular aspects of haematology.

#### Chair of Anatomy, King's College

Dr. K. E. Webster, reader in anatomy at University College, has been appointed from 1 October 1975 to the chair of anatomy at King's College. Dr. Webster graduated from

London University M.B., B.S. in 1962, and has held various appointments in the Department of anatomy and embryology at University College since then. He was appointed reader in 1974.

#### Lunch at B.M.A. House in Edinburgh

B.M.A. members visiting Edinburgh on holiday or for the Edinburgh Festival are reminded that luncheon facilities for members and their families are available at the Scottish House, 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, from Mondays to Fridays, 12.30-2 p.m.

#### Society of Apothecaries

At a soirée on 23 July the society's gold medal in therapeutics was bestowed on Dr. Leonard Goodwin "in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the fields of pharmacology and chemotherapy."

### COMING EVENTS

#### Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology.

—Symposium "Clinical Enzymology 1975," 5-7 September, Liverpool. Details from Mr. D. C. Cowell, Liverpool Area Health Authority (T), Department of Chemical Pathology, Ashton Street, Liverpool L3 5RT. (Tel. 051-709 2085.)

#### National Association for Mental Health.

—Workshop "Some Sexual Minorities," 6-7 September, Polytechnic of Central London. Details from Maxine Budd, Education Department, MIND, 22 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED. (Tel. 01-637 0741.)

**College of Speech Therapists.**—National Conference, 8-12 September, Cardiff. Details from the publicity secretary, Mrs. S. I. Brechley, 17 Woodland Road, Llanmartin, Gwent, NP6 2ES.

#### World Conference on Gifted Children.

—"Looking to their Future," 8-12 September, at Royal College of Surgeons of England, organized by the National Association for Gifted Children (U.K.). The president of the Royal College of Surgeons and the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education and Science will address the conference. Details from Mr. I. S. Macphail, World Conference on Gifted Children, Conference Services Ltd., 43 Charles Street, London W1X 7PB. (Tel. 01-624 3535.)

#### 4th European Congress on Sterility.

—5-8 October, Madrid, Spain. Details from Prof. Dr. med. K. Semm, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Kiel, Hegewischstr. 4, D-23 Kiel 1, West Germany.

#### 5th International Congress of the European Society of Pathology.

—5-10 October, Vienna. Details from the secretary of the society, Istituto di Anatomia Patologica, Via F. Sforza 38, Milan, Italy.

#### "Laboratory Hazards."

—Day symposium, 10 October, West Centre Hotel, London S.W.6, organized by Royal College of Pathologists and Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology. Details and application forms from I.M.L.T., 12 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0AU.

### B.M.A. NOTICES

#### Armed Forces Committee: Nomination of Members for Co-option

The constitution of the Armed Forces Committee allows for the co-option of two representatives of the rank of major or equivalent (lieutenant-commander or squadron leader) or below (one of whom should preferably be of specialist status) from the medical branch of each of the three Services.

Last session the following members were co-opted:

**Royal Navy:** Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander P. Clarke (Birmingham) and Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander D. P. Pryce (Gosport).

**Army:** Major R. M. L. Anderson (Catterick) and Major D. Murray (Woolwich).

**Royal Air Force:** Squadron Leader W. R. Fitzgerald (Ely) and Squadron Leader C. J. Sharples (Cottishall).

Serving medical officers are now invited to nominate members of the Association in the armed Forces in the above-mentioned ranks for co-option to the committee for the 1975-6 session. The members listed above are eligible for reappointment provided their rank is not now above that of major or equivalent.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary of the Association by Monday, 1 September 1975, and nominees will be informed of the co-options made by the Armed Forces Committee following its first meeting after the closing date.

DEREK STEVENSON,  
Secretary

### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

#### ABERDEEN

The honorary degree of LL.D. has been conferred on Mr. S. G. Davidson.

M.D.—A. Akinkugbe, R. G. Condie, C. S. McIntosh, G. R. D. Catto, G. P. M. Crawford, M. J. Metcalf, Janet Sorbie.

M.S.—A. K-N. Ah See.  
D.Ph.—J. R. Shearer.

### APPOINTMENTS

**HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING).**—Dr. S. W. Hettiaratchy (consultant in child psychiatry).

**MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING).**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. A. Razak (anaesthetics); Dr. E. G. Daw (obstetrics and gynaecology).

**NORTH-WEST THAMES R.H.A.**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. R. F. Pinerua (respiratory medicine); Dr. R. K. Gupta (anaesthetics); Dr. G. P. L. M. de Silva (microbiology, interest in virology).

**SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING).**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. P. J. August (dermatology); Mr. R. W. Marcuson (general surgery); Dr. (Mrs.) S. Thurairajasingam (radiology).

**YORKSHIRE R.H.A.**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. H. M. Klar (psychiatry); Mr. C. M. S. Royston (general surgery); Dr. P. E. McGill (general medicine); Mr. M. R. Gooding (neurosurgery); Dr. I. Blacker, Dr. P. M. Norton (anaesthetics); Mr. G. H. Randle (obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr. N. K. Jain (radiology).

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