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The numbers of applicants for medical school places have risen steadily in the last few years, from 7500 in 1970 to 13 000 in 1974. The 1975 forecast, however, is for a fall to 12 000. (U.C.C.A. *Statistical Supplement to the Twelfth Report 1973-4*. U.C.C.A., P.O. Box 28, Cheltenham, Glos GL50 1HY, price £1.25.)

### Human Sexual Behaviour

An inaugural meeting will be held on 25 September of the Society for the Study of Human and Sexual Behaviour, at which all working in the fields of gynaecology, psychiatry, clinical psychology, general practice, family planning, nursing, social work, and marriage guidance are invited to attend. The meeting, in the Jordanburn Lecture Theatre at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital at 2 p.m., will be addressed by Professor R. W. Taylor of St. Thomas's Hospital.

### G.M.C. Tests on Overseas Doctors

The Temporary Registration Assessment Board of the General Medical Council conducted its third test of "proficiency in the English language and of professional knowledge and competence" of overseas-qualified doctors in the first week of September. A total of 153 candidates were examined; 54 passed and 99 failed. The next test will be held in London in the week starting 22 September.

### COMING EVENTS

**Society of Chemical Industry.**—Afternoon meeting, "Problems of Food at Refrigerator Temperatures," 24 September, London. Details from Dr. A. Wiseman, Biochemistry Department, University of Surrey, Guildford.

**5th European Congress of Cytology.**—2-4 October, Milan. Details from Professor Franco Rilke, Secretary, 5th European Congress of Cytology, Istituto Nazionale per lo Studio e la Cura dei Tumori, Via Venezian 1, 20133 Milano, Italy.

**Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.**—Annual meeting, 10-11 October, Dublin. Details from Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. (Tel. Dublin 780200.)

**Doctor-Patient Communication Skills.**—Short intensive course for hospital doctors, 11-19 October, London. Details from Inner London Education Authority, County Hall, London S.E.1. (Tel. 01-633 7667, 6177, and 6715.)

**"Electrical Interference in Hospitals."**—Meeting organized by the Hospital Physicists' Association, 20 October, Northwick Park. Details and registration forms from the General Secretary, Hospital Physicists' Association, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QX.

**King's Fund Centre.**—Conference "Adult Education for Mentally Handicapped People," 22 October, London. Details from Associate Director, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN. (Tel. 01-262 2641.)

**Forest Group Hospitals Medical Education and Research Trust.**—Copies of the programme September-December 1975 are now available from the Secretary/Librarian, Medical Education Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E.11. (Tel: 01-539 5522 ext. 310.)

**British Institute of Radiology.**—Copies and details of the programme 1975/76 are now available from the Institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel. 01-935 6237/6867.)

### 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.

#### Saturday, 20 September

**BATH INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL ENGINEERING.**—At University of Bath, 7 p.m., Professor E. D. Acheson: Medical Education and the Open University.

#### Monday, 22 September

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Professor Emil Pasztor (Budapest): Sinus Sagittalis Pressure and Intracranial Hypertension: Experimental Results.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—6 p.m., Mr. A. J. Edwards: Mesenteric Ischaemia.

#### Tuesday, 23 September

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—6 p.m., Mr. D. Calvert: Investigation and Treatment of Obstructed Kidney.

**KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.**—12.15 p.m., Dr. G. E. Ffrench: Occupational Health in the Reorganized N.H.S.

#### Wednesday, 24 September

**INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS.**—6 p.m., Sir Henry Floyd memorial lecture by Mr. Alf Morris, M.P.: Disablement—Co-ordination of the Government Role; 7 p.m., Dr. J. J. Fleminger: Psychiatry and Orthopaedics.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—6.15 p.m., Mr. W. D. George: Modern Attitudes to Breast Cancer.

#### Thursday, 25 September

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—6 p.m., Mr. P. B. Clark: Carcinoma of the Bladder.

#### Friday, 26 September

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.15 p.m., Mr. P. M. Perry: The Surgery of the Parathyroid Glands; 6.30 p.m., Mr. N. Thompson: Management of Chronic Lymphoedema of the Extremities.

### B.M.A. NOTICES

#### Diary of Central Meetings

	SEPTEMBER
24 Wed.	Council, 10 a.m.
24 Wed.	Practice Premises and Organization Subcommittee (G.M.S.) 10.30 a.m.
25 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.
	OCTOBER
1 Wed.	Liaison Committee between G.M.S. Committee and R.C.G.P., 2.30 p.m.
1 Wed.	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Service, 10.45 a.m.
2 Thurs.	General Purposes Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.
2 Thurs.	Hospital Junior Staffs Committee, 10.30 a.m.
3 Fri.	Board of Science and Education, 10.30 a.m.
7 Tues.	Armed Forces Committee, 2 p.m.
9 Thurs.	Scottish Council, 10.45 a.m.
16 Thurs.	General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.
16 Thurs.	Anesthetists Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 2 p.m.

#### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Coventry Division.**—At St. Mary's Hall, Saturday, 27 September, 6.30 p.m., annual cocktail party\* (wives are invited).

**East Dorset Division.**—At Royal Victoria Hospital, Wednesday, 24 September, 8 for 8.15 p.m., open meeting. Speaker Dr. Brian Lewis: "Your Money and Your Life."

**Guildford Division.**—St. Luke's Guildford, Thursday, 25 September, 8.15 p.m., business meeting.

**Ipswich Division.**—At Copdock International Hotel, Wednesday, 24 September, 7.45 p.m., a.g.m.

**Manchester Division.**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 23 September, 8 for 8.30 p.m., scientific meeting, "Congestive Heart Failure," speaker Dr. Robert M. Fulton.\*

**South Middlesex Division.**—At the Jolly Gardeners, Wednesday, 24 September, 8.30 p.m., symposium on fluoridation held in association with the Hounslow and Twickenham Section of the British Dental Association.\* (Preceded by dinner at 7 for 7.15 p.m.)\*

**Torquay Division.**—At Torbay Hospital, Tuesday, 23 September, 8.30 p.m., meeting to discuss Private Practice and the N.H.S.

**Waltham Forest Division.**—At Whipps Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 24 September, 8.30 p.m., Dr. Andrew Griffiths: "The Persian Connection." (Preceded by buffet supper, 7.30 p.m.)\*

**Wandsworth and East Merton Division.**—At St. James's Hospital, Thursday, 25 September, 8 for 8.30 p.m., party.\*

**West Glamorgan Division.**—At Morriston Hospital, Thursday, 25 September, 8 p.m., junior staff meeting, speaker Dr. I. McKim Thompson: "The New Junior Contract."

**Wolverhampton Division.**—At South Staffordshire Medical Centre, Tuesday, 23 September, 7.15 for 8.15, medicolegal dinner. Guest speaker Dr. John Fletcher.\* (Guests are invited.)

### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

#### LONDON

M.D.—H. A. Brant, J. B. Davis, D. M. Harris, D. M. Munro, Catherine S. Peckham, Rosalind D. Skinner.

M.S.—W. N. W. Baker, M. J. Knight.

**Appointments.**—Professor E. A. Barnard (Rank Chair of Physiological Biochemistry at Imperial College); Professor P. N. Campbell (Courtauld Chair of Biochemistry at Middlesex Hospital Medical School).

### APPOINTMENTS

**HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING).**—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr. M. Perry (surgery); Dr. P. D. J. Hettiaratchy (psychiatry); Dr. H. S. K. Singha (consultant, senior lecturer in venereology).

**NORTH-WESTERN R.H.A.**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. F. Oliver (psychiatry); Dr. M. B. Barnett (child psychiatry); Dr. M. A. Samad (geriatric medicine); Dr. R. P. Singh (geriatrics); Dr. J. I. Strelau (child psychiatry); Dr. B. Kelly (psychiatry); Dr. D. Lewis (medicine); Dr. M. M. Roberts (dermatology); Dr. G. Hambleton (paediatrics); Dr. P. Somaia (radiology); Dr. R. J. Bibby (medicine with special interest in respiratory medicine).

**WEST MIDLANDS R.H.A.**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. S. K. Sinha, Dr. B. N. Mallik, Dr. S. Paulose (Dr. M. A. Chugtai (geriatric medicine); Dr. H. G. Boddie (neurology); Dr. K. P. Cotter, Dr. S. A. El Tamam, Dr. R. M. Ibbotson (haematology); Dr. K. R. Ross (paediatrics); Dr. J. B. Patel (radiology); Dr. T. S. Low-Berry, Dr. S. N. Booth (medicine); Dr. M. R. Morton (psychiatry); Mr. O. N. Tubbs (surgery).

### Corrections

#### Haemophilus influenzae Infections

We regret that in this article (23 August, p. 495) an error occurred in the third sentence of the second paragraph, which should have read: "This is higher than the case fatality rate of about 10% reported in the U.S.A.<sup>3</sup> and Sweden.<sup>4</sup>"

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