

**European Society for Dermatological Research**—Symposium "Dermatitis Herpetiformis," Lund, 16 January. Details from the Secretary, European Society for Dermatological Research, Service Dermatologie, Hôpital de Bavière, B-4000 Liège, Belgium.

**Faculty of Anaesthetists**—Day symposium "Muscle Relaxants," 12 December, London. Details from the Secretary, Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-4530 474.)

**Manchester Medical Society**—Details and copies of the programme for December are now available from the Honorary Secretary, Dr D G D Davidson, Manchester Medical Society, The University, Manchester M13 9PL.

**Royal College of Surgeons of England**—Holiday lectures for young people, 29-31 December. Details and applications from the Secretary, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474.)

**Society for Drug Research**—Symposium "Drug metabolism and drug development," 16 December, London. Details from Dr Alma B Simmonds, Society for Drug Research, 35 Summerland Grange, Summerland Gardens, London N10 3QP. (Tel 01-883 6114.)

## 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, 8 December

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY**—5.30 pm, Professor J Landon: Application of modern biochemical techniques to laryngology.

### Tuesday, 9 December

**BALINT SOCIETY**—At Medical Society of London, 8 pm, Balint memorial lecture by Professor M Narinkar: The academic general practitioner.

### Wednesday, 10 December

**CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE**—5 pm, Mr J E C Wright: Surgical management of patients with extensive coronary atheroma.

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY**—5 pm, Dr Mansfield Smith: The surgical treatment of neurilemmoma of the acoustic nerve with the preservation of cochlear function.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS**—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Professor J P Watson and Dr B Rosen: Developing a therapeutic environment on a psychiatric unit.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—4.30 pm, Bradshaw lecture by Mr R W Raven: Oncology—attainment and anticipation.

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL**—5 pm, Dr E J M Campbell: Acid base.

### Thursday, 11 December

**EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE COURSES**—At Royal Infirmary, 5 pm, Honyman Gillespie lecture by Dr E Housley: Arteriosclerosis obliterans, measurement and management.

**MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL**—At National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, 4.30 pm, Dr Pasko Rakic (Harvard): Synaptic specificity in the anomalous cerebellar circuits induced by single gene mutation mice.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—5.30 pm, Victor Horsley memorial lecture (under the auspices of the BMA) by Mr Walpole Lewin: Changing attitudes to the management of severe head injuries.

### Friday, 12 December

**CENTRE FOR POSTGRADUATE PSYCHIATRY**—At Charles Burns Clinic, Birmingham, 4 pm, Professor Sydney Brandon: Problems of gender identity.

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY**—5.30 pm, Mr J E Wright: Diseases of the lachrymal apparatus.

## BMA NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

#### DECEMBER

11 Thurs Trainees Subcommittee (GMS), 2 pm.  
16 Tues Scottish General Medical Services Committee (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 2.15 pm.

18 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

18 Thurs Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.

19 Fri BMA Council Executive, 2 pm.

## Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Blackpool and Fylde Division**—At Savoy Hotel, Wednesday, 10 December, approximately 8.45 pm, Professor V R Tindall: "Changing practice in obstetrics and gynaecology." (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 pm.)\*

**Coventry Division**—At Coventry and Warwickshire Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 9 December, 6.45 for 7.15 pm, dinner/lecture meeting, speaker Superintendent Harry Atkinson, deputy head of Warwickshire CID.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Croydon Division**—At Selsdon Park Hotel, Thursday, 11 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner and dance.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Eastern (Northern Ireland) Division**—At BMA House, Belfast, Thursday, 11 December, 8 pm, Dr Edward C Hamlyn: "All Party Committee on Freedom of Information and Privacy." (All members of the Northern Ireland Branch invited.)

**East Yorkshire Division**—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 10 December, 7.30 pm, Mr R Brown: "The pill or not the pill, that is the question."

**Edgware and Hendon Division**—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 9 December, 8 pm, film "Cephalosporins in perspective." (Preceded by sherry and followed by dinner.)

**Ealing Division**—At St Bernard's Hospital, Thursday, 11 December, 8 for 8.45 pm, annual dinner dance.\* (Guests are invited.)

**East Hertfordshire Division**—At Lister Hospital, Monday, 8 December, 8 pm, special general divisional meeting to elect representatives to the ARM.

**East Surrey Division**—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 9 December, 7.30 pm, Professor W St C Symmers: "Curiosa et exotica."\* (Guests are invited.)

**Greenwich Division**—At Greenwich District Hospital, Tuesday, 9 December, 8 for 8.30 pm, clinical meeting on eyes.\*

**North and South Camden Divisions**—At Jack Straw's Castle, Thursday, 11 December, 7.30 for 8.15 pm, Christmas dinner.\* (Guests are invited.)

**North Warwickshire Division**—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 9 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual BMA lecture by Dr Fred Wrigley.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Plymouth Division**—At Plymouth Medical Centre, Thursday, 11 December, 8.30 pm, meeting to elect representative for ARM, discuss consultative document on proposed hospital closures and proposed hospital administrative changes on Devon/Cornwall border.

**Rochdale Division**—At Rochdale Infirmary, Saturday, 13 December, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.\*

**Southern (Northern Ireland) Division**—At Craigavon Area Hospital, Tuesday, 9 December, 8.30 pm, Dr Helen Mawhinney: "The scope of clinical immunology."

**West Berkshire Division**—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 10 December, 8.30 pm, Mr R L Thomsett: "Comparative dermatology."

**West London Division**—At West London Hospital, Wednesday, 10 December, 8.30 pm, meeting to elect representatives for the ARM and Dr J D J Havard will speak on current medicopolitical problems.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### CAMBRIDGE

MD—W J H Butterfield, A J Palfrey, J S Yudkin.

### LONDON

MD—C J Bulpitt, A J Handley, T E J Healy, J L Weeks.

MS—F J Bramble, B J Britton.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

At the 23rd annual general meeting of the college, Professor P S Byrne was re-elected president. The following members were elected to the council: R MacG Aitken, T B Anderson, R J Bennison, J F Burdon, I Burns, D L Crombie, G S Duncan, J S Eimerl, A E Elliott, D E Fraser, Sheila Fraser, S C Freedlander, P Freeling, J Fry, D G Garive, G Jessup, C R Kay, E V Kuenssberg, J S McCormick, A G McKnight, J J McMullan, M Marinker, J O Mason, D H H Metcalfe, G J Moses, M O'Sullivan, R B Parker, R J F H Pinsent, J Rose, Katalin Schöpplin, C G W Sykes, K H Trigg, C Waine, E A Waldron, D G Wilson.

The following doctors received Upjohn travelling fellowships: I R M Anderson, D J G Bain, S K Chouksey, D J Hall, N K Leiper, C J Leonard, P C McNulty, R N Midha, M Modell, C H Patel, Dr M G Sheldon was awarded a special prize for the best report of an Upjohn travelling fellowship. Dr S J Carne received the Foundation Council award, Dr A Y Ewing was awarded the Fraser Rose gold medal, Dr J Nightingale was awarded the

British Migraine Association prize, and the undergraduate essay prizes were awarded to R Wilkinson (1st), R M Milne (2nd) and A P Weetman (3rd).

The James Mackenzie lecture was delivered by Dr M C Stone.

Mr Hilton Clarke was elected an honorary fellow of the college.

At the council meeting immediately following the annual general meeting the following officers were elected: J A R Lawson (chairman), M J Linnett (vice-chairman), A G Donald (deputy vice-chairman), S J Carne (honorary treasurer), D H Irvine (honorary secretary).

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At an extraordinary meeting of the council held on 16 July the following were elected to membership: F A Abdul Jabbar, L Abeyirigunawardana, M A B Aboul-Hassan, M A A El-M Abu-Omar, M Adams, S O Ajomo, G A Aletor, M B Ali, S Al-Malaika, A A A Al-Meshari, E E Ayanka, M J Balso, R J Barr, A M Bateman, N Begum, J R Bevan, P J Bolton, J H Brash, Pamela Buck, A Chakrabarti, D K Chakraborti, P Chaudhuri, Y C Cheung, P M Coats, D J Corvin, M Crozier, I O Damole, G B Davidson, B E Dikshit, H U Ejumole, A El A H El-Adawy, A H H El-Farra, O A M El-Gaaly, M K M El-Ghonaimy, B I Fabunmi, I H Farquhar, J R Fassler, A A Fetouh, C K Fong, J A Ford, B R Frazer, T H Gaafar, B F Gasde, F M Graham, R W Green-Thompson, K N Hambley, C Harmsen, R H Haskins, G B Hastwell, Kathleen M. Jennison, J L Kane, L H Kapadia, N K Karia, J L Kasule, A P Kent, H C Kessy, M H Kleida, J Kopenhager, G O Labanya, P K Larkin, S O Lee, T L J Lim, Catherine A Lore, Olivia P McDonald, E P J McGuinness, J M McLaughlin, A M Mander, F Margolis, B N Naidoo, U Nath, R W Neale, C R Nelson, S L Ng, Grace E North, E J Nwaogbo, J J N Oats, I N Obineche, N K Patel, G H Paul, Eleanor M Pickering, A M Pinshaw, J R Pogmore, W Reid, C H Rodeck, S Y Saigol, U Sathia, M D Shields, C Sornalingam, E H Speck, M Srivastava, R G N Storey, S Thekkemadathil, R A S Tikreeti, C Van Der Merwe, S W P Van Der Merwe, P S Vinall, L Wald, J G Walton, D A Wilde, M R Wolfson, J A Wontumi, R J Young-Thompson, M El T Youssif.

## Corrections

### Hibiscrub in acne

We regret that an error occurred in the letter from Dr S A Khan (8 November, p 346). The penultimate sentence of the second paragraph should read "Four other patients reported mild erythema and itching not severe enough to make them stop the treatment".

### SHMOs grading review

The last sentence of the paragraph (22 November, p 477) should read "In Scotland the review will be completed by 28 November when 48 SHMOs and seven SHDOs will have been reviewed. The Scottish Home and Health Department hope to notify the candidates of the results of the review by the end of the year."

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