

Chair of community health, Bristol

Dr J R T Colley has been appointed to the chair of community health at Bristol University. Dr Colley, who is 45, graduated from London in 1948. After house appointments and National Service he was appointed medical registrar to the Royal United Hospital in Bath, moving to St Thomas's Hospital in 1961. In 1964 Dr Colley was appointed lecturer in epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, becoming senior lecturer and later reader. Dr Colley is an authority on respiratory disease in children, and his current research interests also include childhood obesity.

General Medical Council: Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee of the General Medical Council met in the two weeks beginning 24 November. Mr R B Wright was in the chair. The following doctors were erased from the Register: Dr Kenneth Vincent Deakin (immediately suspended), Dr Harvey Forrester Jackson (immediately suspended), Dr Vangala Venkata Krishnamurti, and Dr Kien-Yao Wei.

The following doctors were suspended from the Register: Dr A M Chatelier (12 months, immediately suspended), Dr S J Hepworth (six months), Dr Mohammed Maqbool Ali Khan (six months), Dr Sudarshan Kharabanda (further 12 months), Dr P G Nicolaides (12 months), and Dr F J B Taylor (12 months).

Safety in factories

The new Health and Safety at Work Act should lead employers to review their policy about industrial health, says the Chief Inspector of Factories in his *Annual Report 1974*. "The Act requires employers to apply to matters of health and safety the same managerial techniques that an efficient company applies to its commercial activities," he writes. Companies will have to prepare a statement of safety policy, and this will be one of the criteria against which inspectors will judge a firm's performance.

Gerontology bursary

The National Corporation for the Care of Old People is administering a Canadian fund which offers bursaries of up to £200 to assist persons professionally concerned with any aspect of gerontology to visit North America. Details are available from the corporation at Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, London NW1.

Spread of rabies

Stray dogs and cats in the Pas-de-Calais, the part of France nearest to England, are to be caught and shot, according to a report in *The Times* (15 December) from Lille. This is part of the measures being taken in France to try to stop the spread of the disease westwards to the coast. The epizootic of rabies has been spreading across Europe for several years despite preventive action.

COMING EVENTS

Exeter Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme for the Spring Term 1976 are now available from the Exeter Postgraduate Medical Centre, Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon. (Tel Exeter 70018.)

"Food Supplies: Outlook for Britain"—Conference organised by the Royal Society of Health and the Society of Chemical Industry, 8-9 January, Manchester. Details from the Royal Society of Health, Conference Department, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961.)

King's Fund Centre—Mental handicap conference "Professional training," 13 January, London. Details from James Elliott, Associate Director, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

Royal Free Hospital—Day meeting, "The psychiatric patient in the community—current trends," 15 January. Details from Dr T Pastor, Academic Department of Psychiatry, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG. (Tel 01-794 0500.)

Royal College of Radiologists—Meeting on "Diagnostic ultrasound," 16 January, London, meeting on "Radioisotope imaging and on cancer chemotherapy," 17 January, London. Details from Royal College of Radiologists, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

"The Evaluation of Artificial Joints with Particular Reference to Joint Simulators"—Conference organised jointly by the Biological Engineering Society and the Bioengineering Group for the Study of Human Joints, University of Leeds, 16 January, Leeds. Details from Professor V Wright, University of Leeds, Rheumatism Research Unit, School of Medicine, 36 Clarendon Road, Leeds LS2 9PJ.

Royal College of Physicians of London—Clinicopathological conference, 29 January, London.

72nd Annual Congress on Medical Education—30 January—1 February, Chicago. Details from the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610, USA.

Fourth International Meeting in Paediatric Neurology and Neurosurgery—18-21 February, Mexico. Details from Institución Mexicana de Asistencia a la Niñez, Sección Congresos, Av Insurgentes Sur 3700, México 22, D F, Mexico.

Lebanon Chapter, American College of Surgeons—7th Surgical Congress, 19-21 February, Lebanon. Details and copies of the programme are available from Dr U Majzoub, Gefinor Medical Center, Maamari Street, Beirut, Lebanon.

"Microbiological safety of cosmetic and toiletry products"—Symposium, 23-25 February, Birmingham. Details from Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Great Britain, 56 Kingsway, London WC2B 6DX. (Tel 01-242 3800.)

Society for Radiological Protection—Meeting "The application of the man-rem concept," 3 February, London. Details from Mr H C Orchard, S R P Programme Committee, Room 615, C E G B, Courtenay House, 18 Warwick Lane, London EC4P 4EB. (Tel. 01-248 1202.)

BMA NOTICES**Venereologists' Group Committee**

Nominations are hereby invited from members of the Venereologists' Group for two vacancies on its group committee for the period 1975-9. The vacancies are caused by

the retirement every two years of one-half of the members of the group committee, who are eligible for re-election.

Nomination forms are obtainable from the undersigned and must be returned to BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1, not later than Friday, 30 January 1976. In the event of a contest arising voting papers will be issued at a later date to members of the group.

Both the candidate for election and the person making the nomination must be members of the group.

DEREK STEVENSON,
Secretary

Diary of Central Meetings

	JANUARY
6 Tues	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
7 Wed	Council, 10 am.
8 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
8 Thurs	Working Party on Services for the Elderly (Board of Science and Education), 10.30 am.
9 Fri	Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
11 Sun	Welsh Committee for Hospital Medical Services (Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2 pm.
14 Wed	Welsh Committee for Community Medicine (Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2.30 pm.
15 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
15 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

APPOINTMENTS

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr M M Roberts (dermatologist); Dr P S Hasleton (histopathologist).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr B K Lee (paediatrician); Dr Mary E Horsey (psychiatrist); Dr R A Sturge (rheumatology and rehabilitation); Mr T P Welch (accident and emergency medicine).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr A Dalal (consultant anaesthetist).

Corrections**Swallowed foreign bodies**

In the third line of the last sentence of the letter from Dr T Loughnane (6 December, p 583) the word "possibly" should read "forcibly".

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