

on 15 holidays between April and September. Volunteer helpers are needed for these holidays. The society also publishes a list of holiday accommodation suitable for families who wish to take their mentally handicapped member with them. Full details are available from the holidays officer, NSMHC, Pembroke Hall, Pembroke Square, London W2 4EP.

Girls at Epsom

From September 1976 girls will be admitted to the sixth form at Epsom College for a two-year course leading to A levels and university entry. Girls wishing to study medicine at university will be welcomed. The current boarders' fees are £1473 per annum.

People in the news

Dr S Galeski has been nominated Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite for medical services to France.

Sir John Richardson, chairman of the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Board, has been appointed consultant emeritus to the Army.

Professor Elizabeth Topley, of the Medical Faculty of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and daughter of the late Professor W W C Topley, has recently been honoured by the conferment of an Honorary Chieftaincy by the Eleruwa of Eruwa, Oba Bolanle Olaniyan the Second, on the third anniversary of his coronation.

COMING EVENTS

Medical Association Prevention of War—Informal discussion on "Child abuse," 11 February, London. Details from Dr Ronald MacKeith, 35 Bloomfield Terrace, London SW1W 8PG.

North Devon Medical Centre—Course on "Therapeutics today," 13-14 February, Barnstaple. Details from North Devon Medical Centre, North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, Devon (Tel 0271 75347.)

Royal College of Physicians of London—General Meeting on "Priorities in health care," 18 February, London. For details see advertisement at p x.

Biological Methods Group—Meeting on "Transferable resistance factors," 26 February, London. Details from Mr V J Birkinshaw, Honorary Secretary, Boots Company Ltd, Nottingham. (Tel 0602 56255 ext 74.)

British Medical Association Northern Region—Annual dinner to be held on Thursday, 4 March, at Brandling House, Gosforth Racecourse, Newcastle upon Tyne, Guest of Honour Mr A H Grabham, chairman, Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services. Guests are invited. Tickets from the Honorary Secretary, Dr J L Kopelowitz, 4 Eslington Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4RH.

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.

Sunday, 8 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—10.15 am, Mr W D Doey: Nasal obstruction.

Monday, 9 February

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lecture in psychoanalysis by Professor Roy Schafer: Impotence, frigidity and sexism.

Tuesday, 10 February

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—At St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, 5 pm, Professor Cesare Fieschi (Siena): Experimental models of cerebral transient ischemic attacks. Studies with platelet emboli, and effects of preventive treatment.

Wednesday, 11 February

GUILD OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS AND THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN—At the Pharmaceutical Society's House, 7 pm, Professor M D Rawlins: Variability in human drug response. INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Dr J H D Millar: The epidemiology of multiple sclerosis. 7 pm, Professor J Richard Batchelor: The HLA region and multiple sclerosis. INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, clinicopathological conference.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—Hunterian lectures, 2 pm, Professor Y B Kattan: Intrahepatic rupture of hydatid disease of the liver. 3.15 pm, Professor F Saidi: A new surgical approach to hydatid cyst disease. 4.45 pm, Professor M R B Keighley: Biliary infection: a preventable cause of postoperative morbidity.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 pm, Dr D A Hopkinson: Inherited variations in human enzymes.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH—At Caxton Hall, 7 pm, Professor C D Marsden: Parkinson's syndrome.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 pm, Dr Bror Rexed (Sweden): Planning for health in Sweden.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Professor C T Dollery: Hypertension, a challenge to pharmacology and the delivery of health care.

Thursday, 12 February

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY—At Savoy Hotel, Strand, 7 for 7.30 pm, annual dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Professor D J Rasbash: Those fire disasters.

ROYAL SOCIETY—4.30 pm, K Murray: Applications of DNA modification and restriction enzymes in biochemistry and genetics.

UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE—At Southern General Hospital, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, Todd lecture by Professor Robert M Kenedi: The expanding horizons of bioengineering.

Friday, 13 February

INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SURGERY—5 pm, 16th Wilkinon lecture by Sir John Richardson: The importance of the professions.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Dr L Sinclair: House dust and other allergies in childhood.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—3 pm, Mr R Earlam: Pain in peptic ulcer.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

FEBRUARY	
10 Tues	Chairman's Advisory Subcommittee (JCC), 4 pm.
11 Wed	Committee on the EEC, 2 pm.
11 Wed	Joint Meeting of Negotiating and Executive Subcommittees (CCHMS), 2 pm.
12 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
12 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.15 am.
18 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 11 am.
19 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
19 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (HJSC) (36 Harborne Road, Birmingham), 10.30 am.
20 Fri	Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Committee, 10.30 am.
23 Mon	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.15 am.
25 Wed	Council, 10 am.
26 Thurs	Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 am.
26 Thurs	Trainees Subcommittee (GMSC), 2 pm.
27 Fri	Conference of Honorary Secretaries, 10 am.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

Aldershot and Farnham Division—At New Mill Restaurant, Eversley, Thursday, 12 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.*

Blackpool and Fylde Division—At Savoy Hotel, Blackpool, Friday, 13 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner and dance.* (Guests are invited.)

Brent Division—At Northwick Park Hospital, Thursday, 12 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, joint meeting with Brent and Harrow Section of the British Dental Association. Mr M F Stranc: "The treatment of congenital head and neck defects with emphasis on cleft lip and palate."

East Yorkshire Division—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 11 February, 7.30 pm, Dr Richard Fox: "Suicidal states and their management."

Edgware and Hendon Division—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 10 February, 8.30 pm, Mr Denis P Burkitt: "The possible prevention of some diseases characteristic of western civilisation."

Hastings Division—At Hastings Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 10 February, 7.30 pm, Dr S G Browne: "Exotic diseases in the consulting room."

Hereford Division—At Hereford Postgraduate Centre, Thursday, 12 February, 8.30 pm, Dr John Ross: "Medical experiences in Kenya." (Preceded by buffet supper, 7.15 for 7.30.*)

Isle of Wight Division—At St Mary's Medical Centre, Newport, Thursday, 12 February, 1.30 pm, agm.

Kingston Richmond and Epsom Division—At New Bull Hotel, Leatherhead, Thursday, 12 February, 6.45 for 7.15 pm, joint dinner meeting with the British Veterinary Association.* (Guests are invited.)

Manchester Division—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 17 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, Mr L Connolly: "The gut and arthritis."

Northern Region—At Gosforth Park Racecourse, Thursday, 4 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

Rotherham Division—At British Steel Corporation, Thursday, 12 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner and dance.*

Southern (Northern Ireland) Division—At Craigavon Area Hospital, Tuesday, 10 February, 8.30 pm, Professor Desmond Archer: "Sudden loss of vision."

South Middlesex Division—At the Jolly Gardeners, Isleworth, Wednesday, 11 February, 8.30 pm, Professor Tom Marshall: "Bombs and bullets." (Preceded by dinner, 7 pm.*)

Swansea and West Glamorgan Division—At Dragon Hotel, Thursday, 12 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner.*

Wakefield Division—At Holmfild House, Tuesday, 10 February, 7.30 pm, dinner/lecture, Miss Branker: "Birds, beasts, and fishes."*

West Berkshire Division—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 11 February, 8.30 pm, Dr Derek Gunn: "University health services."

West Derbyshire Division—At Whitworth Hospital, Wednesday, 11 February, 8.30 pm, Dr B L Priestley: "New guide lines for non-accidental injury to children."

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

Dr B A Newton has been reappointed head of the department of parasitology and director of the Molteno Institute.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr V L B Nikapota (radiologist); Dr A C D Cayley (geriatrician); Dr L S Nakhla (microbiologist); Dr Rama Kavan (anaesthetist); Dr Ariela Pomerance (histopathologist).

WESSEX RHA—Dr A J Salisbury (consultant paediatrician).

Corrections

Clinicopathological conference

We regret that a printing error occurred in the legend to fig 1 in this paper (24 January, p 207). The conversion from SI units to traditional units should read Urea 1 mmol/l = 6 mg/100 ml.

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