insurance, or housing opportunities. Moreover, it believes that a prenatal screening test capable of detecting fetuses carrying the dominant gene should become possible during this decade. Huntington's disease costs the health and social services an average of £15 000 a patient from diagnosis to death; yet the care and support provided, says OHE, are all too often inadequate. Even present standards are threatened with the reductions in spending on the social services. OHE suggests that perhaps one of the established professions, like nursing, could be encouraged to form a new group that would care for individuals and families with social disadvantages related to all forms of disabling chronic illness.

Ciba Foundation

The Ciba Foundation's report for 1979 gives details of the year's scientific programme and its new and forthcoming publications. The director in his report notes five changes that have been initiated: (a) the extension of the foundation's activities to include the agricultural sciences; (b) the establishment of independent study groups to examine scientific matters of public concern; (c) the reorganisation of the foundation's publishing arrangements (Pitman Medical Publishing Ltd is taking on Ciba's publications during 1980); (d) plans for the improvement of the library and information services; and (e) the purchase of new property to extend the foundation's facilities and expand its range of activities. The Ciba Foundation was set up in 1949 "for the Promotion of International Co-operation in Medical and Chemical Research"; and this report includes a summary of its first 30 years as well as looking at plans for future activities. Copies may be obtained from the foundation at 41 Portland Place, London WIN 4BN.

COMING EVENTS

Fourth International Congress on Medical Librarianship—"Health information for a developing world"—will be held on 26-28th September. Details. congress secretary, Institut za Strucnu Usavrzanje i Specijalizaciju Zdravstvenih Radnika. PO Box 658, Novisad 2511, 11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made to the societies concerned.

Monday, 17 March

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lecture in psychoanalysis by Dr A Green: Madness and psychosis.

Tuesday, 18 March

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Professor J A Dudgeon: Immunization past, present and future.

WORTHING POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE—1 pm, Professor S Selwyn: Treatment of patients with impaired immunity.

Wednesday, 19 March

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS—6 pm, Mr J Crawford Adams: Shoulder instability. 7 pm, Dr C W Wyn Pears: The presentation of patients and management in general medical practice.

NORTHWICK PARK LECTURES IN CLINICAL SCIENCE—4.30 pm, Professor W F Bodmer FRCP: HLA and disease.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN—7 pm, Professor C E Fox: The heterogeneous pharmacist. ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—3 pm, Professor J M Bate: Anesthesia and the brain.

WILLS AND ALEXANDER GREEK MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Willesden General Hospital, 8.30 pm, Mr E P O'Donnogue: Reflections of an itinerant urologist.

Thursday, 20 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian Lecture by Professor J W Goodfellow: "A new description of the mechanics of the human knee joint."

WEST OF SCOTLAND COMMITTEE FOR POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTRE FOR WOMEN—9.30 am, Professor A Goldber: Current medical topics.

WEST WALES GENERAL HOSPITAL—1 pm, Dr I Zamir: Staphylococcus: successful pathogens. (Preceded by light lunch.)

Friday, 21 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY—5.30 pm, Mr A D Chesman: The management of facial palsy. ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At Queen's University of Belfast, 5.30 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor G R Johnston: "Bleeding oesophageal varices—management of shunt rejections." 4.30 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor A Whitley: "Plastic surgery since 1945.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Professor R G Burwell: The scientific basis of bone grafting.

Saturday, 22 March

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 9 am, Professor R G Burwell: Synovial joint cartilage architecture.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

MARCH

19 Wed Council, 10 am.
20 Thurs General Practitioners Services Committee, 10 am.
21 Wed Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.
21 Wed National Council for the Extension of Medical Education, 2 pm.
29 Sat and Sun Junior Members Forum, College of Education, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

APRIL

1 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (GSMC), 10.30 am.
9 Wed Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
9 Wed Diseases of the Chest Group (Swansea Unit), 5.30 pm.
10 Thurs Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumshane Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QD), 10.30 am.
10 Thurs Accident and Emergency Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.

Division Meetings

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

Bromley—At Bromley Hospital, Tuesday, 19 March, 7.30 pm, dinner lecture, speaker Dr B J Smith: "How to get into print."

Bury—At Bury Stadium, 7.30 pm, dinner lecture, speaker Dr J D H Vard: "The Association."

Greenwich and Bexley—At Greenwich District Hospital, Tuesday, 19 March, 7.30 pm, supper followed by clinical meeting.

Kesteven—At George Hotel, Grantham, Friday, 21 March, 7.30 pm, annual dinner speaker Dr L R F K五十沃: "Modern political problems facing the profession."

Doncaster—At Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 19 March, 7.30 pm for 8 pm, dinner lecture speaker Dr J D H Vard: "The Association."

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North Birmingham, Lichfield, and Tamworth—At Tamworth General Hospital, Thursday, 20 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr B Davies: "Devil and sudden death."

Oldham—At Frank Ward Postgraduate Medical Centre, Friday, 21 March, 7.15 for 8 pm, informal dinner, speaker Mrs Pamela Taylor: "Are women better doctors than men?"

Oxford—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Wednesday, 19 March, 8.30 pm, Members' NHS "Violence in society."

Perth and the Borders—At Moncrieffe Arms Hotel, Bridge of Earn, Friday, 21 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.

Rochdale—At Midway Hotel, Castleton, Friday, 21 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner, speaker Dr J Drow: "Angina and life after jaundice."

Rugby—At Hospital of St Cross, Thursday, 20 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.

Wakefield—At Holmfirth House, Wednesday, 19 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance, speaker Dr M Quest: "Six easy ways to damage a patient."

Instructions to authors

The following are the minimum requirements for manuscripts submitted for publication.

1. Typing should be on one side of the paper with double spacing and indented margins from the left and right-hand side of the sheet.

2. Two copies (or preferably three) should be submitted.

3. Spelling should conform to that of Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary.

4. References must be in the Vancouver style (BMJ, 24 February 1979, p 532) and their accuracy checked before submission.

5. SI units are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the international System of units and some useful conversion factors, see The SI for the Health Professions (WHO, 1977).

6. Authors should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

7. Letters to the Editor submitted for publication must be signed personally by all the authors.

8. Acknowledgments will not be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.


Regional Meetings

Trent Region Committee for Community Medicine—At Nottingham AHA(T) Office, Thursday, 20 March, 2.30 pm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—R P S Edmondson.

LEICESTER

Appointment—Dr D Dutta (physician in the Student Health Service).

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AHA(T)—Mr J R Moore (ent surgeon); Dr C J Paul (dermatologist).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Dr J Jip (haematologist); Dr C M Bate (physician in general medicine); Dr G Ainscow (obstetrician and gynaecologist); Dr D J Smyth (geriatrician).

SOUTH GLAMORGAN HA(T)—Dr C W T Keen, Dr P F Salaman (radiotherapists).

SALFORD AHA(T)—Dr M R Haeney (immunologist).

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