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The second edition of *Food Facts—a Statistical Guide to the UK Food System*, published by the London Food Commission, is now available from

The London Food Commission, PO Box 291, London N5 1DU.

People in the news

Dr John Hasler has resigned as chairman of the council of the Royal College of General Practitioners. A new chairman will be elected at the next meeting of the council, but in the mean time Dr Robin Steel, vice chairman, will act as chairman.

Information please

Dr Harold Hillman and colleagues at the University of Surrey in Guildford have been using ice to reduce the discomfort experienced by children with diabetes who have to undergo daily injections

of insulin and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in the clinical testing or application of ice in diabetes or any other condition. Please write to Dr Hillman at the University Laboratory of Applied Neurobiology, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH.

Correction

We apologise to Sir David Innes Williams and our readers for an error that occurred in a news item published last week (31 January, p 316). Sir David is not a past president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England but a past vice president. The error occurred because the typesetters omitted the word vice when setting the copy, and the editorial staff failed to pick up the omission on the proof.

COMING EVENTS

British Medical Association Oxford Region—Seminar "Professional finance and the consultant," 18 February, Northampton. Details from BMA Oxford Regional Office, Cranbrook House, 287 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7JF. (Tel 0865 59621.) Open to non-members.

British Medical Association Renfrewshire Division—Clinical symposium "Fluid imbalance: a drop too little or a drop too much," 22 February, Greenock. Details from the BMA Regional Office, 9 Lynedoch Crescent, Glasgow G3 6EL. Closing date for applications 16 February.

Royal Masonic Hospital—Details of a course of lectures for MRCP candidates 3 March-5 May are available from the postgraduate secretary of the hospital, Ravenscourt Park, London W6 0TN. (Tel 01 748 4611 ext 306.) Details of individual lectures will be published in our Societies and Lectures column.

Royal Society of Medicine Section of Psychiatry—Meeting "Transmissible disease and psychiatry," 10 March, London. Details from Miss D Blanschong of the sections office of the society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01 408 2119.) Open to non-members.

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology—Joint meeting with Institute of Child Health (Tropical Child Health Unit), "Perinatal care in developing countries," 20 March, and "Mental illness in pregnancy and the puerperium," 27 March, London. Details from the symposium secretary of the institute, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. (Tel 01 740 3904.)

University of Warwick School of Postgraduate Medical Education—Course for general practitioners, "The challenge of change: developing general practice," 22-29 March, Coventry. Details from the school, Coventry CV4 7AL. (Tel 0203 523913.) Section 63 approved.

St George's Hospital Medical School Department of Geriatric Medicine—Multidisciplinary conference "Management of death and dying," 24 March, London. Details from Mrs Edna Watts, Geriatric Teaching and Research Unit at the school, Jenner Wing G2, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE.

British Hypnosis Research Association—Intensive training in Ericksonian hypnosis, 4-5 and 11-12 April, London. Details from the association, Department 6, 54 Quayside, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4BA.

International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics—Annual scientific meeting, 14-15 April, York. Details from Dr M Dewar, Biomechanics Centre, University College London, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5PR.

Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal South Hants Hospital—Advanced medicine course, 18-22 May, Southampton. Details from the course organiser or secretary, Dr J R E Dathan/Elizabeth Steel at the centre, Graham Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO9 4PE. (Tel 0703 634288 ext 2493.)

4th International Summer School on Mathematical Modelling in Physiology and Clinical Medicine—15-19 June, Padua. Details from Professor E R Carson, Centre for Measurement and Information in Medicine, City University, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB or Professor C Cobelli, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Padua, Via Gradenigo 6A, 35131 Padova, Italy.

British Orthoptic Society—Sixth international orthoptic congress, 29 June-2 July, Harrogate. Details from the society, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London EC1H 9HX.

Royal College of Pathologists—Silver jubilee meeting 8-11 September, London. Details from Concorde Services Limited, 10 Wendell Road, London W12 9RT. (Tel 01 431 3106.)

University of Leeds Department of Adult and Continuing Education—Course in clinical nutrition, 8-11 September, Leeds. Details from the director of the department, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT. (Tel 0532 435036.)

British Medical Association Trent Regional Office—Details and copies of the programme of March meetings are available from Alison Ward at the office, 301 Glossop Road, Sheffield S10 2HL. (Tel 0742 21705/753264.)

London Food Commission—Details of the training programme on various aspects of food, including health, from March-July, are available from the training coordinator of the commission, PO Box 291, London N5 1DU. (Tel 01 633 5782.)

Royal Society of Health—Details and copies of the programmes of meetings in March are available from the conference department

of the society, RSH House, 38a St George's Drive, London SW1V 4BH.

Royal Society of Medicine Sections of Pathology and Radiology—Details and copies of the programme of meetings to 20 May are available from Miss Judy Cook, sections officer of the society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

BMA NOTICES

Central meetings

FEBRUARY	
10 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
18 Wed	General purposes subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
18 Wed	Central ethical committee, 10 am.
19 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
19 Thurs	Negotiating subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
20 Fri	Honorary secretaries conference, 9.30 am.

Division meetings

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

Burnley, Pendle, and Rossendale—At Dining Room, Burnley General Hospital, Friday 13 February, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, annual dinner, main speaker Professor John Gillespie. * (Guests invited.)

Chester—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Countess of Chester Hospital, Wednesday 11 February, 7.30 pm, annual meeting. * (Finger buffet provided.)

Chesterfield—At Postgraduate Centre, Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, Calow, Thursday 12 February, 8.15 pm, Dr P G T Ford: "What price protection?" * (Preceded by buffet supper 7.30 pm. * Guests invited.)

City of Dundee—At Lecture Theatre One, Ninewells Hospital, Tuesday 10 February, career symposium. Followed by buffet.

East Dorset—At Poole Arts Centre, Friday 13 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, BMA Law Society annual dinner, speaker Mr Richard Smithson: "Appeal tribunals, medicine, and the law." *

East Kent—At Canterbury Hotel, Canterbury, Thursday 12 February, 7.30 pm, dinner meeting, speaker Mr Andrew Blair on the activities and facilities of the BMA Travel Club. *

East Yorkshire—At Postgraduate Centre, Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday 11 February, 8.30 pm, Professor James Cameron: "Violence in the home." * (Preceded by dinner 7 for 7.15 pm. * Guests invited.)

Forth Valley—At Senior Staff Room, Stirling Royal Infirmary, Monday 9 February, 7.30 pm, business meeting.

Glasgow—At Clevedon School, Tuesday 10 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint musical evening with BMA Ladies' Club. * (Families and friends welcome.)

Gloucestershire—At Pittville Pump Room, Thursday 12 February, 7.15 pm, Dr C Jones: "Medical care in the North Sea oilfields." *

Huddersfield—At George Hotel, Friday 13 February, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, division dinner, speaker David Baird. * (Guests invited.)

Isle of Wight—At Wheatheaf Hotel, Newport, Friday 13 February, 7.30 pm, agm, 8.15 for 8.30 pm, dinner for members and guests. *

Leeds—At Littlewood Hall, Leeds General Infirmary, Thursday 12 February, 8.30 pm, Dr A W Macara: "If you can't be good: be careful." * (Preceded and followed by coffee and wine.)

Northallerton—At Ripon Spa Hotel, Friday 13 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner dance, British Dental Association members invited. * (Guests invited.)

North and Mid Staffordshire—At Stakis Grand Hotel, Hanley, Tuesday 10 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr I McKim Thompson: "Will this year be any better than the last one?" * (Guests and non-members invited.)

Southern—At Brownlow House, Windsor Avenue, Lurgan, Tuesday 10 February, 8 pm, social evening, speaker Mr F X McCorry: "The famine in Lurgan in the 1840s." * (Meal available. Spouses invited.)

South Middlesex—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, West Middlesex University Hospital, Saturday 14 February, 6.30 pm, cocktail party and supper. * (Partners invited.)

South West Wales—At Postgraduate Centre, West Wales General Hospital, Friday 13 February, 7.30 pm, presentation of scroll of fellowship of the BMA to Mr Dewi Owen and talk by Mr Ken Walters. * (Refreshments available. Guests invited.)

Western Division and Londonderry Subdivision—At Everglades Hotel, Londonderry, Friday 13 February, 8.30 for 9 pm, joint annual dinner dance, guest Mr James Kyle. * (Guests invited.)

Wolverhampton—At Masonic Hall, Thursday 12 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner, principal speaker Mrs Renée Short MP. * (Guests welcome.)

Regional meetings

North West Thames Regional Hospital Junior Staff Committee—At Postgraduate Centre, Edgware General Hospital, Tuesday 10 February, 7 for 7.30 pm. (Refreshments provided.)

Wessex Regional Hospital Junior Staff Committee—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Basingstoke District Hospital, Thursday 12 February, 12.30 pm. (Lunch provided.)

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Monday 9 February

GREEN COLLEGE OXFORD—At Wits Lecture Theatre, Radcliffe Infirmary, 6 pm, Professor G A Rose: Environmental factors and disease: the man made environment.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5.30 pm, Goulstonian lecture by Dr A M McGregor: Autoimmunity in the thyroid.

ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—In Lecture Theatre A, Hunter Wing, 12.30 pm, obstetrics and gynaecology departmental lecture by Dr D J Jeffries: AIDS in the pregnant woman.

Tuesday 10 February

ROYAL SOCIETY—6 pm, Florey lecture by Professor R Porter (Canberra): Corticomononeuronal projections: synaptic events related to skilled movements.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ICRF CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY AND CLINICAL TRIALS UNIT—At Ida Green Seminar Room, Observer's House, Green College, 3.30 pm, Richard Groll (Nijmegen): Determinants of doctors' behaviour in relation to prescribing and referral patterns.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD WOLFSON COLLEGE—In the Hall of the college, 5 pm, The Rev Professor Gordon Dunstan: The presumption in favour of life.

Wednesday 11 February

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures, 6 pm, Dr H Bostock: Mechanisms of ectopic impulse generation in nerve. 7 pm, Dr J W Scadding: Sensory consequences of ectopic impulse generation.

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY LIVER UNIT—5 pm, Scientific meeting.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5.30 pm, Lumleian lecture by Professor J S Cameron: Every man his own Atlantic: the nephrotic syndrome.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—At Stamp Lecture Theatre, 10.15 am, medical staff round.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON HISTORY OF MEDICINE UNIT—At Department of Anatomy, Gower Street, 4 pm, David Nokes: Beef and the bilious salts: the remedial diet of eighteenth century satire. (Tea available from 3.40 pm.)

Thursday 12 February

CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTRE—In Clinical Lecture Theatre, 4.30 pm, Professor L Luzzatto: Molecular genetics of glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—At Chemistry Auditorium, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, 5.30 pm, Professor Luc Montagnier (Paris): Human immunodeficiency viruses.

Saturday 14 February

NUFFIELD DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY, OXFORD—8.30 am, Dr J O'Connor: Computer simulation of knee ligament function. 9.30 am, Mr B S Todd: Mathematical models of upper limb nerve injuries.

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