

Research Campaign, and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. This advisory committee will facilitate the scientific co-ordination of work in the cancer field and will strengthen the long-standing links between them. The committee membership is entirely scientific and includes the directors of the four major cancer research institutes in the U.K. and scientific representatives of the three founding bodies. Sir MAX ROSENHEIM, P.R.C.P., is the chairman, and observers have been appointed by the health departments.

Chair of Chemical Pathology, Westminster

Dr. JOHN R. HOBBS, aged 41, senior lecturer in chemical pathology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, has been appointed to the chair of chemical pathology at the Westminster Hospital Medical School. He graduated B.Sc. (with honours) in 1953 at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School where he qualified M.B., B.S. in 1956. After two years of house posts at the Middlesex, the Central Middlesex, and the Brompton he became M.R.C.P. London. He was a registrar at the Westminster, 1959-1962, and lecturer in chemical pathology at the Royal Free until he went to Hammersmith in 1963. That year he gained his M.D. with a thesis on iodine-132 in thyroid function. His current research is mainly in the immunoglobulin field. A founder member of the Antibody Club and of the Royal College of Pathologists, he was European Molecular Biology Organization scholar to Uppsala in 1968, visiting professor to San Francisco in 1969, and Scott Heron medallist at Belfast for 1970.

People in the News

Professor P. C. C. GARNHAM, F.R.S., emeritus professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, has been nominated by the Pope as an Academician of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

Surgeon-captain F. P. ELLIS, R.N. Retired, has been appointed visiting Fellow to the John B. Pierce Foundation Laboratory, Newhaven, Connecticut, from 1 June, and visiting professor of epidemiology in the department of epidemiology and preventive medicine, Yale Medical School, from 1 July.

Mr. R. MYLES GIBSON has been appointed honorary consultant in neurosurgery to the Army at Home.

Coming Events

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—A series of conferences on "Geriatric Care" will be held between June and December. Details are obtainable from Miss J. G. Bricknell, Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

"Contribution of Medicine to International Co-operation."—Joint conference by the Medical Association for Prevention of War and the United Nations Association, 3-5 July, Canterbury. Registration fee £1. Details from the conference secretary, Mrs. K. MacSorley, 238 Camden Road, London N.W.1.

6th Congress of the World Federation of Haemophilia—25-27 July, Vienna. Details from the Congress Secretariat, c/o Vienna Academy of Medicine, Stadiongasse 6-8, A-1010 Vienna, Austria.

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, 28 June

TYNE TEES TELEVISION.—10.15 a.m., Postgraduate Medicine: Hypnosis in Medicine and Dentistry (repeat). (Prepared in collaboration with the Regional Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Dentistry, Newcastle upon Tyne.)

Monday, 29 June

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Combined staff consultation clinical meeting.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES MEDICAL CENTRE.—12.30 p.m., Mr. P. L. C. Diggory: Epidemiology of Abortion. ●

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.—5.30 p.m., Clinical conference.

SCOTTISH TELEVISION.—11.20 p.m., postgraduate medicine: Epilepsy. (Sponsored by Glasgow Postgraduate Medical Board.)

Tuesday, 30 June

B.B.C. 1 TELEVISION.—11.20 p.m. (approx.), Medicine Today: Febrile Children. (Repeat) (Prepared in collaboration with A.S.M.E.)

Wednesday, 1 July

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., lecture and discussion by Dr. M. R. Dix: Neuro-otological Diagnosis of Acoustic Neuromata.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.15 a.m., Medicine staff round; 2 p.m., Dr. G. Asherson: Mechanism of Delayed Hypersensitivity.

SCOTTISH TELEVISION.—1.15 p.m., postgraduate medicine: Epilepsy (repeat) (Sponsored by Glasgow Postgraduate Medical Board.)

TYNE TEES TELEVISION.—10.15 a.m., Postgraduate medicine: Epilepsy. (Prepared in collaboration with the Regional Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Dentistry, Newcastle upon Tyne.)

Thursday, 2 July

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Mr. B. V. Lewis: Studies in Fetal Development.

Friday, 3 July

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE REGIONAL NEUROLOGICAL CENTRE.—At Newcastle General Hospital, 5.30 p.m., Mr. J. Brice: Cerebral Vasospasm.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10 a.m., Surgery staff round; 11 a.m., Surgical Research Society meeting.

Sunday, 5 July

TYNE TEES TELEVISION.—12.55 p.m. Postgraduate medicine: Epilepsy (repeat). (Prepared in collaboration with the Regional Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Dentistry, Newcastle upon Tyne.)

Universities and Colleges

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the council held on 11 June, with Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors, president, in the chair, the following were co-opted to the council for the year 1970-1, representing various branches of practice: general practice, Dr. A. J. Whitaker; obstetrics and gynaecology, Mr. John S. Tomkinson; ophthalmology, Mr. J. R. Hudson; otolaryngology, Mr. D. Ranger; radiology, Dr. J. W. D. Bull.

Group Captain J. E. Malcolm was appointed first Cade professor of surgery in the Royal Air Force for three years from July 1970.

Begley prizes were awarded to Kay Thompson (St. Mary's Hospital Medical School) and to Claire M. B. Cuncliffe (King's College Hospital Medical School).

A diploma of fellowship was granted to I. H. Johnston.

Diplomas of membership were granted to J. M. E. Anderson, D. A. Floate, and C. de B. White.

After the meeting a Hunterian lecture was delivered by Professor J. W. Jackson on "The Surgical Approach to the Anterior Spinal Column."

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At an admission ceremony held on 12 June Sir Arthur Porritt, Bt., and Mrs. Margaret Black were admitted to the Honorary Fellowship.

The following were admitted to the Fellowship *ad eundem*:

C. Astley Clarke, F. E. Hytten, Margaret Jackson, Axel Ingelman-Sundberg.

The following were elected to the Membership and immediately to the Fellowship:

E. De Valera, A. Kamel Naim, L. L. Williams.

The following were admitted to the Fellowship: F. Akasheh, S. L. Barron, Catherine I. Blyth, Florence J. G. Chouler, P. Curzen, A. M. Dawson, A. A. Earn, A. D. El-Tannir, Margaret E. M. Foley, J. W. S. Harris, D. F. Hawkins, A. G. Jones, J. Joseph, W. Lees, J. D. Llywelyn-Jones, Sarah Macaskill, R. R. Macdonald, M. C. Michelov, B. J. Murphy, A. K. Mitra, Upendra N. Pathak, B. G. Pickles, D. Puffett, J. G. Robertson, J. St. George, T. S. R. Train, F. L. A. Vernon, J. N. Ward, D. W. Warrell.

Correction

Diazepam and Neuromuscular Transmission

In the letter by Drs. G. Moudgil and Barbara J. Pleuvry (20 June, p. 734) we regret that two lines of text were inadvertently transposed and appeared at the head of the second column instead of running on as part of the second paragraph. The second paragraph should have read: "In order to determine whether diazepam affects transmission at the neuromuscular junction we have investigated its activity upon the rat phrenic nerve-diaphragm preparation in vitro. Diazepam in concentrations between 2 and $16 \times 10^{-5}M$ potentiated contractions elicited by supramaximal stimulation of the phrenic nerve. This effect was dependent upon concentration and, at the highest concentration examined, a 50% increase in contraction height was seen."

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