

King's Fund Centre—Day conference "The Communication Needs of Hospital Ancillary Workers from Overseas," 20 November, London. Details and application forms from Miss M D Hinks, Research Officer, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

"Psychogeriatrics"—Course on mental disorder in the elderly organised by the London Hospital, 26-28 November, London. Details from Maureen Marshall, London Hospital (St Clement's), Bow Road, London E3 4LL. (Tel 01-980 4899.) Closing date for applications 14 November.

International Conference on Critical Care Medicine—22-23 and 28-29 December, Israel. Details from Institute for Continuing Education, PO Box 11083, Richmond, Virginia 23230, USA.

London Medical Group—Details of the lecture list 1975/76 are now available from the Group, Tavistock House East, Woburn Walk, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG. (Tel 01-387 2129.)

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.

Monday, 27 October

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—5 pm, Professor K Frank Austen (Harvard): The molecular basis of some interactions between mast cells and eosinophils.

Tuesday, 28 October

LA SOCIÉTÉ MÉDICALE DU DISPENSIRE FRANÇAIS—tiendra une réunion entre 17 H et 18 H. Tous les médecins intéressés sont cordialement invités à y participer. Le compte-rendu est en français. Que ceux qui désirent venir veuillez bien téléphoner en avance à la Secrétaire, 01-387 5132.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON—1.20 pm, Professor N A Mitchison: Birth control by immunity.

Wednesday, 29 October

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS—At King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, 5 pm, agm. Speaker will be the Baroness Mcleod of Borve.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—6 pm, Sandoz Foundation lectures, Dr S Moncada: The mechanism of analgesia of aspirin-like drugs. Dr H Merskey: Psychiatry and the treatment of pain.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr S S Herman: Battered babies. 7 pm, Professor C E Stroud: Orthopaedic problems in the immigrant population.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr A C R Skynner: Family treatment of a marital conflict.

RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 5.30 pm, Stephen Paget memorial lecture by Dr A S V Burgen, FRS: Animals in medical progress. Followed by dinner at 7 for 7.15 pm.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—Tudor Edwards memorial lecture, 5 pm, Dr N C Oswald: Pulmonary metastases.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—5 pm, Dr G W Ashcroft: Affective illness difficulties in reconciling clinical facts with theoretical models.

Thursday, 30 October

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Mr R M L Winsto: Experiences in Fallopiian tube transplantation.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lectures in psychoanalysis by Dr R Schafer: The psychoanalytic life history.

Friday, 31 October

MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES—7.30 pm, agm; 8 pm, demonstration by Dr R M Warren of the nucleus of the National Slide Library of Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

	OCTOBER
29 Wed	Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 10.30 am.
29 Wed	Private Practice Committee, 10.30 am.
29 Wed	Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am.
NOVEMBER	
4 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.

5 Wed	Standing Orders Working Group (GMS), 2 pm.
6 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
9 Sun	Welsh Committee for Hospital Medical Services (Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2 pm.
16 Sun	Welsh Council (195 Newport Road, Cardiff CF2 1UE), 10.30 am.
20 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
20 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
20 Thurs	Dermatologists Subcommittee (CCHMS), 11 am.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

Bradford and Aire-dale Division—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 29 October, 8.15 pm, inaugural meeting.

Burton and Trent Division—At Stanhope Arms, Tuesday, 28 October, 7 for 7.30 pm, dinner,* 8.45 pm, lecture by Professor Ernest Braun: "Energy: the unacceptable bargain."*

Doncaster Division—With Doncaster Medical Society at Punch's Hotel, Thursday, 30 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual ladies' night dinner and dance.*

Ealing Division—At King Edward Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, 28 October, 8 pm, agm.

Eastbourne Division—At Lamb Inn, Oldtown, Tuesday, 28 October, 7.30 pm, meeting, including talk by Mr D J Shields on superannuation.*

Hartlepool Division—At General Hospital, Hartlepool, Thursday, 30 October, 8 pm, agm.

Hereford Branch—Joint meeting with the Hereford branch of the Pharmaceutical Society at County Hospital, Thursday, 30 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr Jane Fullerton: "Poisoning—Accident, Suicide, or Murder?"

Leeds Division—At Parkway Hotel, Wednesday, 29 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.*

Manchester Division—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 28 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting on "Hypnosis and the Treatment of Smoking." Speaker Dr J R Jaffe.*

Mid Glamorgan Division—At East Glamorgan General Hospital Psychiatric Clinic, Friday, 31 October, 7.30 pm, combined meeting with the East Glamorgan Postgraduate Centre, dinner followed by lecture by Air Commodore J N C Cooke: "Fitness to fly."*

Oxford Division—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Wednesday, 29 October, 8.30 pm, Professor H Ellis: "Cutting for Stone."*

Portsmouth and South-east Hampshire Division—At Queen Alexandra Hospital, Tuesday, 28 October, 7.30 for 8.15 pm, brains trust.*

Rotherham Division—At Rotherham Hospital, Thursday, 30 October, 8 pm, Mr D J Shields (MIA): "Superannuation, pensions, and the purchase of added years."*

South-east Essex Division—At Southend General Hospital, Saturday, 1 November, 6 pm, chairman's reception.*

Swansea and West Glamorgan Division—At Dragon Hotel, Wednesday, 29 October, 8 pm, joint meeting with West Glamorgan division of the Pharmaceutical Society and the South Wales Drug Squad.*

Tunbridge Wells Division—At Elizabethan Barn, Friday, 31 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests are invited.)

West Hertfordshire Division—At Postgraduate Centre, St Albans, Wednesday, 29 October, 8.30 pm, agm.

York Division—At York County Hospital, Tuesday, 28 October, 8.30 pm, meeting to discuss Government's consultative document on private practice.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

BIRMINGHAM

Appointment: Dr M J Kendall, senior lecturer in therapeutics and clinical pharmacology.

BRISTOL

MD—R M Auty.

LONDON

The title of professor of haematological oncology has been conferred on Dr D A G Galton in respect of his post at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

The title of reader in surgery has been conferred on Mr A G Johnson in respect of his post at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in psychiatry has been conferred on Dr E S Paykel in respect of his post at Chelsea College.

The title of reader in clinical biochemical genetics has been conferred on Dr P F Benson in respect of his post at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in cell biology and cytogenetics has been conferred on Dr F B Giannelli in respect of his post at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

MD—I T Campbell.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a quarterly meeting of the council held on 9 October, with Sir Rodney Smith, president, in the chair, Professor Jean-Louis Lortat-Jacob of Paris was admitted to the honorary Fellowship of the college. Professor Paul Bramley was admitted to council as an invited representative of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. Lieutenant-Colonel M Owen-Smith was admitted as joint professor of military surgery.

Mr D B E Foster, Mr L B Scott, Mr J D Hennessey, and Mr R E Williams were admitted to the Fellowship ad eundem.

Mr Derek Henders has been appointed Kelsey Fry adviser in postgraduate dental training to the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

APPOINTMENTS

TO THE QUEEN—Surgeon Captain A S Falconer (honorary surgeon).

HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr D J Warren (consultant nephrologist).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr D L Jones (urology); Dr A Robinson (paediatrics); Dr J Craske (virology); Mr J M White (orthopaedic surgery); Dr D A W Johnson (psychiatry); Mr S K Bhargava (ophthalmology).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr R C Routledge (haematology); Dr J D K Brown (radiology); Dr Marguerite M Roberts (dermatology); Dr G F Falconer (obstetrics and gynaecology).

The following consultants have been appointed by other authorities but have sessions in the Salford area: Dr G M Addison (chemical pathology); Dr G Hambleton (paediatrics).

SOUTH-EAST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr H A Q Akramul, Dr B Steer (anaesthetics); Dr Denise M Barrett (radiotherapy); Dr R S Dossetor, Dr H N Surat, Dr P Reddy (radiology); Mr A R Durrani, Mr G R Kerur (accident/emergency); Dr Patricia M Jones (venereology and genitourinary medicine); Dr C G Taylor (haematology).

NEWCASTLE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr D J Scott (histopathology); Dr D O Williams (cardiology); Dr O M Koriech (radiotherapy); Mr D J Lovelock (dental surgery).

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr D B B Talwate (anaesthetics); Dr Milica Brozovic (haematology); Dr N A Pandit (rheumatology and rehabilitation).

Corrections

Vitamin E deficiency and platelet functional defect in a jaundiced infant

In the case report of this article (4 October, p 19) under sub-title *Progress*, line 2, the dosage of vitamin E (Ephynal) should have read: 10 mg three times a day, and line 11, water soluble α -tocopherol-acetate preparation (supplied by Roche) 100 mg three times a day.

A free service?

The Health Service absorbs about £10m a day, not £1m as stated in the last sentence of the letter from Dr A R Bailey (11 October, p 106).

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