

British Gift for Cancer Research

The British Government has given £45,000 to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (I.A.R.C.) in Lyons, France. The donation is to be used for a mass spectrometer which will measure cancer-producing substances in food and will be housed in a new I.A.R.C. building which is a gift from the French authorities. The new spectrometer will play a part in the I.A.R.C. programme to identify the causes of cancer existing in the human environment.

People in the News

Sir Derrick Dunlop, who retired last year as chairman of the Medicines Commission, has joined the board of directors of Sterling-Winthrop Group Ltd.

Dr. E. S. Anderson, F.R.S., director of the enteric reference laboratory, Public Health Laboratory Service, since 1954, has accepted the additional appointment of administrative director of the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale.

COMING EVENTS

Lancaster Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Details of future meetings and activities are obtainable from the clinical tutor at the centre, Ashton Road, Lancaster. (Tel. Lancaster 2345.)

Royal College of General Practitioners.—(1) Study day on "Alcoholism," 23 March, in association with the Medical Council on Alcoholism. (2) Study course, "Research Methods and Statistics in General Practice," 27-30 March. (3) Study course, "Casualties and their Management," 21-22 June. Details from the secretary, R.C.G.P., 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London S.W.7.

Biochemical Society.—Annual general meeting, 27-28 March, University College, London. The programme includes the annual dinner, a symposium on "Neurotransmitters and Metabolic Regulation," and lectures by Professor G. J. Popják, F.R.S., and Dr. C. B. Anfinsen. Details from the secretary of the society, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London WC1R 5DP. (Tel. 01-242 1076.)

Day Conference on Medical Education.—29 March, Bath University, arranged in conjunction with the B.M.A. Department of Audio Visual Communication as part of a four-day international conference on educational technology (27-30 March). Fee for medical day £8 (including lunch). Details and application forms from the conference secretary, Northgate House, Upper Borough Walls, Bath, BA1 5AL.

Institute of Psychiatry.—Lecture and demonstration courses for postgraduate students in psychiatry will be held from April to June. Details are obtainable from the dean of the institute, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London S.E.5. (Tel. 01-703 5411.)

Newcastle upon Tyne Regional Neurological Centre.—Details and copies of the summer term, April-July, programme of the Neurological Research Discussion Group are obtainable from Dr. W. G. Bradley, at the centre, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6BE. (Tel. 0632 3-8811.)

Institute of Orthopaedics.—Instructional course, "Neuromuscular Disorders," Wednesdays, 19 April-19 July. Details of this and other courses are obtainable from the postgraduate secretary, at the institute, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, 234 Great Portland Street, London WIN 6AD. (Tel. 01-387 5070.)

International Conference on Prostaglandins.—25-28 September, Vienna. Closing date 1 April. Details from Dr. S. Bernhard, Scientific Relations, Schering AG, Müllerstr. 170/172 1 Berlin 65, Germany.

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, 20 March

NUFFIELD PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS TRUST.—At Edinburgh University Medical School, 6 p.m., Rock Carling fellowship lecture by Professor A. L. Cochrane: Effectiveness and Efficiency—Random Reflections on Health Services.*
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. B. T. Donovan; Neuroendocrinology of Pituitary Releasing Factors.

Tuesday, 21 March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. Y. M. Clayton: Clinical Patterns of Candidiasis.
ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Dr. H. P. Lambert: Spread of Respiratory Infection in Families.

Wednesday, 22 March

GUY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Sarah Stolz lecture by Professor A. D. B. Clarke: Consistency and Variability in Growth of Human Characteristics.
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Mr. W. F. Hendry: Diseases of the Testicle.
LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE.—5.30 p.m., Dr. T. A. Lambo (W.H.O.): Mental Health and the Developing World.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS.—5.30 p.m., postgraduate museum demonstration by Professor F. A. Langley: Recent Views on Classification of Ovarian Tumour.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Professor P. J. Lachmann: Complement in Health and Disease.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., pathology lecture by Dr. I. Phillips.
WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL, LONDON.—12.15 p.m., Professor R. Hall: Diagnosis of Hypopituitarism.

Thursday, 23 March

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor A. Davison: Molecular Biology of Myelin.
LONDON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—At chemistry auditorium, Gordon Street, 5.30 p.m., Dr. Susumu Ohno (California): Sex and a Genetic Regulatory System.

Friday, 24 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. E. J. Radley Smith: Fractures of the Base of the Skull.
MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—At 1 Chandos Street, London W.1, 7.30 p.m., symposium: Gonorrhoea.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Research in Progress—with University College Hospital.
SCOTTISH RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, 7.30 p.m., McGibbon memorial lecture by Miss Pamela M. Kimber: Neurodiagnosis into the Seventies.

Saturday, 25 March

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, 10 a.m., all-day symposium: Eye Diseases.*

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON
M.D.—A. C. Asmal, D. C. Evered, S. Godfrey, N. W. Harrison, J. R. Newton, Jean M. Weddell.
PH.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: T. J. V. Denning, P. S. Spencer, M. C. Srivastava, G. L. Coney; M. J. Corbel, W. C. Marshall.
M.Phil.—In the Faculty of Medicine: A. A. Campbell, C. J. Farmer, C. M. B. Jarman, R. A. Mayou, Jane M. Putman, H. Zeitlin.

CAMBRIDGE
M.Chir.—R. P. Boggan, A. N. Fawcett, A. E. Flatt, R. H. Jago, A. G. Johnson, F. V. Nicolle, J. W. S. Rickett, J. R. Salaman.

ST. ANDREWS

On 30 June at a special graduation ceremony to mark the conferment of medical degrees for the last time by St. Andrews University, the honorary

degree of D.Sc. will be conferred on the following: Professor D. A. K. Black, Professor D. M. Douglas, Dr. A. Elliot Ritchie, Professor R. Walmsley.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the council held on 9 March, with Sir Thomas Holmes Sellers, president, in the chair, Mr G. J. Haefield, of Stoke Mandeville, Mr. Redmond Smith, of London, and Mr. K. Pracy, of Liverpool, were admitted as members of the court of examiners.

The Hallett prize was presented to Dr. E. E. Dawlaty, of Knarcton.

Hallett prizes were awarded to Dr. R. H. C. Markham, of London, and Dr. A. L. Dissanayaka, of Colombo.

Handcock prizes were awarded to Dr. T. H. Baker, of Uttoxeter, and Dr. M. A. Frangoulis, of London.

The appointment of Sir Kenneth Robson as Tudor Edwards memorial lecturer for 1972/3 was reported.

The forty-first and forty-second Macloghlin scholarships were awarded respectively to Mr. R. E. Garlick, of Sittingbourne, and Mr. D. W. Pryce, of Liverpool.

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to Z. B. Ansari and S. Mohan.

F.F.A. R.C.S.—C. E. Baptiste, T. J. Owen, D. C. Townsend, Frieda E. Stockings, B. G. Swales, Anne D. Withford, K. C. Moore, Celia M. Boosey, D. Culver, J. G. Williams, J. Y. C. Chen, J. P. de H. Spoor, H. J. J. C. Babbage, Catherine M. Blakeney, C. D. D. Hutter, J. B. Broadfield, R. W. Johnson, J. S. Walker, J. R. Lane, D. R. Morgan, A. K. Mukherjee, G. S. Davis, M. T. Jasser, Barbara J. Newman, Nanita Sampson, K. Karunakaran, Ruth Owen, R. Chakrapani, O. Hifzi, I. M. H. Khater, R. F. Longdin, Manisha Subedar, M. E. Wilson, M. M. Anderson, B. A. Ishak, M. G. Selim, B. D. A. Ahmad, D. H. Macdougall, R. Thayarajan, Ali Zafar, M. V. Arora, J. N. Bone, G. A. Kazi, A. A. R. Kholeif, Sophie Mavrokefalidou-Papassiopoulou, Anne Mellon, I. A. R. Dunnett, A. Hameed, G. H. Hubbard, L. C. Richardson, M. R. Bryson, Anne M. Carswell, M. Jayasingam, Rama Kavan, C. P. Lung, O. P. Maini, Olena N. T. Moyseyenko, W. G. Anderson, R. L. Bown, P. Zse-Han Chia, B. J. Crichton, Barbara L. Davis, D. H. Enderby, J. J. Gardiner, E. G. Hadaway, D. W. Heaviside, Diana C. Khursandi, E. G. Richards, F. J. Richardson, P. R. Skinner, Elena Vivori, K. G. Wilkes, R. P. Barley, J. E. Boys, A. C. D. Brown, Sachalata H. Dhayagude, R. H. Fletcher, J. B. M. McKellar, R. McMahon, Rosemary A. Mason, T. D. Miller, O. A. G. Mizbah, P. M. Norton, D. Poole, Jillian B. Smith, J. H. Spenceley, O. R. Stansfield, C. M. Stray, D. A. Webb, T. B. Webb, Anne Wells.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to P. J. Hill and J. E. Hood.

Diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, as follows:

D.Ch.—C. J. Glynn, M. M. Walters.
D.P.M.—R. N. Wijesuriya.

Corrections**Cardiac Arrhythmias during Laparoscopy**

In the letter by Dr. Nanette L. M. Gordon and others (4 March, p. 625) we regret that owing to a printer's error the third line of the fifth paragraph was incorrectly printed. It should have read "Mean PaO₂ was 135 mm Hg, the lowest being 101 mm Hg."

Resistance to β -Adrenoceptor Stimulants

In the letter by Drs. D. Jack and D. Harris (11 March, p. 688) we regret that the second line of the second paragraph was inadvertently omitted. The paragraph should open "The hypothesis of Conolly *et al.*,¹ which stimulated your warning, depends on their finding desensitization of β -adrenoceptors in animals and man . . ."

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