

Professor J M Smith, professor of biology in the University of Sussex, Brighton. "Distinguished for his contributions to the boundaries of genetics and ecology and the development of mathematical models in biology and evolutionary theory."

Professor D J Weatherall, Nuffield professor of clinical medicine in the University of Oxford. "Distinguished for his analysis of defects of haemoglobin synthesis in thalassaemia and related syndromes, their clinical manifestations, and prenatal diagnosis."

Professor O L Zangwill, professor of experimental psychology in the University of Cambridge. "Distinguished for his neuropsychological investigations of the different functions of the left and right hemispheres of the human brain, and of human memory."

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### Medical writing workshop

A workshop on problems of medical writing is being held by the *BMJ* at the Birmingham Medical Institute on 1 July. The number of participants is restricted to 20, and a condition of entry is that all will have to provide a paper for advice and group discussion. The tutors will be Dr Clifford Hawkins, Dr Stephen Lock, Dr Alex Paton, and Dr W F Whimster, and each of them will take a small group in rotation. (Further details are given on p v.)

### Wellcome Trust

In its report for the years 1974-6 the Wellcome Trust says that it was able to allocate £8.6m in research grants compared with £4.5m in the years 1972-4. The increase was possible, say the trustees, because of the high international earnings of the Wellcome Foundation Ltd. Four research areas have been selected for substantial support in 1977: ophthalmic medicine, the vascular system of the human brain, the metabolic effects of infection, and the pathology of trauma.

### Professor of orthopaedic and accident surgery, University of Nottingham

Mr William Waugh has been appointed professor of orthopaedic and accident surgery in the University of Nottingham from 1 April 1977. He graduated from Cambridge University and King's College Hospital Medical School in 1945. After two years as surgical specialist in the RAF, Mr Waugh specialised in orthopaedic surgery at King's College Hospital and in Toronto. In 1955 he was appointed first assistant to Professor Trueta at Oxford, and in 1957 became consultant orthopaedic surgeon to Harlow Wood Orthopaedic and Nottingham General Hospitals. His published work is mainly on the surgery of the knee and foot, and he has served on the editorial board of the *British Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*.

### Graduate programme in health economics

A new postgraduate course in health economics is to start at the University of York in October 1977 and is intended to produce

general economists conversant with the health and personal social services. The one year course leads to the degree of MSc. The department of economics will welcome applications from British and non-British students with a good first degree in economics, or with suitable postgraduate qualifications. British students may be eligible for Social Science Research Council postgraduate awards, six of which have been specifically allocated to finance students on this course.

### A4 records in Scotland

The Scottish Home and Health Department has obtained a limited supply of the recommended A4 size medical record folders and insert sheets, and with the agreement of the profession these are available to health boards for distribution to doctors who wish to use them and have the space to accommodate them. Doctors who are prepared within a reasonable time to undertake the expense of transfer from old to new records within the 70% reimbursable limits and conditions of the existing ancillary staff scheme should notify the board of their medical record folder requirements. Requests will be dealt with on a "first come first served" basis.

## 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, 28 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr R L Carter: Some newer aspects of the metastatic process.\* 6 pm, Mr P M Weston: Sepsis in the hand.

### Tuesday, 29 March

NATIONAL HEART HOSPITAL—At Imperial College, 5.30 pm, Dr Norman Shumway: Transplantation of the heart.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor G W Milton: Malignant melanoma. 6.15 pm, Mr W F Hendry: Investigation and management of symptomless haematuria.\*

### Wednesday, 30 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Moynihan lecture by Professor C G Rob: The ischaemic lower limb. 6.15 pm, Mr D R Sweetnam: The foot.\*  
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Professor G Alberti: Metabolic changes in diabetes mellitus.  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At John Radcliffe Hospital, 4 pm, Dr Christopher Redman: Monitoring of hypertensive pregnancies.

### Thursday, 31 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr J G Gow: Tuberculosis of the urogenital tract.\*

### Friday, 1 April

BONE AND TOOTH SOCIETY—At Royal Dental Hospital, London, 2 pm, spring meeting.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr N H Harris: Bone and joint infections.\*

## BMA NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

MARCH	
30 Wed	Council, 10 am.
31 Thurs	Rural Practices Subcommittee (GMS), 2 pm.
APRIL	
1 Fri	Executive Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.30 am.
1 Fri	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumshuegh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
5 Tues	Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, London NW1), 9.30 am. BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
6 Wed	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumshuegh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
20 Wed	

21 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
21 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
27 Wed	Consulting Pathologists Group Committee, 10 am.
27 Wed	Consulting Pathologists Group, 2 pm.
27 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
27 Wed	Scottish Hospital Junior Staff Committee (7 Drumshuegh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 2 pm.
29 Fri	Annual Conference of Honorary Secretaries, 10 am.

### Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Brighton and Cuckfield**—At Brighton General Hospital, Wednesday, 30 March, 8.30 pm, combined meeting with Pharmaceutical Society, Professor J R Trounce: "The present position of cancer chemotherapy." (Preceded by buffet supper, 7 for 7.30 pm.)\*

**City and Hackney**—At Hackney Hospital, Wednesday, 30 March, 1 pm, agm.

**Ealing**—At King Edward Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, 29 March, 7.30 for 8.15 pm, Dr M de A' Crawford: Genetic counselling.

**Manchester**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 29 March, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Dr E T L Davies: "Treating severe hypertension."\* (Supper provided.)

**Plymouth**—At Plymouth Medical Centre, Thursday, 31 March, 8 pm, agm.

**Rugby**—At Rugby Club, Wednesday, 30 March, 9.15 pm, agm. (Preceded by supper, 7.45 for 8 pm.)\*

**Solihull**—At George Hotel, Wednesday, 30 March, 7.15 pm, meeting followed by dinner.\*

**South Middlesex**—At The Jolly Gardeners, Isleworth, Wednesday, 30 March, 7 pm, supper followed by Mr Stephen Murray: "Film censorship."\* Followed by special general meeting. (Guests are invited.)

**South-west Wales**—At Imperial Hotel, Tenby, Saturday, 2 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner lecture, Dr Denis Daley: "A personal view of devolution."\*

**Wakefield**—At Holmfild House, Monday, 28 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner lecture.\* Speaker Mr Gerald Brown: "Orchids, their culture and display." (Guests are invited.)

**Woking and Chertsey**—At Great Fosters, Egham, Thursday, 31 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner dance.\*

## APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr J H Morris (consultant child psychiatrist).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr G Phillips (anaesthetist); Dr E Allan (radiotherapist).

WESSEX RHA—Dr Roger Snook (consultant in accident and emergency).

## Corrections

### Treatment of anticonvulsant osteomalacia with 1 $\alpha$ -hydroxycholecalciferol

We regret that it was not clear in this article by Dr J R Juttman and others (p 551, 26 February 1977) that the doses of 1  $\alpha$ -hydroxycholecalciferol were given in micrograms.

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