

The Secretary of the BMA issued the following press statement on 6 April:

"The present situation regarding registration for doctors from overseas is already unsatisfactory. Some have to take a language test; and others do not. The proposals announced yesterday would make it even more confusing. Doctors from EEC countries—under the EEC directives—should be able to practise more freely in this country. But the BMA's policy for many years has been that in the interests of patients all doctors, regardless of country of origin, who wish to practise in this country should prove their competence in the English language before they can be registered. But according to Mr Ennals's statement doctors from Europe will be able to practise for at least six months without any proof of competence in the English language. And Mr Ennals's statement gives no indication of what happens to the doctor from Europe who at the end of the six-month period fails to provide the necessary proof and loses his registration."

he was promoted reader in human reproduction and obstetrics. Mr Elstein's research interests are in reproductive physiology and endocrinology with a multidisciplinary application to aspects of fertility and its control. His current programme is concerned with contraceptive development, bacteriology of the genital tract, infertility, and neonatal development.

### Biochemical Society

The CIBA medal and prize for 1976 has been awarded to Professor S V Perry for his sustained contributions over many years to the biochemistry of muscle. The Colworth medal for 1976 has been awarded to Dr G G Brownlee for his contributions to nucleic acid research and his contribution to the development of methods for sequencing of RNA.

## 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, 18 April

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Professor D E M Taylor: Reactivity and toxicity of surgical implant materials.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON: At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 pm, Heath Clark lecture by Dr Alexander D Langmuir (USA): Theoretical concepts as taught in the USA 1930-1960.

### Tuesday, 19 April

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Professor J L Emery: Sudden infant death—the present position.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Dr D H Bosman: The innervation of the middle ear.

### Wednesday, 20 April

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 pm, Heath Clark lecture by Dr Alexander D Langmuir (USA): Success and failure in practical applications.

### Thursday, 21 April

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr Ian Ramsay: Thyroid disorders in pregnancy.

## BMA NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

APRIL	
20 Wed	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
21 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
21 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
22 Fri	Accident and Emergency Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.
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 (9 Lynedoch Crescent, Glasgow G3 6EL), 2 pm.
28 Thurs	Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.
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.

**Aldershot and Farnham**—At Frimley Park Hospital, Wednesday, 20 April, 8.15 pm, agm.

**Croydon**—At Law Courts, Tuesday, 19 April, 7.45 pm, joint meeting with Croydon Law Society.

**Eastbourne**—At Lamb Inn, Tuesday, 19 April, 7.30 pm, annual combined meeting with Eastbourne Medical Society, Dr J D J Havard: "Industrial unionism versus professional unionism." (Preceded by hot meal.)

**East Yorkshire**—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 20 April, 7.30 pm, Dr Richard Hunter: "The

physical diagnosis of mental disorder." (Followed by buffet supper.)\*

**Holland Lines**—At County Club, Boston, Friday, 22 April, 7.45 for 8 pm, annual dinner.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Huddersfield**—At Huddersfield Golf Club, Friday, 22 April, 8 pm, Chairman's cocktail party followed by supper.\*

**Ipswich**—Leaving from Ipswich Hospital, Wednesday, 20 April, 2.15 pm, visit to Small Animals Centre of Animal Health Trust.\*

**Lewisham**—At Lewisham Hospital, Thursday, 21 April, 8.15 for 8.45 pm, agm.

**Manchester**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 19 April, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, Mr Sidney Rose: "Chronic obstructive arterial disease of the lower limbs."\*

**North Warwickshire**—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 19 April, 7.30 and 9 pm, dinner/lecture, speaker Dr A. Orwin: "The treatment of homosexuality and sexual offences."\*

**North-west Regional Hospital Junior Staff Committee**—At Boyd House, Wednesday, 20 April, 7.30 pm, discussion meeting.

**Rugby**—At Hospital of St Cross, Thursday, 21 April, 12.30 for 12.50 pm, agm.\* (Coffee and sandwiches available.)

**Wandsworth and East Merton**—At St James' Hospital, Monday, 18 April, 8 pm, talk by Dr James Cameron.\*

**West Derbyshire**—At Whitworth Hospital, Wednesday, 20 April, 8.30 pm, Mr Clegg: "The changes in surgical management of otitis media."

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### LONDON

MD—G C Ezeilo, C H Patel, J Patrick, D L Stevens, D D R Williams.

## APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr D E Stableforth (consultant physician with special interest in respiratory medicine).

GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD—Dr M M Walker (consultant psychiatrist).

LEICESTERSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr V J Redding (clinical management in cardiology); Dr P E Hutchinson (dermatology); Dr E M Watkin, Dr J M Bery (radiology); Mr I Milward (plastic surgery); Dr I McLellan, Dr J M Hampson, Dr J M Ferris, Dr J G Wandless (anaesthetics); Mr D P Fossard (general surgery); Dr D Cameron (general psychiatry); Dr M A Stern (clinical immunology); Dr R J Shepherd (geriatrics); Dr I F Pye (neurology); Mr C A J Macafee (obstetrics and gynaecology); Mr J G Bailey (cardiothoracic surgery); Dr A Hauck (psychiatry, mental handicap); Dr T G Leggat (orthodontic); Mr J W Ward (clinical pharmacology); Dr P R Keith (district community physician).

### Correction

*Sensual Drugs: Deprivation and Rehabilitation of the Mind.* Hardin B Jones and Helen C Jones. Cambridge University Press. 1977.

We regret that when the review of this book was published (26 March, p 849) we omitted to mention that it is also available in paperback, price £3.50.

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## MEDICAL NEWS

### Cancer research

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund increased its income by 28% to £8.5 million in 1976, says its annual report: over £5 million came from legacies. The strong level of support has made it possible for the Fund to consider new projects. The appeal for the Gordon Hamilton Fairley Fund raised £136 000 and an initial award was made of three two-year fellowships.

### New professor of obstetrics and gynaecology, Manchester University

Mr Max Elstein has been appointed to the chair of obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of Manchester from 1 October 1977. Mr Elstein graduated from the University of Cape Town in 1955, and after appointments in various Cape Town hospitals from 1958 to 1961 he was in a group general practice in Stellenbosch. He held several appointments in obstetrics and gynaecology in London hospitals. In 1966 he was appointed lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and spent two years as a research fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. In 1969 he returned as visiting consultant and senior lecturer to the Groote Schuur Hospital. In 1970 he was appointed senior lecturer in human reproduction and obstetrics in the University of Southampton and honorary consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Hampshire Area Health Authority (Teaching) based on the University of Southampton group of hospitals. In 1976



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