

on an exchange or paying guest basis. Au pair visits are also arranged. Further details can be obtained from Miss Jill Draper, BMA, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

### BMA research awards 1977

Applications are invited for the 12 research awards offered by the BMA's Board of Science and Education. These range from the Doris Odium Award—£250 for research in mental health—to the Edith Walsh Award—£1000 for research into cardiac and respiratory disease. The smaller awards are intended particularly to facilitate pilot projects with a view to the development of research on a wider basis. Conditions of entry and application forms can be obtained from the secretary, Board of Science and Education, BMA, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. The closing date for applications is 1 July 1977.

### COMING EVENTS

**North-west Kent Life Group**—Conference, "Abortion—the nurse's dilemma," 14 May, London. Details from Mrs S M Kershaw, 8 King Edward Avenue, Dartford, Kent. (Tel Dartford 20506.)

**Royal College of Psychiatrists, Psychotherapy Specialist Section**—Details of three forthcoming meetings are now available from the honorary secretary, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. (Tel 01-235 2351-5.)

### 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, 9 May

**INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY**—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 4.30 pm, Mr R Rush (South Africa): Preterm labour—its causes and effects.  
**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Professor J M Yoffey: The lymphocyte revolution.  
**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL**—5 pm, Dr A Selzer (San Francisco): The natural history of coronary artery disease.

#### Tuesday, 10 May

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY**—5.30 pm, Dr Daniel E Sheer (Texas): Learning disabilities and biofeedback training of 40 Hz EEG.  
**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON**—5 pm, Lloyd-Roberts lecture by the Rt Hon Jo Grimond: The future of individual liberty.  
**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Professor R L Speirs: Fluoride metabolism.

#### Wednesday, 11 May

**INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY**—5.30 pm, Dr R S Stern: Problems of obsessional illness in relation to behavioural treatment.  
**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS**—At Royal College of Physicians, 5 pm, 13th Roy Cameron lecture by Dr J J Brown: Renin, angiotensin and aldosterone interrelationships in physiological and clinical states.  
**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS PSYCHOTHERAPY SPECIALIST SECTION**—At University College, London, 8.15 pm, Professor W H Gillespie: The place of psychoanalysis in psychotherapy.  
**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL**—11.45 am, Professor D Weatherall, FRS: The molecular basis of some inherited disorders of the red cell. 5 pm, Dr A Selzer (San Francisco): Ischaemic pain in patients with normal coronary arteries.  
**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**—At John Radcliffe Hospital, 4 pm, Litchfield lecture by Dr Jerold F Lucey (USA): Has neonatal care become too intensive?

#### Thursday, 12 May

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY**—5.30 pm, Dr Ralph B Cloward: Current status of treatment of cervical disc disease.  
**ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL**—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Mr A S Moolgaoker: New thoughts on obstetric forceps.

### BMA NOTICES

## Venereologists' Group Committee

Nominations are hereby invited from members of the Venereologists' Group for four vacancies on its group committee for 1977-81. The vacancies are caused by the retirement every two years of one half of the members of the group committee, who are eligible for re-election.

Nomination forms are obtainable from the undersigned and must be returned not later than *Thursday, 30 June 1977*. In the event of a contest arising, voting papers will be issued at a later date to members of the group.

Both the candidate for election and the person making the nomination must be members of the group.

E GREY-TURNER  
Secretary

### Diary of Central Meetings

	CENTRAL
11 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
18 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
19 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
25 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.

### Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Barking and Havering**—At Oldchurch Hospital, Tuesday, 10 May, 8 for 8.15 pm, business meeting.  
**Bexley**—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Wednesday, 11 May, 8 pm, concert by the Davenport Quintet.  
**Bolton**—At Medical Institute, Monday, 9 May, 8.15 pm, agm.  
**Doctors in Community Medicine in the Yorkshire Region**—At Yorkshire Regional Health Authority Offices, Harrogate, Thursday, 12 May, 7 pm, agm, followed by informal social gathering and buffet.\*  
**Dudley**—At Guest Hospital, Tuesday, 10 May, 8.15 pm, business meeting.  
**Ealing**—At King Edward Memorial Hospital, Sunday, 8 May, 10.30 am, annual clinical meeting. At King Edward Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, 10 May, 8 pm, general meeting.  
**East Anglian Regional Committee for Community Medicine**—At West Suffolk Hospital, Tuesday, 10 May, 2 pm, business meeting.  
**Eastbourne**—At Lamb Inn, Tuesday, 10 May, 7.30 pm, meeting to discuss motions to ARM.\*  
**East Kent**—At Sarre Court Hotel, Thursday, 12 May, 8.30 pm, agm and business meeting.  
**East Norfolk and Norwich**—At Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Friday, 13 May, 8.15 pm, joint meeting with King's Lynn Division to discuss Annual Report of Council and motions for ARM.  
**East Surrey**—At the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Wednesday, 11 May, 8.30 pm, agm.  
**East Yorkshire**—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 11 May, 7.30 pm, presidential address by Dr Tim Barwood: "Down to earth." (Followed by supper.)\*  
**Grimsby**—At Postgraduate Centre, Thursday, 12 May, 8 pm, ordinary meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council and formulate motions for ARM.  
**Guildford**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Wednesday, 11 May, 8.15 for 8.30 pm, agm.  
**Huddersfield**—At Royal Infirmary, Monday, 9 May, 8.15 pm, business meeting.  
**Liverpool**—At St George's Hotel, Thursday, 12 May, 7.15 for 8 pm, annual dinner and dance.\*  
**North Bedfordshire**—At Bedford Medical Institute, Friday, 13 May, 12.45 pm, agm.  
**North Birmingham, Lichfield, and Tamworth**—At Civic Hall, Tamworth, Friday, 13 May, 8.30 pm, supper dance.\*  
**Northern Region Hospital Junior Staff Committee**—At Medical Institute, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tuesday, 10 May, 8.30 pm, meeting.  
**North Warwickshire**—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 10 May, 9 pm, agm.\* (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 pm.)\*  
**Plymouth**—At Plymouth Medical Centre, Thursday, 12 May, 8 pm, meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council and draw up programme.  
**Portsmouth and South-east Hampshire**—At St Mary's Hospital, Tuesday, 10 May, 8 pm, meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council.  
**Solihull**—At Regency Club, Friday, 13 May, 7.15 pm, business meeting followed by tape slides, and dinner. Dr John Essex will talk on a recent visit to China.\*

**South Bedfordshire**—At Luton Medical Centre, Thursday, 12 May, 8.30 pm, annual business meeting Medical Centre.

**Swindon**—At Princess Margaret Hospital, Thursday, 12 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr K D Crow: "The Seveso disaster." (Buffet supper, guests are invited.)\*

**Winchester**—At Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Wednesday, 11 May, 8.15 pm, agm.

**Worcester and Bromsgrove**—At Postgraduate Centre, Ronkswood, Monday, 9 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

#### CAMBRIDGE

MD—N A P Brown.  
MS—D I Beeby.

#### MANCHESTER

MD—W A Johnstone.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the Council of the college held on 22 April the following were admitted to fellowship: F El R Abdeen, K A Abd-El Aal (Shehata), G F Adams, G El-Deen H Ahmed, D A P Ainscoe, M M M Aker, M M Alam, H H M Al Arrayed, H A Al-Atrakchi, R Al Baghdadi, M R Alfagih, Q A R Al-Samarrai, R I Al-Taie, A A Ameen, L K Appiah, J S Bachir, J L Baidya, Pushpa S Balasooriya, A J Banks, D P S Bhatia, R N Bhattacharya, S C Bhattacharyya, N R R Birudavolu, R S Boome, K J Brice, T S Cairns, D G Carden, Chan Y T Andrew, D Chaudhuri, D Datta, V C David, W A R Davies, G Desai, J H Dixon, A F El S Dowidar, M S I El Sakaan, R S Fahed, M B H Faizer, M J Fernandez, J P Flanagan, L Forrest, Kong-Poon Gan, P D Gooder, K S Govindan, I-Ul Haque, D W Higginson, G C Hoffman, I H Hubbard, A P Ioannides, N K Jain, M N Jamal, S M A Jawad, U K Jha, M S Kailani, I G Kelly, F A Khan, J K Khurana, H O Kirsten, J D Knottenbelt, N T Kurukulasuriya, M T R Lau, P G Lunn, F M Luvuno, R H MacDougall, L P Madhavareddy, A K Marsden, M M Marzouk, R N Matthews, J May, M G Mehrez, II Vershi Meisheri, M Morales, J G Mulcahy, A M Mullins, S B Murray, P C Ng, G A Odigie, T E O'Hare, M D Pancharatnam, A Parvaiz, H N Pawar, K B Queen, S A Quraishi, K S Rao, D Rashid, A Ray, A C Roy, A T Richards, V J Sebastian, B Shahrud, M G Shanker Narayan, S D Singh, D S Soutar, M Srivastava, A R Stone, V R Talati, P A H Talbot, M C Taylor, N A Theodorou, G Trengrove-Jones, I A Usmani, Chalattil Vijayalakshmy, D C Ward, H E Wilshaw, A B Woodyer.

### Corrections

#### Burst abdomen—a preventable condition?

Mr A M Smith states that in his letter (16 April, p 1028) he should have said that he had changed to polypropylene (Prolene) sutures, not polyethylene.

#### Annual Report of Council

In the recommendation in paragraph (30.19), *Amendments to the Articles, By-laws, and Second Schedule to the By-laws and Standing Orders of the Representative Body* (23 April, p 1103), "Appendices VI and VII" should have read "Appendices VII and VIII." We apologise for this error.

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