

where can the GMC itself look for guidance? "The fundamental ethical offence . . ." he suggests, "is for a doctor to exploit [his] privileges for reasons other than the patient's interest"; and as this principle already appears to serve as a yardstick it may well provide a basis for guidance in the future.

Donald Reid Memorial Fund

The first award of the triennial Donald Reid medal for outstanding contributions to epidemiology has been made to Professor A M Adelman, chief medical statistician of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. The Donald Reid Memorial Fund that has created the award has also financed a book to commemorate the distinguished epidemiologist. Entitled *Donald Darnley Reid, 1914-1977: A Memorial Volume from Colleagues and Friends*, this will be published by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in early June, price £6.50 or £3.50 for donors to the fund (available from the librarian, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT).

Intensive Care Society

Applications are invited by the Intensive Care Society for the 1979 Medishield travelling fellowship, worth £1000, which is open to any medical practitioner currently working in the United Kingdom who aims to continue his or her career in the NHS. Details and application forms, which should be returned by 1 September 1979, are available from Dr J H Kerr, Intensive Therapy Unit, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE (0865 49891).

Richmond Fellowship for Mental Welfare and Rehabilitation

A "Richmond Fellowship International" is being incorporated, announces the 1977-8 annual report of the Richmond Fellowship, to assist and co-ordinate the growing number of overseas therapeutic communities run by the organisation. Generous State funding for the communities, as in some European countries, the report says, may be at the cost of flexibility, with over-staffing and too many regulations. In Britain, by contrast, flexibility has not been eroded by public funding; many applications for grant-aid for individuals are turned down, however, because of financial constraints, and the fellowship appeals for more support both from central Government and from local authorities. The report may be obtained from 8 Addison Road, London W14 8DL (01-603 6363).

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London—Teach-in "Scleroderma and allied diseases," 5 June, London. For details see advertisement at p v.

British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect—Inaugural meeting, 27 June, London. Details from Dr A White Franklin, 149 Harley Street, London W1N 2DE. (Tel 01-935 4444 ext 8.)

Richmond Fellowship for Mental Welfare and Rehabilitation—Fourth international conference, "From mental hospitals to what?" 2-4 July, London. Details from the conference organiser of the fellowship, 8 Addison Road, Kensington, London W14 8DL.

Endocrinology '79—16-19 July, London. Details from P Lindsay, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Ducane Road, London W12 0HS. (Tel 01-743 2030 ext 457.)

1st Ames-Yissum Virology Conference—"Latent and persistent virus infections in man," 14-18 October, Jerusalem. Details from the conference secretariat, P O B 983, Jerusalem, Israel.

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital 150th Anniversary—Dinner dance for past and present members of medical staff, 2 November, Manchester. Details from Dr E A Shaw at the hospital, Pendlebury, Manchester M27 1HA.

British Council—Details of courses 955, "Art in education," 17 February-1 March 1980, London, Birmingham, Leicester, Bath, Exmouth; 941, "Tuberculosis," 9-21 March 1980, London; 958, "Cardiovascular and respiratory clinical measurement," 16-28 March 1980, London and Bristol; 951, "Head injuries," 16-28 March 1980, Glasgow; and 956, "Calcium and phosphate metabolism: the clinical physiology, investigation, and management of metabolic bone and stone disease," 23 March-3 April, 1980, Glasgow, are available from the director of the courses department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institutions concerned.

Wednesday, 30 May

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—Young rheumatoid hip, 6 pm, Dr R A Sturge: medical management. 7 pm, Mr G P Arden: Surgical management.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY: 5.30 pm, Dr E C Sheldrick: The implications of a changing diagnosis in psychiatry. **ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL**—2 pm, histopathology course, Dr G Janossi: Lymphocyte differentiation antigens.

Thursday, 31 May

ROYAL SOCIETY—4.30 pm, Professor D A Hopwood: Streptomyces genetics: antibiotics, plasmids, and protoplast fusion.*

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Mr John Studd: Oestrogen therapy in postmenopausal women.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

MAY	
30 Wed	Council, 10 am.
31 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
JUNE	
4 Mon	Conference of Medical Academic Staff Representatives, 10.30 am.
7 Thurs	Conference of Representatives of Senior Hospital Representatives, 10 am.
7 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMSC), 10 am.
8 Fri	Board of Science and Education, 10.30 am.
8 Fri	Hospital junior staff "teach-in," 1.30 pm.
9 Sat	Hospital Junior Staff Conference, 10 am.
12 Tues to 14 Thurs	Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committee, 10 am.
13 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
14 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
16 Sat	Annual Conference of Community Medicine, 10 am.

Division Meetings

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

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 29 May, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting on "Pigmented skins."* (Supper provided.)

South-east Essex—At the Civic Centre, Southend-on-Sea, Thursday, 31 May, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, dinner followed by agm.*

South Warwickshire—At Blackdown Restaurant, nr Leamington Spa, Friday, 1 June, 7.30 for 8 pm, June ball.*

Wigan—At the Owls Restaurant, Thursday, 31 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner.* (Guests welcome.)

Regional Meetings

North-west Regional Council—At Boyd House, Wednesday, 30 May, 8 pm, meeting followed by agm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

MD—N H Brooks, M F Laker, E Neville.
MS—D E Osborn.

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(4) **References** must be set out in the style used in the *BMJ*, and their accuracy verified before the manuscript is submitted.

(5) **SI units** are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units, and some useful conversion factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977).

(6) **Authors** should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

(7) **Letters to the Editor** submitted for publication must be signed personally by all the authors.

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(9) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 6 January 1979 (p 6).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the Council on 10 May with the senior vice-president, Mr Walpole Lewin, in the chair, the appointment of Professor Charles Hollenberg of the University of Toronto as Sir Arthur Sims Commonwealth Travelling Professor to visit Australasia and the United Kingdom in 1980 was reported.

Dr John Bushman was appointed Bernhard Baron Lecturer for 1980. Mr Christopher Cheyne was elected to the fellowship ad eundem. The Begley prize was awarded to Dr J L Collier. Mr M W Reece was appointed adviser in surgical training for the South-western Region in succession to Mr Michael Reilly, for three years in the first instance; and Mr K C D Gordon was appointed surgical tutor for Ipswich (East Anglian Region), for five years in the first instance.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Dr A D P Morris (radiologist).

Correction

Consultant appointments

Dr J B Macdonald (19 May, p 1362) will not be taking up his appointment with the Birmingham AHA(T).

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