

society—the aged, the disabled, the physically and mentally handicapped, the sick, the socially inadequate, poor families, children in trouble—all can be better served by a new partnership between voluntary organisations and the Government.” He hoped the consultative document, *Priorities in Health and Personal Social Services*, would be “a vital part of an expanding dialogue with voluntary bodies.” He also said that the Government would reserve the right to look carefully at the way the grants were spent to ensure that the Government got good value for the taxpayers’ money.

Fluoridation

The DHSS has issued a circular (HC(76)34) commending fluoridation of water supplies to health authorities, in the light of the recent report from the Royal College of Physicians, *Fluoride, Teeth and Health*. Half a million pounds of DHSS money is being earmarked in each of the financial years 1976-9 to help meet the capital cost of setting up fluoridation schemes.

Careers in medicine

A practical handbook on the requirements and facilities for postgraduate training in the main specialties has been produced by the Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales. Intended for final year medical students and recently qualified doctors, the book gives sketches of the characteristics of work in different specialties, some comment on the intensity of the competition for posts and the prospect for late entrants and women, and specific details of a training programme in cases where it has been agreed by the appropriate joint committee. The range extends from the individual medical and surgical specialties to Voluntary Service Overseas and aviation medicine. *Careers in Medicine* is priced £2.00 (+20p postage) and may be obtained from postgraduate deans or from the council, 7 Marylebone Road, Park Crescent, London NW1 5HA.

Planning in Scotland

A network of multidisciplinary planning advisory groups has been set up by the Scottish Health Service Planning Council in order that its strategies might take account of factors such as housing, education, and employment. While warning that the network will not of itself ensure progress, the council says in its annual report (HMSO, Edinburgh, 45p) that the advisory structure has already put forward important recommendations. In particular, on the basis of advice received the council is recommending fluoridation of the public water supply.

European Travelling Fellowships

The Commission of the European Communities, advised by the Committee on Medical Research and Public Health, is sponsoring European Travelling Fellowships for physicians, medical researchers, or public health officers who are actively engaged in public health or population studies. Successful applicants will spend two weeks to three months in

an institute of epidemiological research within the EEC outside their own country. The commission will pay travel and hotel expenses and will expect a report of the visits within one month of return home.

Applications may be sent either directly to the Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General Research, Science and Education, XII/C-1, 200 rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels; or, for applicants from Britain, to the Medical Research Council, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL.

Final selection may be made by interview. Applications, by 31 August, should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and an outline of the proposed programme, including the centre applicants wish to visit.

COMING EVENTS

Biochemical Society—564th meeting, 2-3 September, Dublin. Details from the Meetings Officer, Biochemical Society, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London WC1R 5DP. (Tel 01-242 1076-8.)

International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect—20-22 September. All sessions will be held in the World Health Organisation Building in Geneva. Inquiries to Dr Alfred White Franklin, 149 Harley Street, W1N 2DE, or Professor Pierre E Ferrier, Department of Paediatrics, 30 boulevard de la Cluse, 1211 Geneva 4.

EORTC—Symposium on “Recent advances in cancer treatment,” 23-24 September, Brussels. Details from Dr M Staquet, EORTC Co-ordinating Office, Institut Jules Bordet, rue Héger-Bordet 1, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium.

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.

Friday, 30 July

QUAESITOR—At Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, 7.30 pm, Dr W C Schutz: The encounter group—the meaning and the myth.*

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Eastbourne—At Boship Farm Hotel, Tuesday, 27 July, 7.30 pm, agm followed by dinner 9 pm.*

South Tees—At West Lane Hospital, Thursday, 29 July, 8 pm, ordinary meeting.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

GLASGOW

MD—Eve C Johnstone, A R Lorimer, I F M Saint-Yves, A A Spence, G A B Waddell, B Whiting.
ChM—D Johnston.

ABERDEEN

MD—G B Burnett, P McL Fisher, J M Kasone, P P S Nylander, B B K Pirani, J A N Rennie, D I Shepherd, A J Tulloch.
ChM—J McLaughlan, S S Miller, M G Walker.

DUNDEE

MD—Margaret A H Bayles, A F Cooper, G K Morris, G H B Martin, D B Thomas, J D Vince.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an extraordinary meeting of the council held on 7 July, with Sir Rodney Smith, president, in the chair, Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following: S J K Holmes, A D Gayner, M C Treplin, M C Holbrook, D J Cave-Bigley, D M J Geewater, E O Oji, J O Soul, E R Townsend, J A D Vanhagan, H M Bishop, P S F Chan, S W Jamieson, R J Leicester, P L R Wood, M J Bailey, R N Brueton, M A Chaudary, M A Farquharson-Roberts, B P Heather, G M A Heaton, A W F G Muirhead, R A Harrison, H D Sinnett, T J O'Neill, P J R Shah, C J Rudge, S Keetartu,

B De, A K Laha, M C Desai, M A F Adham-Sikhian, P W V Gurney, A N Hassan, Prabha Mody, S G Sinha, A T Menkarious, G L Hill, H N Sharma, B W Jarasius, A E H M el Moussa, L T Sparks, H J Huygens, L S Easwara Khanthan, S S Jayaratne, K Sivathondan, C S Vartak, S H Abboud, A A Al-Beer, Emu Z Hazarika, R S McCurdie, P G Nandadeva, D A Nicholson, R C Bosanquet, R P Jones, Bozena M Laskiewicz, G Leonard, R T Lerner, J G A Mariadason, J F Munk, V P Wayde, S A W Alkadi, M H Ashraf, J M Auchincloss, H K Baxter, M H Erian, S A Filobos, L Guvendik, K A W Khalifeh, R P Mifsud, A W F Milling, M K Ray, P M Rosenberg, M C Seal, R S Sidra, A C Silverstone, P K Sinclair, D C Baxter-Smith, D M East, N R Fieldman, A Franklin, P J A Griffin, R W House, M H Keene, D H K Mukasa, H J Parker, A M A K Rahim, D G D Sandilands, R T J Shortridge, A Smith, P R Tandy, D F M Thomas, D M A Wallace, G A Westmore, J R Young, R Z Abdelmishih, P A Braithwaite, M B Clague, S J M Davies, Bridget E Enoch, J W L Fielding, O C A F Fitzgerald, R B Galland, C J M Getty, D J Gladstone, S N Gupta, J P Hallett, Margaret A Hocking, D N Jarrett, B J Jones, W G Lambert, D H Ma, A G MacEachern, R C Moore, J W New, R W Nicholson, S M Obeidallah, J A G Punt, M Rowntree, A M A Saad, N M Shedid, S R R Smith, C J Stoddard, I J Swann, P J F Wade, A Waters, D S Bennett, D N H Bhuya, J B Boyd, S Das De, D P Fawcett, M L Hsu, J M Lehmann, J L Lewis, R H Lye, C N McCollum, D A Makey, A H N Roberts, R C Tiptaft.

An address was delivered by Professor R B Salter, president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, who had earlier been admitted to the Honorary Fellowship of the College.

At a quarterly meeting of the council held on 8 July, with Sir Rodney Smith, president, in the chair, Sir Rodney Smith was re-elected president, and Mr Selwyn Taylor and Mr Walpole Lewin were elected vice-presidents for the ensuing year. Mr Ronald Raven was elected a member of the Court of Patrons, and Mr G C Lloyd-Roberts and Dr J E Riding were admitted as members of the Council.

Professor H L Duthie, Mr J B McFarland, and Mr J D Marsh were re-elected, and Mr J I Burn, Mr R M Kirk, Mr R A Payne, and Professor J H Peacock were elected, to the Court of Examiners in General Surgery. Professor David Hill was elected to the Court of Examiners in Ophthalmology.

The Mitchener Medal for 1976 was awarded to Colonel G I Small, and the awards of the Dudley Buxton prize for 1977 to Dr C F Scurr, the Evelyn Sprawson prize to Mr C J Campbell, and the Newfield prize to Dr J S Keslin were noted.

The Hallett prize was awarded to Dr W B Campbell.

Corrections

Pseudomonas aeruginosa in hospital pharmacies

We regret that a printing error occurred in the letter from Dr J V Dadsell (10 July, p 111). The stock bottle of mouthwash referred to was closed by a bark cork, not a “bare cord” as printed.

Migraine Trust

We stated in the news paragraph (3 July, p 55) that the Migraine Trust had been unable to carry out any new research for two years because of lack of money. The Trust has asked us to say that several research projects were, however, being supported during that time.

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