COMING EVENTS

Institute of Urology—Course on postgraduate nephrology, 10-11 November, London. For details contact Mrs W J Lamb, IOM, 10-20 SW1X 8QX. Tel 01-235 6111.

Royal Free Hospital Old Students' Association—Clinical meeting, 18-19 November, London. Details from Miss Mary P Shepherd, MS, FRCS, Thoracic and Cardiac Surgical Unit, Harfield Hospital, Harfield, Middx.

British Institute of Radiology—Meeting "Whole body counting and scanning clinical applications and recent developments," 24 November, London. Details from British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG.

International Symposium on Inflammatory Bowel Disease—6-9 December, Basle. Details from Physicians Associated for Continuing Education, 42-44 Cromwell Road, Battersea, London SW7 4EN. Tel 01-584 9756.

Birmingham Medical Institute—Details and copies of the programme October to March of the Midland Thoracic Society section are now available from the Institute, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15. (Tel Edgbaston 5007.)

Medico-Legal Society—Details and copies of the programme 1976-7 are now available from the Society, 71 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3BZ.

Anglo-American Medical Society—Copies and details of the programme 1976-7 are now available from the Institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG.

British Institute of Radiology—Copies and details of the programme 1976-7 are now available from the Institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. Tel 01-935 6237/6867.

British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis,Scottish Branch—Details and copies of the programme 1976-7 are now available from the Society, 1020 SW1X, London. Tel 01-584 9756.

Chiltern Medical Society—Copies and details of the programme 1976-7 are now available from the Medical Society, Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 2TT. (Tel High Wycombe 26161 ext 221.)

Edgware Medical Society—Details and copies of the programme 1976-7 are now available from the Society, Edgware General Hospital, Edgware, Middlesex. Tel 01-952 2381 ext 354.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland Society of Anaesthetists—Details of the 1976-7 syllabus are now available from the honorary secretary, Edinburgh and East of Scotland Society of Anaesthetists, Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh EH3 9EF. Tel 031-229 2477 ext 2697.

Forest Group Hospitals Medical Education and Research Trust—Details of the programme are now available from the Medical Education Centre, Whips Cross Hospital, London E11.

Postgraduate seminars in oto-laryngology—Detailed programmes are available monthly from Mrs D W Scott, Academic Secretary in the Department of Oto-laryngology, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE. Tel 0891 ext 544.

Regional Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Dentistry, Newcastle upon Tyne—Details of this term's course in advanced medicine are now available from the Institute, the Medical School, the University, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU. Tel 0632 28511 ext 3041.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Application forms should be made to the institution concerned.

Monday, 25 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Thursday, 8 November, Tramshed, Prince Consort Road, 3.30 pm, inaugural lecture by Professor S A V Swanson: "Engineering and Medicine of the Human Body." UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Dr R Eddy: "The melanocyte system and mechanism of melanin pigmentation."

Tuesday, 26 October

IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—At Hackett Laboratory, Prince Consort Road, 5.30 pm, inaugural lecture by Professor S A V Swanson: "Engineering and Medicine of the Human Body." INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr R Eddy: "The melanocyte system and mechanism of melanin pigmentation."

Wednesday, 27 October

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandford Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Dr A Stepe: Feedback techniques in the self control of blood pressure, 7 pm, Dr D K Spalding: Autonomic dysfunction in acute diseases of the nervous system.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr David Robinson, "Self-help in the treatment of schizophrenia." UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, medical lecture on "Primary care and mental illness in general practice" by Dr W Gardiner: "Psychological support in the management of chronic illness."

Thursday, 28 October

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—4.30 pm, Schorstein Memorial lecture by Professor W F Bodmer: "Molecular biology of the XA system and its association with disease."

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Alec Bourse lecture by Sir John Stallworthy: "Principles and priorities of treatment of urethra cancer."

Saturday, 30 October

WORTHING POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE—5 pm, 1st Leonard Simpson lecture by Professor Victor Fyten: "Modern metallic investigations in endocrinology."

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

OCTOBER

27 Wed Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
27 Wed Selecting Subcommitteee (CCHMS), 10 am.
27 Wed BMA Council Executive, 2 pm.

NOVEMBER

2 Tues Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumshane Gardens, Edinburgh), 10 am.
3 Wed Education Subcommitteee (GMSC), 10.30 am.
3 Wed Practice Premises and Organisation Subcommittee, 2 pm.
3 Wed Consulting Pathologists Group Committee, 2 pm.
3 Wed Rent and Rates Working Group (GMSC), 2 pm.
4 Thurs Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 10.30 am.
4 Thurs Executive Subcommitteee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Burton upon Trent and District—At Stanhope Arms Hotel, Tuesday, 26 October, 7 for 7.30 pm, dinner lecture, speaker Dr Michael Aspin: "Drugs, epilepsy and driving.*

Doncaster—At Punch's Hotel, Thursday, 28 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual ladies night dinner and dance held jointly with Doncaster Medical Society.*

Dudley—At Station Hotel, Thursday, 28 October, 7 for 8 pm, "Superannuation evening."

Eastbourne—At Lamb Inn, Tuesday, 26 October, 7.30 pm, dinner and business meeting. For details contact Dr E S Short: "Emergency medicine."

East Anglia—At Penrith New Hospital, Thursday, 28 October, 7.30 pm, dinner meeting.

East Surrey—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 26 October, 7.30 pm, buffet supper and illustrated talk by Mr D A McRobbie: "External cavities of the nose,* Dr E D Kirkup: "The pathology both medical and veterinary found in the Galapagos lizard."

Kingston, Richmond and Epsom—At Kingston Hospital, Tuesday, 26 October, 8.30 pm, illustrated talk by Dr Elston Grey-Turner: "General practice in the suburbs of Walsall."

Newcastle upon Tyne-At Medical School, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU. Tel 0632 28511 ext 3041.

Rotherham—At Phoenix Rooms, British Steel Corporation, Thursday, 28 October, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, annual dinner dance.* Organised by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

St Marylebone and North-east Westminster—At BMA House, Thursday, 28 October, 6.30 pm, annual dinner dance.* Organised by the Medical Defence Union.

Southampton and S W Hampshire—At Southampton General Hospital, Wednesday, 27 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, guest speaker Mr David Johnston: "The Northcott case."* Organised by the Medical Defence Union.

Waltham Forest—At Whipps Cross Hospital, Whipps Cross, Wednesday, 27 October, 8.30 pm, Dr Peter Samman: "Diseases of the nails.** Organised by the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

BRISTOL

MD—R A Branch, M M B Halim, R H Teague.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

The following have been elected as Members under the existing Bye-laws: Drs J S M Clarke, A Mimm, A Boyko, A J Adresic, and W J H Sheddin.

APPPOINTMENTS

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—Dr A J G Pearson (consultant in general medicine); Dr Elizabeth A Hudson (consultant histopathologist with an interest in cytology).

Corrections

Preoperative prediction of postoperative deep vein thrombosis

The authors state that the formula appearing in this article (16 October, p 910) on page 911 should have a minus sign in front of 11 and read as follows: -1 + 1:3 + 0.0093x + 0.22x + 0.085x^2 + 0.043x^3 + 2.19x^4.

BMA representation in hospitals

In the second paragraph of the letter from Dr W F Whimster (16 October, p 945) the second sentence should have read: "One can drag people into the BMA if one's temperament is right, but inadequate datum does not invite one not to."

We apologise for this error.

Mechanism of the asthma attack

In a letter from Dr G Salgado (17 July, p 179) his address was inadvertently printed as "Provisional" instead of Provincial General Hospital.

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