

Society for Psychosomatic Research—21st annual conference, "The coming age of psychosomatics," 21-22 November, London. Details from Dr Peter Mellett, Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8PZ. (Tel Epsom 29696, ext 286.)

Third therapeutics conference—25 November, London. Details from the Co-ordinator of Studies, St Christopher's Hospice, 51-53 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, London SE26 6DZ. (Tel 01-778 9252.)

"Family with a mentally handicapped member"—Symposium, 25 November, Southport. Details from Dr R P Arya, Greaves Hall Hospital, Banks, Southport, Merseyside PR9 8BP. (Tel 0704 27451.)

Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency—Weekend discussion course, 25-27 November, Rugeley. Details from the Institute, 34 Surrey Street, Croydon, Surrey CR0 1RJ. (Tel 01-680 2068.)

Association for the Study of Medical Education—Joint meeting with the Society for Research in Higher Education "Approaches to curriculum design and evaluation: the medical experience," 30 November, London. Details from Mrs M Clothier, BLAT Centre for Health and Medical Education, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. (Tel 01-388 7976.)

International Study Group for Steroid Hormones—VIII meeting, 5-7 December, Rome. Details from Professor C Conti, Istituto di Patologia Medica II, Policlinico Umberto I, Rome, Italy.

Tumour Ultrasound '77—International symposium, 5-7 December, London. Details from Dr Ralph McCready, Department of Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound, Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey. (Tel 01-642 6011.)

New York Academy of Sciences—Conference "Primary health care in industrialised nations," 12-14 December, New York. Details from Conference Department, New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd Street, New York, New York 10021, USA. (Tel 212 838 0230.)

"Paediatric nephrology v nephrotic syndrome, current concepts in diagnosis and management"—Meeting 4-7 January 1978, Miami. Details from Comprehensive Children's Kidney Center, Department of Pediatrics, University of Miami, School of Medicine, PO Box 520875, Biscayne Annex, Miami, Florida 33152, USA.

The British Council—Details of the following meetings on "The liver," 25-27 January, London and Bristol, "Paediatric nephrology," 15-28 January, London, "Neonatal surgery," 22 January-3 February, London, "Clinical respiratory physiology," 22 January-3 February, Penarth and London, "Paediatric gastroenterology," 12-25 February, Birmingham, and "Calcium and phosphate metabolism," 5-18 March, Leeds, are now available from the director, Courses Department, The British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. (Tel 01-499 8011.)

International Seminar on Clinical Oncology—8-12 February 1978, Spain. Details from the Spanish Society of Cancer Chemotherapy, Seminario Internacional de Oncologia Clinica, Villanueva 11, Madrid 1, Spain.

Institute of Dermatology—Advanced seminar in dermatology "Recent advances in immunology of skin diseases," 17-21 April 1978, London. Details from the dean, Institute of Dermatology, St John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London WC2H 7BJ. (Tel 01-437 8383.)

Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry—Details and copies of the programme for October and November are now available from the Centre, Uffculme Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham. (Tel 021 449 4481.)

University of Dundee—Details and copies of the programme of postgraduate medical education for the 1977-8 session are now available from Dr Hamish Watson, Postgraduate Dean, Ninewells

Hospital and Medical School, Dundee DD1 9SY. (Tel 0382 60111.)

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.*

Tuesday, 18 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr I Sarkany: Physiology of itching.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—5.30 pm, Professor J C Gautier (Paris): Cerebral embolism.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Mr E M Thomas, surgical conference: The diabetic foot.

Wednesday, 19 October

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—Sandoz Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Professor J C Gautier (Paris): Pathology of cerebrovascular disease, 7 pm, Professor John Marshall: Clinical diagnosis of cases of stroke.
INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr R N Maini: Basic concepts of clinical immunology, 7 pm, Dr A T Richardson: The use of local steroids.
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr J D Stephenson: The neuropharmacological basis for the use of imipramine in enuresis.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Professor J T Galambos (USA): The metabolic consequences of shunt surgery.
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Professor Sheila Sherlock: Chronic hepatitis.
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL—5.30 pm, 30th Alex Simpson Smith Memorial lecture by Mr J D Atwell: Changing patterns in paediatric surgical care.

Thursday, 20 October

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—5.30 pm, Schorstein Memorial lecture by Professor K W Cross: Investigating the new-born—the ethical imperative.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5 pm, Teal lecture by Professor H P Lambert: Rational antimicrobial drug policies for infections of childhood.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE—6 pm, presidential address by Dr S G Browne: Tropical medicine—facing today's dilemmas.
ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Mr D B Paintin: Counselling in legal abortion.

Friday, 21 October

BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY—At University College, London, 6 pm, Woolmer Memorial lecture by Professor D C Simpson: Arms: natural and artificial.
WORTHING POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE—1 pm, 2nd Leonard Simpson lecture by Professor G M Besser: Prolactin and gonadal function.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

	OCTOBER
18 Tues	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumshough Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
19 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am. Central Ethical Committee, 10.30 am. Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 am. General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
19 Wed	Scottish Council (7 Drumshough Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
20 Thurs	Medical Academic Staff Committee, 2.30 pm.
24 Mon	Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2), 9.30 am.
25 Tues	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.30 am.
26 Wed	BMA Council Executive , 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, 19 October, 7 pm, autumn clinical meeting.*

Buckinghamshire—At White Swan Hotel, Aylesbury, Wednesday, 19 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, invitation from Buckinghamshire Branch, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, to the film "Thrombolytic therapy," produced by Kabi Vitrum.*

Hastings—At Royal East Sussex Hospital, Tuesday, 18 October, 7.15 pm, President's evening with Mr Michael Devas: "Orthopaedic shop window."*

Huddersfield—At Royal Infirmary, Monday, 17 October, 8.15 pm, a.m.

Leeds—At Leeds General Infirmary, Wednesday, 19 October, 8.15 pm, Mr John Stevenson: "The doctor and the Press."

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 18 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, Professor A M Breckenridge: "Treatment of hypertension."*

Northampton District—At Cripps Postgraduate Medical Centre, Thursday, 20 October, 7.30 for 7.45, French evening, followed by medicopolitical discussion 9 pm.*

North Tyneside—At Winthrop Laboratories, Gosforth, Thursday, 20 October, 1 pm, visit.*

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Thursday, 20 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual valedictory dinner and ladies' night, guest speaker Sir Derrick Dunlop.* (Guests are invited.)

Roehampton—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Monday, 17 October, 8.30 pm, wine tasting.* (Friends are invited.)

South-west Durham—At Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Tuesday, 18 October, 8 pm, Dr P H Thomas: "Fire problems and research."

South-west Wales—At All Saints' Church, Llanelli, Sunday, 16 October, 11 am, annual St Luke's service. (Guests are welcome.)

Tunbridge Wells—At Postgraduate Centre, Saturday, 22 October, Ladies Guild dinner and dance.*

Woking and Chertsey—At St Peter's Hospital, Wednesday, 19 October, 8.30 pm, Professor Roger Dyson: "The place Trade Unions occupy in the NHS today and their anticipated role in the future, with particular reference to the implications this may have for the medical profession." (Members of adjoining divisions are invited.)

APPOINTMENTS

CITY AND EAST LONDON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr M R Bligh (consultant child psychiatrist).

NORTH-EAST THAMES RHA—Dr Zoe T Slattery (consultant psychiatrists with a special interest in the elderly).

WESSEX RHA—Dr B Moore (consultant psychiatrist).

Corrections

Industrial action

The first resolution of the Kingston, Richmond, and Epsom Division in the letter from Dr E G Cohen (27 August, p 583) should read: "(1) That under no circumstances would doctors be willing to withdraw any of their services under the NHS. For, 2; against, the rest."

Prospective trial of oestrogen and calcium in postmenopausal women

In the paper by A Horsman and others (24 September, p 789) the following sentence was omitted: "In the trial, calcium was administered as calcium galactogluconate kindly provided by Sandoz Laboratories."

Reptilase time in cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma

We regret that an error occurred in the short report by Dr P J Johnson and others (1 October, p 869). In the second paragraph of Patients, methods, and results the third sentence should not have included a reference to a figure.

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