Institut für Medizinische Forschung, Heidelberg, and professor of biophysics at the Heidelberg University, Federal Republic of Germany: "distinguished for his contributions to the development of methods for studying biological fibres by x-ray diffraction and his studies of the mechanism of virus action."

Professor Yuet Wai Kan, professor of human genetics in the University of California, and director of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Laboratories, San Francisco, USA: "distinguished for his analysis of globin gene polymorphisms in human populations, and of human disorders affecting haemoglobin synthesis."

Dr I A McGregor, CBE, formerly director of the Medical Research Council Laboratory, The Gambia: "distinguished for his studies of the epidemiology of malaria in man, with particular reference to immune responses."

Professor A S Paintal, professor of physiology and director of the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute of the University of Delhi, India: "distinguished for his studies of the viscosity of blood concerned with the control of the respiratory and cardiovascular systems, in disease as well as in health."

Dr D A Rees, principal scientist at the Unilever Research Colworth Laboratory, Bedfordshire, and associate director of the Medical Research Council Cell Unit at King’s College, London: "distinguished for his contributions to the chemistry and biochemistry of naturally occurring carbohydrates and their practical applications."

Professor E Reich, professor of chemical biology at the Rockefeller University, New York City, USA: "distinguished for his studies of drugs interacting with nucleic acid, the acetylcholine receptor, and tissue pro- teases."

Royal Society yearbook and annual report

The Royal Society’s yearbook for 1981 is now available from the society (6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG), price £6.76. It contains a full list of fellows of the Royal Society, and information is corrected to 31 December 1980 (1981 New Year’s honours are included). The Royal Society’s annual report for the year ended 31 August 1980 (price £2.50) includes information about all the society’s committees, working groups, and studies.

Royal College of Psychiatrists

Professor Kenneth Rawnsley has been elected and will succeed to the presidency of the college on 9 July this year.

New professor of anaesthetics, University of Manchester

Dr T E J Healy has been appointed to the chair of anaesthetics in the University of Manchester from 1 October this year. Dr Healy graduated in medicine from London in 1964. After house appointments at the Whittington and Guy’s Hospitals he was appointed registrar in anaesthetics at the latter. In 1968 he moved to Birmingham Children’s Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and the following January he was appointed assistant clinical tutor in the department of anaesthetics at the University of Birmingham and senior registrar. In the two years he held similar posts in the department of clinical research and investigation, Dudley Road Hospital, and Birmingham General Hospital. Dr Healy was then appointed consultant anaesthetist in charge of intensive care at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and in 1975 took up his present appointments of reader in anaesthesia in the University of Nottingham—associate anaesthetist in administrative charge of the intensive care unit, which he was responsible for planning and setting up at the University Hospital. Dr Healy’s main research interests include the application of isolated organ preparations to the study of pharmacological properties of anaesthetic drugs and their interaction with other drugs and the effect of calcium ion antagonists on neuromuscular function.

Kidney transplants

The number of kidney transplants undertaken in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland for the four weeks ending 23 February was 94, and a total of 1025 reports on file was 1976. Corresponding figures for the previous month were 64 and 1957.

COMING EVENTS

Medical Association for Prevention of War—Meeting, 11 April, London. Details from Dr Jeffrey Segal, 308 Cricklade Road, London NW2 2PZ.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh—Combined symposium on “Accident prevention,” 12 April, Edinburgh. Details from the college, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9JY.

Medical Benevolent Society—Annual general meeting, 29 April, Birmingham. Details from Dr A C Houghton, 1025 Stratford Road, Birmingham B28 9GJ.

Postgraduate course on industrial toxicology—5.8 May, Birmingham. Details from Dr M A Cooke, Department of Occupational Health and Safety, University of Aston in Birmingham, Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 TET.

Royal Society of Medicine—Meeting “Fetal monitoring in pregnancy and labour,” 23 June, London. Details from the secretary of the society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 6AE.

University of Strathclyde—International seminar “Computing in medicine,” 25-28 August, Glasgow. Details from Professor Martin Ferguson-Pell, Biology Unit, or Dr James Atkinson, Information Officer, University of Strathclyde, 264 George Street, Glasgow G1 1XW. (Tel 041-552 4400, ext 3124 and 2370.

International Conference on Gynaecological Cancer—1-3 September, Dublin. Details from Professor John Bojinor, International Conference on Gynaecological Cancer, 12 Pembroke Park, Dublin 4, Ireland. (Tel 68 51 512.)

Royal Postgraduate Medical School and medical Department of Glaxo Group Research symposium in basic gastroenterology—Second symposium, “Autonomic nerves of the gut,” 22 September, London. Details from Dr M Daly, Glaxo Group Research Ltd, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 0JD.

“Sport for the disabled”—Regional conference, 10-11 October, Reading. Details from Dr L J Bredin, British Sports Council (Southern Region), Watling House, Watling Street, Reading RG1 4BH. (Tel 0734 52342, 57760.)

South Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme for April-July are now available from the centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 6S.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Monday, 6 April

NATIONAL HEART HOSPITAL—At Imperial College, 5.30 pm, Dr H D B Higginson: “Surgery for congenital heart disease.”—25 years later.

Tuesday, 7 April

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY—7 pm, buffet supper,* 8 pm, Dr Agyrey Bessee, “Nature of the problem of drug abuse and its impact on the immigrant community in Birmingham."

Wednesday, 8 April

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr S Allison: Aspects of clinical dermatology.

Thursdays, 9 April

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY—At Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 12.15 pm, Mackenzie Davidson memorial lecture by Dr R G Grainger: Intravascular contrast media: the past, present, and future.

MEDICAL WOMEN’S FEDERATION—At University College Hospital, 3 pm, Dr N Mani: Hypertension and cardiovascular disease.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor R Simkin: The treatment of renal artery stenosis by microvascular transplantation.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE—5-30 for 6 pm, special meeting to honour Sir John Boyd. (Guests invited.)

Friday, 10 April

INSTITUTE OF LABANOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY—5.30 pm, Dr J Howat: The management of facial palsy.

Saturday, 11 April

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE—At School of Physics, 5 pm, Lord Gardiner: A ramble among age.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

APRIL

4 Sat and 5 Sun

5 Sat and 6 Sun

7 Tues

Joint Consultants Committees (Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh), 10 am.

8 Wed

Finance and General Purposes Committees, 10 am.

10 Fri

Executive Subcommitteee (CCCM), 10.45 am.

16 Thurs

General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

16 Thurs

Associate Specialists Subcommitee, 10.30 am.

Division Meetings

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

Barking and Havering—At 3 Heath Park Road, Romford, Wednesday, 8 April, 8.15 pm, a.m.

Barnsley—At Barnsley District General Hospital, Thursday, 9 April, 7.30 pm, meeting on medical unemployment, buffet provided.

Bedfordshire—At Dunstable Town Hall, Thursday, 9 April, 7.30 pm, buffet followed by illustrated talk by Mr J Lawrence: “Silicone chips.” (Guests invited.)

Darlington—At Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, 8 April, 7.30 pm, buffet, with dinner on medical unemployment.

Fife—At King Malcolm Hotel, Dunfermline, Thursday, 7 April, 7.30 pm, dinner meeting, Mr A Turner: “A surgeon among the Kurds.”

Leeds—At Leeds General Infirmary, Wednesday, 8 April, 8.30 pm, a.m.

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 7 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr W Canning: “Interim secure unit.” (Followed by dinner.)

Redditch—At Icknield Hotel, Bromsgrove, Thursday, 9 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, Mr R A Mohammed: “Psychosis and its treatment.”

Southend—At Southend Hotel, Thursday, 9 April, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr Prys Morgan: “Mental disorder.”

West Midlands Regional Committee for Commonwealth, next Monday, 7 April, the special meeting has been cancelled.

Correction

Management of handicapped babies

We regret that in the news item “Management of handicapped babies” (21 March, p 1100) we incorrectly gave Dr G M Komrower the title of Professor.

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