

The project is to examine the possible pharmaceutical uses of the lymphocyte chalone, which has an inhibiting effect on cell division. The grant is from the Australian section of Aspro-Nicholas Ltd., who intend that an Australian university department will also be associated with the work.

Alcohol and Flying

The Civil Aviation Authority has issued an information circular (112/1973) reminding pilots of the loss of performance from even a modest intake of alcohol. Alcohol taken by the pilot was a contributory factor in three fatal accidents involving light aircraft in 1973. Research has confirmed that blood alcohol concentrations of 40 mg/100 ml—that is, half the legal driving limit—are associated with important increases in pilot error, in both experienced and inexperienced flyers. *Aeronautical Information Circular United Kingdom 112/1973* 26 November, may be obtained from Aeronautical Information Service (AIS 1), Tolcarne Drive, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 2DU. Tel: 01-866 8781 ext. 259.

Medical Biophysics Research

The Scottish Home and Health Department has allotted £15,800 to Professor John Martin in the department of medical biophysics, University of Dundee. The grant is to provide an ultra-fine focus x-ray plant and xeroradiography unit for evaluation in research and clinical use. Evaluation studies using the xeroradiographic equipment will be carried out by Dr. C. Pickard at Dundee Royal Infirmary, and laboratory and clinical trials of both systems are to be carried out in Dundee Dental Hospital and in Ninewells and associated hospitals.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London.—Growing points in medicine session, "Abdominal Pain and Diarrhoea," 12 December. For details see advertisement on page xiv.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—Day conference, "Admission of Patients to Hospital," 18 December, Sir Francis Avery Jones will preside. Fee £2 (including lunch). Application forms and details from Miss R. Barnett, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN. (Tel. 01-262 2641.)

Nuffield Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Oxford University.—Series of lectures, the second half of a postgraduate course, "Basic Sciences of the Musculoskeletal System," Friday evenings, 6.30 p.m., and Saturday mornings, 8.30 a.m., 4 January-16 March inclusive, at Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford. Members of medical and allied professions are invited. Details from the centre. (Tel. Oxford 64811.)

Institute of Urology.—Day symposium, "Renal Stone," 19 January. For details see advertisement on page xiii.

7th International Hospital Symposium.—31 January-1 February, Düsseldorf. Details from the secretariat of the symposium, Deutsches Krankenhausinstitut E.V., Düsseldorf University, 4000 Düsseldorf 30, Tersteegenstrasse 9, Germany.

London Medical Group.—Annual conference, in conjunction with Society for the Study of

Medical Ethics, "To Treat or Not to Treat," 8-9 February, Royal College of Surgeons of England. Details and application forms from the conference secretary, L.M.G., Tavistock House East, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG. (Tel. 01-387 2129.)

Manchester Medical Society.—Copies and details of the programme, December-February, are obtainable from the secretary of the society, Manchester University, Manchester, M13 9PL. (Tel. 061-273 6048/3074.)

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.*

Monday, 10 December

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. A. D. Dayan: Virus Diseases of the Nervous System.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Professor D. E. Poswillo: Causal Mechanism of Congenital Anomalies invoked by Thalidomide.

Tuesday, 11 December

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL, LONDON.—5 p.m., Beecham lecture by Professor S. G. Clayton: Are We Doing Any Good?

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Professor O. M. Wrong: Clinicopathological conference.

Wednesday, 12 December

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS.—4.30 p.m., Postgraduate museum demonstration by Dr. J. O. W. Beilby: The Blood Supply of the Uterus—Observations on Some of the Possible Mechanisms of Abnormal Uterine Bleeding.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Bradshaw lecture by Mr. R. H. Franklin: Oesophageal Surgery.

Thursday, 13 December

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Mr. C. V. Ruckley: Diagnosis and Prevention of Venous Thromboembolic Disease.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—At Institute of Ophthalmology, 3 p.m., Ederidge-Green lecture by Dr. K. Kirschfeld: The Compound Eye of the Fly—Differences and Analogies to Vertebrate Vision.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—7.30 p.m., Symposium: The Haemoglobinopathies.

Friday, 14 December

NATIONAL HEART HOSPITAL.—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.45 p.m., St. Cyres lecture by Professor J. F. Partridge: The Acute Phase of Myocardial Infarction.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.—7 p.m., McGibbon memorial lecture by Professor Eric Samuel: Radiology of Ischaemic Disease of the Bowel.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Professor H. H. Wandall (Copenhagen): Physiology of Extracorporeal Circulation.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—M. E. French, D. G. Leaver, G. H. Elder.

ABERDEEN

Appointments.—Dr. J. Elizabeth Macgregor (senior lecturer, pathology (cytology)); Dr. J. G. Hebditch (lecturer, mental health).

LONDON

M.D.—B. Fox, T. N. Stanbridge.

Ph.D.—*In the Faculty of Medicine:* Patricia M. Foreman, J. Silver, S. Sinnatamby, Jennifer S. Wakelin, H. H. Chissick, H. Desai, P. L. Lantos, Susan W. Precious, M. Emadi, I. F. Gaunt, M. Macanovic, F. A. Ogunbona.

M.Sc.—*In the Faculty of Medicine:* R. Beaglehole, A. R. Griew, G. Heiss, H. McDonnell, D. M. Macfadyen, R. H. McNeilly, F. M. M. White, J. R. Wilkie, K. R. Woodcock.

SHEFFIELD

The title of emeritus professor has been conferred on Professor D. H. Smyth, F.R.S., professor of physiology, 1946-73.

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. W. J. Norman (consultant radiologist, Shrewsbury group); Dr. R. S. Lambie (consultant, accident and emergency services, East Birmingham group); Mr. R. H. Grace (consultant surgeon, Wolverhampton group); Dr. P. Naish (consultant physician, including nephrology and renal immunology, North Staffs group); Dr. G. E. Strang (consultant psychiatrist, North Birmingham group); Mr. J. R. H. Fisher (consultant orthopaedic and traumatic surgeon, Walsall group); Dr. A. B. Clymo (consultant paediatrician, Wolverhampton group); Dr. K. K. Dutt (consultant anaesthetist, West Birmingham group); Mr. R. G. Richer (consultant ophthalmologist, Wolverhampton and Walsall group); Dr. R. Thavasothy (consultant in adult psychiatry, Coventry and South Warwickshire group); Mr. M. T. Reynolds (consultant orthopaedic surgeon, South Warwickshire group); Dr. G. Dickens (consultant psychiatrist, West Birmingham group); Dr. B. D. Mukerji (consultant anaesthetist, Mid-Worcestershire group); Dr. J. A. Flowerdew (consultant psychiatrist, Shrewsbury group); Dr. M. J. O'Shea (consultant haematologist, Shrewsbury group); Dr. M. A. Sandhu (consultant anaesthetist, North Staffordshire group); Dr. M. S. Khan (consultant microbiologist, South Warwickshire group); Dr. M. Pabari (consultant anaesthetist, West Bromwich group); Dr. J. R. Riordan (consultant physician, with special interest in chest diseases, West and East Birmingham group).

Corrections

Amphotericin Pharmacophobia

In the article "Amphotericin Pharmacophobia" (24 November, p. 460) by W. St C. Symmers, the 7th line in the paragraph headed Case 4 should read (Symmers, 1973) not (Symmers, in press). Also the reference Symmers, W. St C. (In press). *Curiosa—A Miscellany of Clinical and Pathological Experiences*, chap. 21. London, Balliere Tindall, should be omitted.

Changes in Skeletal Mineral in Patients on Prolonged Maintenance Dialysis

We regret that in the paper on Changes in Skeletal Mineral in Patients on Prolonged Maintenance Dialysis (1 December, p. 519) "dihydroxycholecalciferol" was spelt incorrectly in the tenth line of the Summary and the sixth line of the last paragraph under Discussion.

Medicine in the Common Market

In Professor Franco Ferraro's paper on "Young Hospital Doctors" in the R.S.M. symposium on "Medicine in the Common Market" (24 November, p. 480) the penultimate sentence of the third paragraph under the heading Hospital Doctors' Collective Agreement should have read: "A young doctor with 1,000 I.N.A.M. patients is paid six million lire a year by the Institute."

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