

## **MEDICAL NEWS**

### **APPOINTMENT**

The Academic Board of the Institute of Diseases of the Chest has approved the creation of an extra-mural Department of Clinical Epidemiology in General Practice. Dr Ian Gregg, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.G.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., has been appointed Director.

The principal aim of the new Department will be to study the natural history of asthma and chronic bronchitis and the roles of viral and bacterial infection and constitutional factors in these and other diseases of the respiratory system.

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Dr J. S. Scobbie has been appointed regional adviser for the West of Scotland. Dr Scobbie holds the degrees M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.G.P., and has been a member of Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners for several years. He is immediate past Chairman of Scottish Council.

### **THE UPDATE AWARDS 1971**

The Richard Scott Prize for 1971, value £150, has been awarded to Drs D. C. Morrell, H. G. Gage and N. A. Robinson of London. The prize is awarded for research in general practice during 1971 and was awarded for their paper *Referral to hospital by general practitioners* published in *The Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners*, 21, 77-85.

The Patrick S. Byrne Prize for 1971, value £150, has been awarded to Dr R. E. Steel, of Worcester. The citation refers to his achievement in pioneering courses for young doctors.

### **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

An International Workshop of Family Medicine will take place near Tel Aviv, Israel, on 20 September—1 October, 1972. Applications should be made to the Organising Committee, International Workshop on Family Medicine, PO Box 16271, Tel Aviv, Israel.

### **CANCER SYMPOSIUM**

The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation is holding a symposium, *Cancer at the Crossroads and the Challenge for the Future* on 9 May, 1972. Enquiries should be made to: The Assistant Secretary, The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 124 Sloane Street, London, SW1X 9BP.

### **NURSES IN GENERAL PRACTICE**

The Scottish Home and Health Department has recently published *The Evaluation of a Direct Nursing Attachment in a North Edinburgh Practice*. The authors were Drs S. W. MacGregor, M. A. Heasman and E. V. Kuenssberg. The enquiry was directed to determine how far nurses could assist in general practice and came to the tentative conclusion that the doctor's work seemed more "clinically orientated and efficient" and "directed more towards consultation and clinical investigation and follow-up, particularly the younger patient."

### **BEREAVEMENT CONFERENCE**

The Board of Graduate Studies of the University of Birmingham is holding a conference on bereavement on 4 May, 1972. Application should be sent to Dr R. E. Smith, Warwickshire Postgraduate Medical Centre, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry CV1 4FG.

### **CASUALTIES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT**

A study of *Casualties and their Management* is being undertaken at The Royal College of General Practitioners on 21-22 June, 1972 to try to augment the information now available on the proper provision to be planned in new health centres and group practices for dealing with casualties. Members of the course will be drawn from general practitioners attending under Section 63 and from others interested.

Applications from general practitioners should be made to the Courses Secretary at The Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London, SW7 1PU. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have experience in casualty work.

### **CORRECTIONS**

In the January *Journal* it was wrongly stated that the increase in page size of the *Journal* was introduced in 1967. This should have read 1969.

We regret that the recorder of the East Scotland Faculty of the Royal College of General Practitioners did not receive proofs for the paper *Some aspects of the natural history of acute appendicitis*. The sentence printed as ". . . diagnosis in adolescent girls this was statistically significant" should have read ". . . was not statistically significant." Dr J. G. Burgess has been appointed *M.B.E.* and not *O.B.E.* as printed.