

The aim of these conferences is two-fold: first, to provide a first-hand source of information about college activities and facilities available to college tutors; second, to provide a forum for discussion and debate in which tutors can meet together to discuss their problems and share some of their experiences.

The programme is being drawn up by Dr J. C. Hasler and college tutors in the Thames Valley Faculty and they will be basing their choices on the recommendations made by college tutors in their replies to the 1972 survey questionnaire.

Application forms will be forwarded to college tutors later in the year.

MEDICAL RECORDING SERVICE FOUNDATION

In a recent Newsletter to our regular borrowers we reported that the Service sent out 15,941 tapes in 1972 and that our slide mounters deal with approximately 10,000 slides each month. The most popular talks were on *Developmental paediatrics*, *Terminal pain* and *Roadside First Aid*. The most popular Teaching Slide Sets were on *Injuries*, *The Work of the Health Visitor*, and *Examination of the Newborn*. Some of the newer slide sets on *District nursing* and the *Ambulance service* would be of use in group discussion amongst staff of health centres and group practices. New tape titles include a large series on epidemiology made with the Department of Clinical Epidemiology, St. Thomas' Hospital London would also be of value.

The Medical Recording Service Foundation has been registered for VAT and the standard VAT charges will be added to borrowers accounts. It is assumed that this will not affect college members as borrowing of tapes would be a practice expense for tax purposes.

SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND FACULTY

The seventeenth Gale Memorial Lecture and twentieth Annual General Meeting will be held at Plymouth on 6-7 October 1973.

The Gale Memorial Lecture will be given by Dr Ian Tait of Ipswich, and will be followed by a Civic Reception and Faculty Dinner.

A symposium, 'Health Hazards of the South-west', has been arranged on Saturday, 6 October. The Chairman will be Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. The topics will include: Asbestosis; Farmer's Lung; Setting up and Running a Road Accident Emergency Service; The Tamar Valley Survey; The Hazards of Water Sports and Drowning.

Full details of the Gale Memorial Lecture, the social programme and the symposium, will appear in a later issue of the *Journal*.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER AUDIO- VISUAL WORKSHOP

The Merseyside and North Wales Faculty of the Royal College of General Practitioners is holding a two-day symposium on 26-27 October 1973. The intention is to provide an opportunity for practical instruction in the theories and techniques of those using audio-visual media, which are likely to be most appropriate for undergraduate and post-graduate teaching in general practice.

Applications should be made to Dr R. A. Yorke, Briardale, 3 Wicks Lane, Formby, Lancs.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEMES

The vocational training schemes at Nottingham and Romford (Oldchurch Hospital) and Carlisle have been approved for the purposes of the membership examination.

CLOSURE OF COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION

The flats and bedrooms in the College will not be available for members this year from Friday, 24 August to Sunday, 9 September, while the housekeepers are on holiday.

Air-conditioning is being installed in the long room during the summer, when it is not in great demand. Contractors will be working in the room from about 16 July to 14 September.

MEDICAL NEWS

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL INSTITUTE EXETER UNIVERSITY

Dr D. Mattingly, F.R.C.P., has been appointed to the newly created Chair of Postgraduate Medical Studies at Exeter University.

M.R.C. COMMITTEE

Dr I. Gregg, F.R.C.G.P., has recently been invited to serve on the Medical Research Council Committee studying chronic bronchitis.

BAILLIERE PRIZE FOR NURSING STUDIES

The Bailliere Prize for Nursing Studies was awarded to Miss Mary K. Chrisholm, R.G.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert, Deputy Superintendent Health Visitor, City of Edinburgh for her essay on *The nation's health and the nurses' contribution*.

VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

Dr Marshall Marinker F.R.C.G.P., general practitioner of Grays, Essex, has been invited to be the Visiting Professor of General Practice at the University of Iowa, USA, in September, 1973.

HEALTH EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Secretary of State for the Social Services has now announced the members of the Health Education Council under the chairmanship of Sir Harold Evans. The new members include Dr L. A. Pike, F.R.C.G.P., who is chairman of the Health Education Subcommittee of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND

Dr W. A. Ross, general practitioner of Laurencekirk, has been appointed a member of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

Dr E. Colin-Russ, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., general practitioner, London, has been appointed to the board of governors of St. Mary's Hospital.

UNITED MANCHESTER HOSPITALS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr K. A. Mackenzie, general practitioner, Cheshire, has been appointed to the United Manchester Hospitals Board of Governors with effect from 1 April, 1973.

MEDICINE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

The University of Manchester will open a new medical school building and celebrate the centenary of the founding of the university in September, 1973.

The new building, which will be opened on 19 September, will be opened by Lord Todd and there will be a programme of academic, scientific and social activities on 19-21

September 1973. Dr John Hunt, Past President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, will be among the speakers, and his subject is "*The future of medical care in the community*".

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

United Kingdom nationals who are employed persons or National Insurance pensioners, including widow beneficiaries, will be entitled, when on a holiday or temporary visit to another country in the European Economic Community, to urgent medical and hospital treatment on the same basis as insured nationals of the country they visit. This cover will extend to their dependants. With the exception of Denmark and the Irish Republic, a certificate of entitlement will be needed to obtain such treatment. Application forms for these certificates and an explanatory leaflet, S.A. 28, covering all EEC countries are now available in local social security offices.

INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

The Secretary of State for the Social Services has announced the names of the members of the Committee of Inquiry into the medical profession. The Chairman will be Dr A. W. Merrison, F.R.S., Vice-chancellor of Bristol University. The medical members are as follows: Dr J. R. Bennett, consultant physician; N. G. C. Hendry, consultant orthopaedic surgeon; Dr D. H. Irvine, general practitioner; Prof. K. Rawnsley, Professor of psychiatry; Professor G. Smart, Director of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation; Mrs J. G. C. Turner, registrar in surgery;

The lay members are: C. M. Clothier, Esq., Q.C.; Miss Margaret Drabble, the novelist; Miss Catherine Hall, Royal College of Nursing; Ian MacDonald, Esq., Q.C.; Professor D. C. Marsh, Nottingham University; Miss Audrey Prime, T.U.C. General Council.

COUNCIL FOR POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Two general practitioners have been selected to spend a sabbatical period of six months in the school of medicine (Department of Family Medicine) at the University of North Carolina, one in July 1973 and the other in January 1974.

The successful applicants were Dr F. M. Hull, M.R.C.G.P., Warwick, and Dr M. J. Whitfield, M.R.C.G.P., Bristol.

These programmes are being financed by the King's Fund.

M.D. DEGREE

Dr E. R. Hillier, M.R.C.G.P., general practitioner, Exeter, has recently been awarded the M.D. of London University for his thesis on observations on cold diuresis and cold acclimatisation in man which was based on work carried out when he was medical officer to the British Antarctic Survey in 1967.

MSc IN FAMILY PRACTICE

A Master of Science degree in family practice and community health is being introduced at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

This is being sponsored by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health of the university. Fellowships in family practice and community health will be planned for a two-year period after the internship. Three months of this will be entirely elective.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

The Secretary of State for the Social Services is asking for help in identifying families who could benefit from a £3 million trust fund set up for parents with severely handicapped children in the United Kingdom.

Initially, parents should apply who have children aged between 10 and 15 inclusive. The Trust is required to confine assistance to those families with a child suffering from a severe disability which is congenital.

A leaflet can be obtained, explaining the functions of the Trust and the method of application for help. Enquiries should be addressed to The Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, Beverley House, Shipton Road, York.

HEALTH SERVICE CHARGES FOR PRIVATE BEDS

Increased charges for private beds in National Health Service hospitals took effect from 1 April, 1973. The new rates apply for 12 months, and include, for example, a daily charge for a private resident who has not made arrangements under Section 1 (2) for private treatment at a Regional Hospital Board and other hospitals of £14.50 per day. The corresponding charges for a London teaching hospital are £21.10 per day, both charges are for a single room.

CONTRACEPTION

The Secretary of State for the Social Services

has announced that the Government has decided to make contraception an integral part of the National Health Service by making all contraceptives, including the Pill, available on the same basis as other drugs and appliances, with effect from 1 April, 1974.

NEW HEALTH BOARDS IN SCOTLAND

The areas and titles of the fifteen new health boards which will take over full responsibility for the health services in Scotland from 1 April, 1974 have now been settled as follows: Argyll and Clyde, Ayrshire and Arran, Borders, Dumfries and Galloway, Fife, Forth Valley, Glasgow, Grampian, Highland, Lanarkshire, Lothians, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside, and Western Isles.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL SERVICE

The Scottish Home and Health Department have issued a report, *General practitioners in the hospital service*, which recommends that Regional Hospital Boards should give urgent attention to creating general-practitioner hospital units within district general hospitals in which general practitioners can admit their own patients and have full clinical responsibility for their care.

TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF CIGARETTES

The Secretary of State for the Social Services has published an analysis from the laboratory of the Government chemist the tar and nicotine yields obtained from samples of 150 cigarettes of each of 101 different brands.

The Government has decided to publish these yields because it is advised that if people are unable to give up smoking there are scientific grounds for believing that it would be somewhat less dangerous to health to smoke cigarettes with a low tar yield.

COST OF PRESCRIPTIONS

The Secretary of State for the Social Services recently announced that the total cost per prescription prescribed within the National Health Service has increased from 54.2p in September, 1967 to 85.9p in September 1972.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Membership of the British Medical Association in the United Kingdom is now 50,665 which is an increase of 235 over the previous year. The BMA's overall membership is 65,693.

SUMMER SCHOOL ON ALCOHOLISM

A summer school on alcoholism will be held at the Brighton College of Education, Sussex, from 1-7 September, 1973.

Applications should be made to the secretary The Summer School on Alcoholism, The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The Society for the Social History of Medicine is holding an international symposium in Dusseldorf, Germany from 11-14 July, 1973. Applications should be made to Mr G. Wilson, 183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BP.

QUEEN'S NURSING JOURNAL

The *Queen's Nursing Journal*, the official journal of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing has been renamed. It was previously published under the title *District Nursing*.

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Obituary

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR HENRY WILLINK

In his obituary notice about Sir Henry Willink in your March *Journal* Dr John Hunt, inevitably I suppose, makes a reference to the Willink Committee. No committee in my experience was ever so roundly and frequently criticised for reaching a wrong conclusion. In