

It will thus be of interest to those involved in education at postgraduate centres as well as those who have been involved in organisation with health centres.

Further details and an application form are obtainable from the Courses Secretary, at the Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7.

### *In Memoriam*

#### *Fellows*

R. S. MINNITT, Stoneycroft, Liverpool  
I. H. STOKOE, Edinburgh

#### *Members*

MARGARET T. BESWICK, Garstang, Lancashire

IMOGEN E. BROOKE, Hale, Cheshire

SAMUEL CALLER, Hove 3, Sussex

(Founder member)

H. W. DALY, Dublin

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HARRY GOLDIE, Manchester 20

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R. G. LYMBERG, Abermorddu, Wrexham

TERENCE MOONEY, Carlisle, Cumberland

H. S. SAMUEL, Theale, Berkshire

(Founder member)

THOMAS WILSON, Beadnell, Northumberland

(Founder member)

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## MEDICAL NEWS

### GREATER LONDON COUNCIL

Dr. D. Pitt, general practitioner, Euston, London, has been elected Chairman of the Greater London Council and will become the Council's first coloured Chairman.

He is at present also Chairman of the Community Relations Commission.

### REGIONAL ADVISER

Dr M. P. Taylor M.R.C.G.P. has been appointed regional adviser in general practice to Sheffield University.

Dr Taylor has been active in general practice in Doncaster since 1961, and was leading organiser in the first vocational training scheme for general practice in the Sheffield region. He is vice-Chairman of the Faculty Board of the Midlands Faculty.

### AREA HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Dr Ralph Lawrence M.R.C.G.P., general practitioner, Derbyshire has been elected Deputy Chairman of the Derbyshire Area Health Authority.

Dr L. C. W. Kershaw M.R.C.G.P., general practitioner, Sheffield, is Deputy Chairman of the Sheffield Area Health Authority, (teaching).

Area Health Authorities elect their own deputy chairmen.

### LIVERPOOL SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dr Cyril Taylor, M.R.C.G.P., general practitioner, Liverpool, is currently Chairman of the Liverpool Social Services Committee.

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE FELLOWSHIP

Dr G. D. Ripley, M.R.C.G.P., has been awarded a Council of Europe Fellowship to study the subject of health education in human relationships. He visited Sweden and Finland in September and October 1973. He is a general practitioner in Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire.

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Dr L. Antal, general practitioner, Liverpool, was awarded a bronze medal in the free pistol shooting competition at the recent Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.

### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON GENERAL PRACTICE

The International Society of General Practice will be holding an International Congress on General Practice at Innsbruck, Austria from 23 to 28 September 1974.

The preliminary programme includes the topics of psychosomatic conditions in general practice, Balint groups, and latent and undiagnosed depression.

Among other subjects will be record keeping in family practice and health education.

Information can be obtained from The Secretariat, A 9020 Klagenfurt, Bahnhofstrasse 22/VI, Austria.

#### JUBILEE CONGRESS

The Medical Association of South Africa will be holding its Jubilee Congress at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, from 14-18 July 1975. The scientific programme will include sessions on *The emergency call*, *Coronary artery disease*, *Cancer*, *The family in crisis* and *The sexual revolution*.

Information may be obtained from the Secretariat, Jubilee Medical Congress, PO Box 10102, Johannesburg, South Africa 2000.

#### COMMITTEE ON SAFETY OF MEDICINES

The Committee on Safety of Medicines reported in 1974 that it had received 3,638 notifications of suspected adverse reactions to medicinal products, compared with 2,837 in 1971. The Committee considers this increase was due to the growing awareness among doctors of the importance of reporting.

#### EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Doctors may be among the first professional groups to be affected by directives on the free movement of labour. It is thought that mutual recognition of primary and specialist qualifications may occur during 1974.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A new health insurance plan was submitted in February 1974 by President Nixon. It has been calculated that the average family in the United States would pay \$150 (£67) a year and employers would pay \$470. Everybody would be issued with a health card, like a credit card, which may be used in hospitals or in clinics. No family will have to pay more than \$1500 (£670) a year for medical care, and low-income families will pay less. It will no longer be possible for people to be turned out of hospital after 90 days.

#### HEALTH EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Health Education Council is awarding three Studentships of £60 each which will be available to medical and dental under-

graduates on a competitive basis to help with the expenses of the study of a health education topic during a period of elective study.

Further information can be obtained from the Director, Education and Training Division, Health Education Council, 28 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH.

#### CIGARETTES

Total cigarette sales increased by five per cent in 1973.

#### APPLICATIONS TO READ MEDICINE

The eleventh report of the University Central Council on Admissions shows that between 1969-73 applications to read medicine as a percentage of all applications through UCCA almost doubled.

#### PHENACETIN

Phenacetin will no longer be available for patients to buy directly over the counter without restriction after 1 June 1974.

After 1 January 1975 it will only be available on the prescription of a doctor or a dentist.

#### HOSPITAL COSTS

The average cost per inpatient per week increased by 16½ per cent between 1971/72 and 1972/73.

The average cost of inpatients in acute non-teaching hospitals with more than 100 beds was £91.54 per patient per week in 1972/73; £125.36 was the average cost per patient treated.

#### MORGANNWG HOSPITAL

A course of lectures, tutorials and clinical demonstrations in psychological medicine and allied subjects, recognised under Section 63, will be held at the Postgraduate Centre in Psychiatry, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend, Glamorgan. These will take place each Friday from 10.15 hours to 19.30 hours, between Friday 26 April and Friday 5 July.

Applications should be sent to Dr Marshall W. Annear at Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend.