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PRACTICE ORGANISATION ROOM

A new display describes the problem-orientated medical record and has been constructed by Dr P. D. Hertnon of Southampton University. Several different types of problem-orientated records are displayed, including some from overseas.

The Medical Recording Service has two tapes of the month which can be heard on the study box in the practice organisation room.

A copy of the text of the exhibition on A4 folders has been duplicated and is available for interested visitors.

In Memoriam

Fellow

W. S. MACGOWAN, East Dene, Sussex.

Founder member

T. A. BEST, Ripley, Yorkshire.

MEDICAL NEWS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

More than 2,000 of the 11,000 American graduates now wish to enter a family practice residency. Unfortunately only about 1,200 vacancies now exist, but the number of places on family practice residencies is increasing fast.

THE BECKWITH-SMITH RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Beckwith-Smith Research Fellowship has been awarded to Paul R. Grob M.D., M.R.C.G.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., to study in depth the epidemiology of infectious and some non-infectious diseases throughout the country with a correlation between morbidity and environmental factors.

DR. J. A. HALL-TURNER

Dr J. A. Hall-Turner, Department of Studies in General Practice, University of Liverpool, has been awarded, in conjunction with Miss Joan Simpson of the Department of Psychiatry, a research grant from the Nuffield Provincial Hospital Trust to investigate medicosocial problem-solving in a new environment.

JOINT CONFERENCE

The second joint conference of the Colleges of General Practitioners of Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and New Zealand is being held in Sydney from 25-29 August 1975. The theme will be *Caring for people*, and those interested

should apply to Dr F. M. Farrar, Secretary-General, The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, 43 Lower Fort Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000, Australia.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Six thousand eight hundred and seventeen doctors and nurses were trained by the Family Planning Association during 1973. The Department of Health and Social Security has provided £133,000 for the Association's medical training programme for 1974/75.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI—COLUMBIA

The National Centre for Health Services Research and Development of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has renewed its award to the Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Missouri—Columbia, of a training grant to support a Ph.D. programme in health care systems design.

Openings are now available for admission and financial support is available to qualified persons with medical, para-medical, engineering and science backgrounds who have a professional commitment to research, design, or management of health care systems. Further information can be obtained from Professor L. E. Freund, Ph.D., Health Care Systems Design Training Programme, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201, U.S.A.

MEDICAL AUDIOTAPE SLIDE PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

An Association of tape-slide producers representing several medical schools in Britain held their first meeting at St Bartholomew's Hospital on 17 April 1974.

The purpose of the Association is to help the exchange of tape-slides between the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching centres. The Medical Recording Service Foundation will be acting as the national distributing library.

Tape-slide producers who would be interested in joining the Association should write to Drs John and Valerie Graves, Medical Recording Service Foundation, Kitts Croft, Writtle, Chelmsford, CM1 3EH.

Obituary

IAN HENDERSON STOKOE

M.D. F.R.C.P. (Ed.), F.R.G.G.P., M.R.C.P.

With the tragic death of Ian Stokoe in a car accident on 16 February 1974, the College, especially in Scotland, has been deprived of one of its most active and accomplished fellows. Although his career was thus suddenly ended at the age of 53, during his term of office as Secretary of Scottish Council, his achievements and professional distinction had marked him out long ago as an acknowledged leader, not only among his colleagues in general practice in Edinburgh and the South-east of Scotland, but throughout the profession in Scotland.

Ian loved the College which he saw as a body able to influence, perhaps more profoundly than any other, the raising of professional standards, and all his work in general practice was directed to that end. His influence within the South-east Scotland Faculty was immense, particularly in the field of research, which he stimulated locally by many personal initiatives. In particular, we remember the study in glandular fever which he promoted. His enthusiasm led to the setting up of a clinical photography section of the local faculty, and his own contributions in this field reflected not only his own clinical acumen, but his sympathy for the social deprivation of the elderly in the town of Leith where he spent much of his working life in general practice. He held hospital appointments in geriatrics, and he had a particular interest in cardiology, stemming from an appointment

in the Department of Cardiology at the Royal Free Hospital. The width and depth of his medical knowledge gained him the respect of doctors in other disciplines, and he became an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. In 1954 he proceeded MD with commendation at Edinburgh University.

It was typical of Ian Stokoe and no great surprise to his friends and associates to learn that his interests and activities were by no means exclusively academic. As a student he obtained a double blue for athletics and cross country running, was the Scottish Universities cross country champion in 1940 and was Secretary, and later Vice-President of the University Athletics Committee. Up to the time of his death and in spite of his many commitments he retained an active and personal interest in fitness and athletics.

It was, however, the Royal College of General Practitioners which in recent years claimed the major portion of his apparently inexhaustable extra-curricular energies. He was elected FRCGP in 1970—an honour which gave him manifest pride and pleasure. For many years he edited *Current Medical Abstracts for Practitioners* which he rightly saw as a major service rendered by the South-east Scotland Faculty of the College. He was a member of the Editorial Board of this *Journal*, a valued member of the Research Committee and the Faculty Board, and latterly its Chairman and then Provost. His term as Provost had scarcely ended when he took over the onerous duties of Secretary of Scottish Council and to this task, as to all his other manifold activities, he brought vision and enthusiasm. His leadership was by example rather than exhortation and his good-humoured and tolerant encouragement of others, especially of his junior colleagues, won him universal respect and substantial friendship.

Ian was a big man in all senses of the word; to know him was to know much of what is best in medicine and in general practice. He is survived by his wife and son to whom go our sympathy and condolences. His memorial will be his influence which will continue to sustain and inspire his successors in the many fields of medicine, administration and social work in which he was a pioneer, a leader, a colleague, and a friend.

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