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MEDICAL NEWS
UNIVERSITY OF UTRECHT

Dr de Melker, General Practitioner, has been appointed Reader in General Practice at the University of Utrecht Medical School.

Dr de Melker will be co-operating with Professor van Es and will have special responsibility for undergraduate teaching in general practice.

REFERENCE

International General Practice (1976). 2, 91.

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF
GENERAL PRACTICE
JANSSEN RESEARCH AWARD**

A research award of £300 plus a further £200 for the successful applicant towards travelling expenses to present the results of the work at a S.I.M.G. Congress is being offered by S.I.M.G.

The award will be made for the best protocol of not more than 1,000 words in English, French, or German and should be completed within two years and be of international interest. Those interested should apply to S.I.M.G. Secretariat, Bahnhofstrasse 22/vi, A 9020 Klagenfurt, Austria. The closing date is 1 October 1976.

RESEARCH AWARD

The Institute of Sports Medicine is offering an annual award of £500 to encourage research projects in the medical aspects of sport. Those interested should apply to The Institute of Sports Medicine, Ling House, 10 Nottingham Place, London, W1M 4AX.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Dr C. R. Kay, General Practitioner, Manchester, has been awarded a PhD from the University of Manchester for his thesis on *A Controlled Longitudinal Survey of the Effects of Oral Contraceptives on Health*.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY

The Hunterian Society Medal is awarded each year for an annual essay competition and the

subject for 1976 is *How should postgraduates be trained for general practice? Are present methods adequate?* This competition is open to all general practitioners resident in the British Isles and further details can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, 96 Harley Street, London, W.1.

AUSTRALIA

The Council of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners is introducing in 1976 an alternative method of entry to the Fellowship of the College—Fellowship by assessment.

REFERENCE

Australian Family Physician (1976). 5, Number 3, 302.

GUILD OF MEDICAL SECRETARIES

The Guild of Medical Secretaries has no power to determine salaries which general practitioners pay their ancillary staff, but regularly makes recommendations. It now advises that the post of receptionist should have a salary grade of clerical officer; general clerk/clerk receptionist a grade of shorthand/typist; secretaries, especially those holding the A.A.M.S. or M.A.M.S. qualification, personal secretary Grade 1, and practice managers, should be equivalent to executive officer grade 1.

The salary scales effective from 1 July 1975 are:

Executive officer 1—a minimum £2,691 with incremental points rising to £3,330; personal secretary—a minimum £1,962 with incremental points rising to £2,388; and clerical officers aged 21 or over—a minimum £1,566 with incremental points rising to £2,283.

The Administrative and Clerical Staffs Whitley Council has since reached agreement that all officers above the age of 17 shall be entitled to £312 in addition to full-time pay, with effect from 1 April 1976.

Further details can be obtained from Miss I. M. Ballard, Honorary Secretary, 19 Croft Road, Gorsty Common, Clehonger, Hereford HR2 9ST.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE: SOURCES OF INCOME

Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Social Services, has announced that the sources of income of the National Health Service in recent years were as follows:

Financial year	NHS		
	Taxation per cent	contributions per cent	Charges per cent
1950-51	87.6	9.4	0.7
1960-61	81.9	13.4	4.5
1970-71	85.8	10.8	3.2
1975-76 (estimated)	88.9	8.8	2.1

REFERENCE

The Family Practitioner Services (1976). 3, 130.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE EXPENDITURE

Dr David Owen, Minister of State for Social Services, in a written answer on 25 May 1976, regretted that his statement of 16 October 1975 did not make it clear that the figures given for Health Service expenditure referred to hospital and community health services only. He has announced that he will circulate in future a revised table including information about expenditure on family practitioner services.

REFERENCE

Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners (1976). 26, 291.

SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOSOMATIC RESEARCH

The Society for Psychosomatic Research is awarding the Kenneth Reeves Essay Prize of £50 which is open to applicants who have been qualified in their discipline for not more than ten years.

It is expected that a lecture based on the prize essay will be given by the successful applicant at a meeting of the Society in April 1977.

Those interested should enquire of Dr Jean Harrison, Department of Psychological Medicine, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.1. The closing date is 31 December 1976.

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR POST- GRADUATE TRAINING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE

The Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice and the Royal College of General Practitioners have now approved the Dewsbury and the Royal Free Hospital vocational training schemes for a period of two years.

The following vocational training schemes have been re-approved for a period of five years: Canterbury, Dover and Deal, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, Queen Elizabeth II, and Whiston.

NATIONAL ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS SOCIETY

The recently discovered link between ankylosing spondylitis and the inherited human tissue antigen HLA B27 has far-reaching implications.

A National Association for Ankylosing Spondylitis has now been formed which is open to those suffering from the disease, their families, friends, and doctors, and scientists researching into this problem. Those interested should apply to: The Secretary, 4 Beaconsfield Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2TS.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

The Winnicott Memorial Fund of the British Psycho-Analytical Society is holding on 17 December 1976 at Bedford College, London, a symposium on the subject *On being parents of young children today*. Those interested should apply to: Mrs Joyce Coles, 120 Corringway, Ealing, London, W5 3HA.