

informed about recent advances in organization.

We are extremely grateful to practices which take part in this study, and we are now sending out a new questionnaire designed to reflect modern working conditions more closely, which will enable us to bring up to date the book held at 14 Princes Gate which contains details of all the practices taking part.

Any well organized practice in the UK which would be prepared to join in this study would be very welcome. Enquiries should be made to the Secretary of the Practice Organization Committee at 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU.

A current exhibition details the organization of the Northern Medical Centre, which has pioneered many new interrelationships with medical ancillaries and interrelated disciplines.

FUTURE COURSES

The following courses will be held at 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU:

May 1977

4-6 The Diagnosis and Treatment of Muscle and Joint Pain.

9-13 Advanced Course in General Practice for Doctors Trained Outside Great Britain.

23-27 Early Years in General Practice.

July 1977

4-8 Nuffield (Module 6, third year).

MRCGP EXAMINATIONS

The date of the next MRCGP examination is:

November/December 1977

Written papers: Thursday, 3 November 1977.

Orals: during the week ending 17 December 1977.

Closing date: 22 September 1977.

The written papers will be held in London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Belfast, and Dublin. These and other centres may be used as required, subject to a minimum number of candidates at each centre. Oral examinations will be held in London and Edinburgh.

COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION

College accommodation this year will not be available from 13 August to 5 September, while the housekeeper is on holiday. It will re-open on 6 September 1977.

MEDICAL NEWS

SIMG/JANSSEN AWARDS

SIMG/Janssen award 1976

The first winner is Dr K. J. Bolden, General Practitioner, Exeter, and Senior Lecturer in the Department of General Practice, University of Exeter, for his research project on "The Morbidity of Single Parent Families".

Entries for this prize were received from Belgium, Rumania, Yugoslavia, and the UK.

SIMG/Janssen award 1977

Applications are now invited for this award, which will be made to a general practitioner in Europe who presents the best protocol for carrying out a research project in general practice. The protocol should not be more than 1,000 words and may be submitted in English, French, or German.

Selection will be by an expert international panel. The successful applicant will receive £300 to cover expenses in carrying out the research, and a further £200 for expenses arising from travelling to present the results of his or her work at a SIMG conference.

Applicants should write to: The SIMG Secretariat, Bahnhofstrasse 22/VI, A9020, Klagenfurt, Austria.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

Dr D. I. R. Jones, MB, CH.B, has been appointed Senior Lecturer in General Practice to the Department of Community Medicine at the University of Sheffield.

Dr Rees Jones has been connected for many years with the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics and is an authority on drug abuse. He has published several papers on attempted suicide, self-poisoning with drugs, and observations on exophthalmos.

WONCA

Dr P. C. Bhatla has been elected the first Fellow of WONCA.

Executive

The WONCA Executive is as follows: Dr Stuart Carne, *President*; Dr Donald Rice, *Immediate Past President*; Dr Edward Kowalewski, *President Elect*; Dr David Game, *Secretary/Treasurer*; Dr B. M. Fehler, *Speaker*; Dr A. Robles, *Mexico*; Dr Wong Heck Sing, *Singapore*; Dr S. H. Naqvi, *Pakistan*.

Membership dues

A new system of membership dues has been introduced as follows:

Membership	Dues (A\$)
Above 2,000	600
1,001 -2,000	480
500 -1,000	360
Less than 500	240
Less than 500 (probationary)	120

Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of WONCA are as follows:

Emergency call

Chairman:

Dr J. Levenstein,
1 Norwood Road,
Milnerton, Cape Province,
South Africa.

Evaluation examination

Chairman:

Dr W. E. Fabb,
c/o Family Medicine Programme,
RACGP,
70 Jolimont Street,
Jolimont, Victoria 3002.

Medical records

Chairman:

Dr Edward J. Kowalewski,
Professor and Chairman,
Family Practice Program,
University of Maryland,
School of Medicine,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201, USA.

Research—International Classification of Disease

Chairman:

Dr Robert Westbury,
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Calgary, Alberta T2L ON8, Canada.

Research—Central

Chairman:

Dr Neville Andersen,
69 Station Street,
Fairfield, N.S.W. 2165.

Teaching-training-Teachers

Chairman:

Dr H. B. Curry,
Department of Family Practice,
Medical University of
South Carolina,
80 Barre Street,
Charleston, S. Carolina, USA.

Bibliographies

Chairman:

Dr I. R. McWhinney,
Department of Family Medicine,
The University of Western Ontario,
London, Canada.

Standards of accreditation of training posts

Chairman:

Dr B. Herries Young,
189 Cambridge Road,
Hillcrest, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Continuing medical education

Chairman:

Dr Paul Pierret,
c/o Groupement Belge des
Omnipraticiens,
Rue du Tabellion 76,
1050 Bruxelles, Europe.

Vocational training

Chairman:

Dr E. V. Kuenssberg,
191 Crewe Road North,
Edinburgh EH5 2NT, Scotland.

PROPORTION OF INCOME

Mr Harry Ewing has stated that: "On the basis of the provisional total of payments to general practitioners in the year 1975-6 for the provision of general medical services under the National Health Service in Scotland," maternity fees accounted for 3.4 per cent, night visit fees 0.93 per cent, and contraceptive fees 0.89 per cent of total practice income.

CONSULTANTS

The number of whole-time equivalent hospital medical and dental consultants per 100,000 population in the different regions of England and Wales on 30 September 1975 is as follows:

North-East Thames	25.19
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South-East Thames	23.59
Northern	22.49
East Anglia	21.33

South-West Thames	20.73
Oxford	20.59
Wessex	20.55
Wales	20.36
North-Western	20.17
Mersey	19.98
Yorkshire	19.91
West Midlands	19.47
South-Western	18.08
Trent	15.10
England and Wales	21.31

NHS (VOCATIONAL TRAINING) ACT 1976

The DHSS has issued Health Circular HC(FP) (77)1 for action by family practitioner committees, with copies to other health service authorities.

This advises FPCs that from an appointed day the Medical Practices Committee will refuse any application for inclusion in a health authority's list of medical practitioners undertaking to provide general medical services from a medical practitioner who is not suitably experienced, and amends Section 34 of the NHS Act 1946 accordingly; and that a health authority shall not make any arrangements with a medical practitioner for the provision by him of general medical services unless the MPC has granted his application for inclusion in the authority's lists.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE

The Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice and the Royal College of General Practitioners have now approved the vocational training scheme at Redhill for a period of two years.

The following vocational training schemes have been reapproved for a period of five years: Airedale, Crawley, Epsom, Leeds, Mid-Sussex (Cuckfield), North Humberside (Hull).

All these schemes are recognized by the Royal College of General Practitioners for the purposes of the MRCGP examination.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The WHO has published the report of a working group which examined the continuing education of health staff. One of its conclusions reads as follows:

"The concept of continuing education which the present working group espoused, with all that it implied as to the openness and readiness of health professionals to recognize their own limitations and take responsibility for

maintaining their own competence, could succeed only if members of the health professions saw themselves as active partners in a continuing process of self-evaluation and self-learning rather than as passive beneficiaries of others' wisdom. It followed that conventional concepts of teaching must give way to the use of the great variety of ways in which adults learn, and that those who organize and arrange the conditions and settings in which learning is to occur should be knowledgeable and skilled in educational sciences."

THE CHANGING FACE OF CANCER

The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation is arranging a symposium on *The Changing face of Cancer* on 17 May 1977 at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Applications should be made to Mr P. A. Sturgess, Assistant Secretary, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 124 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9BP.

DRUG MONITORING IN GENERAL PRACTICE

The Oxford Community Health Project is organizing a two-day symposium on drug monitoring in general practice on 23-24 June 1977 at the Radcliffe Infirmary and St Anne's College.

Further information can be obtained from Dr John Perry, Medical Director, Oxford Community Health Project, Old Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LF.

SUMMARY OF POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS AND COURSES IN MEDICINE

The National Advice Centre of the Central Council for Postgraduate Training in England and Wales has now published a 1977 edition of *Summary of Postgraduate Diplomas and Courses in Medicine*. This can be obtained from: 7 Marylebone Road, Park Crescent, London NW1 5HA, price £2.50 post free.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE

An international congress by the International Federation of Manual Medicine is to be held in Copenhagen from 31 May to 3 June 1977. Enquiries should be made to the British Association of Manipulative Medicine Ltd, which is affiliated to this organization. Further information can be obtained from: the Honorary Secretary, 14 Royal Crescent, Brighton BN2 1AL.