
COLLEGE NEWS

SOUTH-EAST SCOTLAND FACULTY 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

To commemorate the founding of the Faculty on 5 May 1953 the Scottish Council and the South-East Scotland Faculty held a dinner in BMA House, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh on Friday, 5 May 1978. A total of 102 people attended and many parts of the country were represented. The guest of honour was Professor Richard Scott to mark his 25 years on the Faculty Board and his involvement in the founding of the College. Amongst the many other guests were Dr and Mrs E. V. Kuenstberg, Dr and Mrs M. Linnett, and Dr and Mrs John Henderson, Dr Hender-

son with Professor Richard Scott was a member of the Foundation Council and first Chairman of Scottish Council.

AGE/SEX CARDS

The Birmingham Research Unit of the Royal College of General Practitioners has now sold over five million of its standard age/sex cards.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SYMPOSIUM

The symposium in connection with the Annual General Meeting in 1978 is being held on Friday, 17 November instead of on Sunday as in previous years.

The day is being organized by the Practice Organization Committee and the title is "Your team—for promotion or relegation?".

Topics will include "The team—a doctor's perspective" by Dr T. Stewart; "The dragon at the gate" by Mrs Sandra Kilby; "The problems of attached staff" by Mrs June Clarke; "Why social workers?", Miss June Neill; "The patients—have they been forgotten?", by the Reverend S. Barnes; and "The present and the future", by Dr Barry Reedy.

Enquiries should be made to the Secretary of the Practice Organization Committee, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU.

MEDICAL NEWS

HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES

HRH The Prince of Wales was admitted to an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England on 12 July 1978.

DR J. A. FOISTER

Dr J. A. Foister, MB, CH.B, DRCOG, General Practitioner, Chichester, has won the gold Oscar for the best amateur film of the year in the Ten Best Competition.

This competition is organized by *Movie Maker Magazine* and this year attracted over 300 entries. The prize was £500. The film describes the progress of Dr Foister's youngest daughter, Jennifer, from birth to 16 months. It was made on standard 8mm film.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRIZES

The 1978 Sir Charles Hastings prize has been awarded to Dr D. B. Berson, General Practitioner, London, and the Charles Oliver Hawthorne prize to Dr K. A. A. Mourin, MRCP, General Practitioner, Dereham, Norfolk.

DR J. MARKS

Dr John Marks, FRCP, General Practitioner, Boreham Wood, has been elected Deputy Chairman of the Representative Body of the British Medical Association.

COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF MEDICINES

Professor Owen Wade, MD, FRCP, FRCPI, is to succeed Sir Eric Scowen as Chairman of the Committee on the Review of Medicines with effect from January 1979.

HEALTH EDUCATION COUNCIL

The annual budget of the Health Education Council was £2,097,835 in the last financial year.

The Council's biggest venture so far was the "Look after Yourself" campaign on which £1,400,000 was spent.

In its recent annual report the Council welcomes the three and a half per cent fall in the number of cigarettes smoked in 1977 compared with the previous year and the "continuing decline in the number of smokers of all ages and both sexes suggesting that the decline of the smoking habit may be accelerating".

CHILDREN'S JOINT COMMITTEE

The membership of the new Children's Joint Committee has been announced under the chairmanship of Professor F. S. W. Brimblecombe, CBE, MD, FRCP, Consultant Paediatrician at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter and Professor of Child Health in the Postgraduate Medical Institute, Univer-

sity of Exeter.

One third of the members of the new committee are nominated by the Central Health Services Council, one third by the Personal Social Services Council, and the remaining members have been selected by the Secretaries of State.

The establishment of this committee was one of the high priority recommendations of the 1976 Court Report on Child Health Services. This urged an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach to the needs of children and families which should involve specialists in health, education, and social services, as well as parents and voluntary bodies.

The members are Dr S. Carne, Mr G. Chamberlain, Professor J. J. Murray, Mrs J. G. Page, Mrs J. N. Smith, Alderman E. R. Day, Mr P. Hughes, Miss M. Joynson, Dr M. K. Pringle, Ms J. Thomas, Mrs J. Davis, Mrs M. Dykins, Professor P. J. Graham, Dr M. C. Tyson, Dr Wilfrid Harding (co-opted).

COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTICE OF RHODESIA

At a meeting of the Medical Council of Rhodesia, held on 25 May 1978, the Council accepted fellowship and membership of this College as an additional registrable qualification.

This registration depends on the fellow or member fulfilling the College Council's postgraduate educational re-

quirements. Should any fellow or member not fulfill the postgraduate educational requirements his or her fellowship or membership of the College will lapse, and the Medical Council of Rhodesia will be notified accordingly, that fellow or member's registration as a fellow or member of the College of General Practice of Rhodesia will be cancelled.

Only in the most exceptional circumstances will the College Council consider reinstating such a fellow or member.

CHILD-RESISTANT CONTAINERS

Since 1 July 1978 it has been unlawful to sell solid-dose, over-the-counter analgesics containing aspirin or paracetamol in containers other than child-resistant containers.

Reference

Pharmaceutical Journal (1978). 221, 45.

KENNETH REEVES ESSAY PRIZE

The Kenneth Reeves Essay Prize for psychosomatic research is being offered again in 1978 and is open to applicants who have been qualified in their discipline for not more than 10 years. Preference will be given to original work and the prize is £50.

Application forms can be obtained from Dr Jean Harrison, Department of Psychological Medicine, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC1.

NEW HEARING AID

Mr Alf Morris, MP, Minister for the Disabled, has announced that over half a million people now have the new behind-the-ear hearing aid which is available free through the National Health Service and is now being issued at the rate of 20,000 a month.

BRITISH PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

The British Psychoanalytical Society is holding a day course on basic psychoanalytical concepts on 14 October 1978. The lecturers will be Dr C. Dare, Dr M. M. Feldman, Dr J. R. Pedder, and Dr M. Pines.

Further information can be obtained from the Honorary Organizing Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, Institute of Psychoanalysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD.

NASAL CARCINOMA IN BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS

Workers who make or repair leather

boots and shoes will be able to claim industrial injuries benefits in future if they suffer from nasal carcinoma.

GENERAL PRACTICE FINANCE CORPORATION

The recent report of the General Practice Finance Corporation states that the Corporation is studying new methods of extending the service it offers to general practitioners.

The membership includes Dr J. G. Ball, FRCGP, Dr R. C. R. Gethen, MRCS, LRCP, and Dr J. A. Riddell, MRCGP.

FREE SCHOOL MILK

Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has announced that education authorities would be given discretionary powers to provide school milk for all primary pupils over seven.

HEALTH CENTRES IN SCOTLAND

Mr Harry Ewing, MP, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, recently announced that more than a fifth of the population of Scotland are now served by general practitioners from health centres. Mr Ewing has welcomed the increasing number of hospital consultant services which will be available to general practitioners in new health centres.

KIDNEY PATIENTS RECEIVING DIALYSIS AT HOME

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, has announced the Government's intention to amend the Social Security Act 1975 to ensure that kidney patients receiving dialysis at home should in general be able to qualify for an attendance allowance.

INSTITUTE OF RELIGION AND MEDICINE

The Institute of Religion and Medicine is offering a £20 prize for an essay of 5,000 words to be submitted by the 31 December 1978. The judges are the Rev. Geoffrey Harding, Professor Eric Wilkes, and Dr David Millard.

Enquiries and applications should be sent to the Organizing Secretary, Institute of Religion and Medicine, St Margaret's Vicarage, St Margaret's Road, Oxford OX2 6RX.

REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS BY DOCTORS TO SPOUSES

In the Queen's Bench Division the case was heard by Mr Justice Talbot of Dr M. E. Glanvill and his wife Mrs Mary Glanvill of Chard, Somerset, against the

Secretary of State and the Somerset Family Practitioner Committee, based on terms of the doctor's contract for services.

The exclusion of salaries paid by a doctor to his wife or other dependents living with him from the NHS scheme, under which doctors are reimbursed 70 per cent of salaries and wages paid to ancillary staff, was held to be unjust and oppressive.

Reference

The Times (1978). Law Report. 28 July.

VOCATIONAL TRAINEES

The number of doctors on programmes of vocational training for general practice on 1 April 1978 was 1,996.

This is the highest figure so far recorded and has been analysed into the following categories:

Male doctors on three-year programmes	1,169
Female doctors on three-year programmes	349
Male doctors on other programmes	317
Female doctors on other programmes	161

GRAVES MEDICAL AUDIOVISUAL LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions by the Graves Medical Audiovisual Library include several tape-slide programmes which have been produced for general practitioners.

The Choice of an Antibiotic, by Professor H. P. Lambert.

Individual Differences in Response to Drugs, by Professor C. F. George.

Current Status of Beta Blocking Agents, by Professor C. F. George.

Psoriatic Arthritis, by Professor V. Wright.

Drug Treatment of Arthritis, by Dr E. C. Huskisson.

Aphasia—Whose Problem? by Dr C. Powell.

Oral Contraceptives and Health—new edition 1978 by Dr Clifford Kay.

Receptionist Audit, by Dr Nigel Stott.

Medical Confidences in Practice, by Dr D. T. Prescott.

Videocassette titles include:

Sexual History; Loss of Libido, by Drs Betts and Pidd.

Consultations in General Practice.

Both tape-slide and videocassette programmes are available on loan, and further information on these and other programmes can be obtained from the Librarian, Graves Medical Audiovisual Library, PO Box, Chelmsford.