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Spring Meeting 1980

Dr A. Frame, of the Cumbria Sub-Faculty, invited all

those attending to come to the next annual Spring Meeting of the College in Cumbria from 25 to 27 April 1980. Accommodation would be in two hotels and details would be distributed in the *Journal*.

## European General Practitioner Research Workshop

IT is now eight years since the first tentative Dutch/British general practitioner research projects got off the ground, when a small nucleus of European general practitioners began to meet two or three times a year to further understanding between them, to learn about each other's problems, and to plan studies applicable to different countries with different methods of providing health care.

In 1978 a European General Practitioner Research Workshop was given legal existence with a formal constitution by which representatives from 11 European countries would develop various pilot research projects intended to lead eventually to research projects of a more sophisticated nature.

International research poses special problems, particularly in relation to language, culture, and differences in methods of providing health care, and this has inevitably led to slow progress of the Workshop. However, after prolonged debate about method and definition of terms, a number of projects have started and at least one should produce results for publication during 1979.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Co-ordinator</i>	<i>Countries taking part</i>
Sentinel practices	D. Crombie (UK)	UK, Denmark, Holland
Practice activity analysis	D. Fleming (UK)	UK, Belgium
Cardiovascular Disease	W. Patterson (UK)	UK, Sweden
Sore throats	R. Hull (UK)	UK, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Sweden, W. Germany, Israel, USA, Canada, Australia
The denominator problem	P. Krogh-Jensen (Denmark)	Denmark and all countries without a definite patient list

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## OBITUARY

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### Gerald Judah Phillips, B.SC, MB, CH.B, MRCP

GERALD Phillips died suddenly on 28 November 1978, aged 73. He was educated at Manchester Grammar School where he was a Foundation Scholar. He entered the Medical School at the University of Manchester in 1924, taking a B.SC in anatomy and physiology in 1927. After qualifying MB, CH.B in 1930, he served as an assistant in general practice in Manchester, but his life work was as a general practitioner in the Prestwich and Whitefield areas, where he practised from 1934 to 1969.

He was a Divisional Police Surgeon and a Founder Member of the Royal College of General Practitioners. He was a lecturer and examiner with the St John

Ambulance Brigade and he was honoured by being appointed a Serving Brother.

He retired in 1969 and moved to Keswick where he soon became a highly respected member of the community, both through locum work in general practice and through his musical activities. A former Chairman of the Prestwich Music Society, he became the Chairman of the Keswick Music Society and a member of the Committee of the Lake District Music Festival. He was a lifelong member of the Hallé Concert Society.

Gerald Phillips was a charming man whom it was always a pleasure to meet or consult and his passing was much regretted by all his former colleagues and his patients.

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