

### Northern Ireland Faculty:

At the recent AGM the following were elected to office for the year 1982-83: Dr H. Baird (Provost); Dr A. G. McKnight (Chairman); Dr S. Moore (Hon. Secretary); Dr R. S. Crome (Hon. Treasurer).

### Change of Address

Members who move house or who wish College correspondence to go to a different address should notify the Regis-

tration Department at 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU.

### Deaths

#### Fellows

Dr D. Elliott (Yorkshire).  
Dr J. A. Fraser (West Scotland).  
Dr W. S. Gardner (West Scotland).

#### Overseas Fellows

Dr M. Kronfield (New Zealand).

### Members

Dr R. H. Bartley (South West Thames).  
Dr W. J. S. Cameron (Severn).  
Dr A. Clein (South London).  
Dr P. J. Fawkner-Corbett (Wessex).  
Dr F. A. Lodge (Yorkshire).  
Dr J. A. Mains (South East Scotland).  
Dr A. P. Millar (Thames Valley).  
Dr A. C. Ritchie (South West Thames).  
Dr S. H. Samuel (Yorkshire).

### Associates

Dr R. Shapiro (Essex).

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## MEDICAL NEWS

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### Tenth WONCA Conference, Singapore 1983

Free-standing papers are invited at this world conference, the theme of which is "The Family Physician in a Changing World". An application form for those wishing to give one of these ten minute papers may be obtained from Mrs Rosamund Hunter-Smart at 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU, or from the Chairman of the Scientific Sub-Committee, Tenth WONCA World Conference, c/o the College of General Practitioners of Singapore, 4A College Road, Singapore 0316, Republic of Singapore. Applications received after 31 December 1982 cannot be accepted.

### New Zealand

The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, Annual Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand, May 12-15, 1983. The Conference is being held the week before the Singapore WONCA meeting, so that delegates from abroad can attend both conferences in one journey if they wish. Further details from Dr T. D. Medlicott, General Practice Section, Otago Medical School, PO Box 913, Dunedin, New Zealand.

### Restrictions on the Disabled

The Report of the Committee on Restrictions Against Disabled People was published recently, and the Minister for the Disabled, Mr Hugh Rossi, has issued a statement about it. He welcomed the report, but, on the subject of legislation against discrimination, which the report favoured, he felt that education and publicity would do the

job better than the law. He did not feel that the report provided any good evidence that there were significant breaches of human rights, and said that "very telling anecdotes" were not enough on which to base major policy changes. In recalling the US experience, he felt that legislation would not work, because "it is either prohibitively costly and cumbersome or has so many loopholes that it becomes worthless". He ended by suggesting that it is now up to the disability organisations and the community as a whole to make known their views on how to improve the participation and integration of disabled people.

### Transport for the Disabled

Efforts to make life better for the disabled are continuing to show the effects of the 1981 International Year of Disabled People. One notable effort by the Department of Transport has recently been issued to general practitioners, in the shape of a comprehensive 66 page guide to transport. The guide brings together everything that the disabled would need to know about the subject. It is sad to read of the many instances where the disabled are at a disadvantage: for instance, the emergency telephones on motorways are 4' 8" high and often behind crash carriers, so that they are useless for the wheelchair user. Again, the only underground system in these islands which is fully accessible to all disabled people is the Tyne and Wear Metro (unlike the systems in Glasgow, Liverpool and London). However, the positive features of which the guide gives details are most cheering. If the existence of this booklet helps more of the disabled to become more mobile, their needs should

become more widely known, and, we hope, better taken care of.

Primary care teams have been given copies to hand to their disabled clients, and further copies are available, free, from Department of Transport, Door to Door Guide, Freepost, Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 0BR, from local social services or social work departments, or from DHSS offices.

### Awards for Help for the Elderly

The Department of Health has announced that it will give a prize of £2,500 and three runner-up prizes of £1,000 to projects concerned with the well-being of elderly people. The judges will be looking to reward new ideas, especially if the organizers are themselves elderly. Details and entry forms are available from Vaughan Rees, Room B1506, DHSS, Alexander Fleming House, London SE1 6BY.

### Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships

About 100 awards are made each year, and the Fellowships are open to all UK citizens of any age or occupation. Further details can be obtained by sending a postcard between August and mid-October to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR; an explanatory leaflet and form will be sent back which must be returned to the Trust office by 27 October.

### The Winthrop Foundation

The Sterling-Winthrop group has established and endowed an educational charity, to be known as the Winthrop Foundation. Its object will be to advance education and research, by awarding postgraduate research grants and fellowships, and to support and finance the charitable organizations in-

volved in research or study in several biological subjects, including medicine. Applicants should address themselves to Dr R. A. Miley at The Winthrop Foundation, Inveresk House, 1 Aldwych, London WC2 0HF.

### Health Education Prizes

The fourth Domestos Health Education Award has been announced, with the money for three prizes totalling more than £1,500. Anyone engaged in developing or promoting health education or safety material can enter. The judges will be looking for any project, large or small, that has clearly stated measurable objectives and results. Entries should arrive not later than 30 September 1982. Entry forms are available from the Domestos Hygiene Advisory Service, 15 Upper Brook Street, London W1.

### Danish General Practitioners to visit the North West London Faculty

A party of Danish general practitioners and their spouses is to visit London from 3-8 October. Their hosts from the North West London Faculty will entertain them and show them something of British general practice, and the Faculty will organize an evening event. There will be a return visit to Denmark in the Spring of 1983.

### Morbidity in the Netherlands

The Netherlands Institute of General Practice have published the 1980 results of their continuous morbidity registration. General practitioners, caring for approximately 1 per cent of the Dutch population, record their experience of a limited range of conditions, and figures for previous years are given for comparison.

The results give food for thought: in Holland cervical smears now appear to be being done less often than in the years up to 1980; the morning-after contraceptive pill has been prescribed in substantial amounts for 10 years; and features of attempted suicide are reported. In addition, the co-operating doctors record information about some conditions, for example about patients regretting sterilization, on behalf of other organizations. The range is limited, but comparison with surveys in the UK might be valuable.

### NHS Management Training for General Practitioners

The organizers have sent us the following report:

A seminar on management training in the NHS for general practitioners was held at the NHS Training Centre from 29 to 31 March 1982. It was attended by GPs with Health Authority and management team experience drawn from all parts of England and Wales. The seminar was organized by the DHSS in collaboration with the GMC and the College. Its purpose was to look at some of the problems confronting general practitioners in management; to try to reach some conclusions about what help they need and how and where it should be given; and to consider how more general practitioners could play a part.

Topics were introduced by speakers with experience in all levels of management and each session ended with an informal discussion.

There is clearly an interest in NHS management amongst GPs but most feel that they are ill prepared for the task. There is a greater need to make all doctors aware of NHS organization and administration during their training and to provide introductory courses on management for those who seek to be involved. Those who are in NHS management need continuing support both from the administrators and from the profession. The enthusiasm displayed by participants was encouraging for the future of GPs in management.

The Department will be discussing with the GMC, the College and other interested parties ways of implementing some of the proposals put forward at the seminar.

### Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients

The British Library of Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients (BLOT) is a charity which makes tape recordings of books for hospital patients. They have a library of 750 titles (fiction and non-fiction). The tapes are either recorded by actors, who give their time free, or bought from the BBC or commercial recording companies. All the necessary equipment is sold to hospitals at cost price (£81.03 per machine). Hospitals joining the scheme also pay a £40 annual affiliation fee. For this they can have as many machines as they want to buy and receive as many books as they wish. There is no charge for postage and books ordered by 3 pm are received the following day.

Further information from BLOT, 12 Lant Street, London SE1 1 QR.

### Directory of Postgraduate Medical Education

The first Directory was produced by the Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales and the National Association of Clinical Tutors in 1972. There are now 382 entries, compared with 211 ten years ago. A centre is defined as "a place where a programme of postgraduate medical education is organized on a regular basis by a clinical tutor appointed for this purpose".

The Directory costs £3.30 including postage, and will be of most use to those organizing postgraduate education. Copies should be available in most centres, where general practitioners will find it a useful reference if they are stuck for an address or a name.

### Meetings and Courses

#### Medical Writing and Research

A three day residential course for general practitioners wishing to publish their research. Royal College of General Practitioners, 20-22 October. Participants will work in large and small groups, and the tutors on the course will be general practitioner writers and editors. Numbers will be limited to 21. Applications as soon as possible to Elizabeth Monk, RCGP, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU. Phone: 01-581-3232.

#### BSA Medical Sociology Group, Annual Conference

24-26 September, University of Durham. Further details from Anne Murrcott, Department of Sociology, University College, PO Box 78, Cardiff CF1 1XL.

#### Scotland's Food: for Sickness or for Health?

Second conference of the McCarrison Society, Saturday 23 October, Edinburgh University. Further details from Ann Yellowlees, 031-556-2037/8, or The McCarrison Society (Scottish Group) Kilrie, Kirkcaldy.

#### Transactional Analysis in General Practice

Introductory course, Royal College of General Practitioners, 20-21 September. Approved under Section 63. Further details from Elizabeth Monk, RCGP, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU.