

was fairly similar to the reactions experienced by her respondents, ranging from enthusiastically supportive to slightly disapproving. Several faculty representatives described successful social activities involving both members and their spouses; Dr John White (Northern Ireland) said that in his region social activities almost outnumbered scientific and educational meetings, and he felt that the latter were greatly strengthened by the former. Other speakers felt that the private lives of members and their spouses were fairly peripheral to College affairs, and that it was unnecessary to look after their social lives. Nevertheless, there was strong support for the notion that the College needed to think of how it was to look after the emotional and physical health of doctors' spouses. Dr Paul Freeling felt that it would be a bad thing to come to any firm conclusions in Council, and suggested that differences should remain differences.

The final business of Council was to give long and warm applause to the thanks expressed on its behalf to its Chairman Dr Donald by Professor Michael Drury.

MRCGP Examinations

The dates for the next MRCGP examinations are as follows:

May/July 1983

Written papers: Tuesday, 17 May 1983.
Orals: In Edinburgh during the week ending 2 July, and in London during the week ending 9 July 1983.
Closing date: Thursday, 17 March 1983.

October/December 1983

Written papers: Tuesday, 1 November 1983.
Orals: In Edinburgh and London during the week ending 17 December 1983.
Closing date: 8 September 1983.

The written papers will be held in London, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Exeter, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Belfast and Dublin. These and other centres may be used as required, subject to a minimum (and in some centres, maximum) number of candidates.

It may be necessary to limit the total numbers, and candidates are therefore advised to apply well in advance of the closing dates. The application fee is as follows:

	1983
Application fee	£140.00
Re-application fee	£105.00

Candidates withdrawing from the examination after the closing date for applications forfeit 40 per cent of the full fee.

Candidates are advised that from the October examination 1982 onwards, the number of questions in the Multiple Choice paper will be reduced to 60. Application forms and further information may be obtained from the Examination Administrator at the College.

The Journal Office

From January next, the *Journal* will be edited by Dr Graham Buckley from a new office at 8, Queen Street, Edinburgh 2, (phone 031-225 7629). All correspondence and papers should be sent to Dr Buckley from now on.

Deaths

Fellows

Dr A. W. Forrest (North East of Scotland).
Dr G. S. R. Little (South West Wales).
Dr H. Rosenberg (South West Thames).

Members

Dr J. Brown (West of Scotland).
Dr R. W. Chalmers (Cumbria Sub-Faculty).
Dr J. A. Lorimer (Thames Valley).
Dr J. H. Power (Midland).
Dr N. Purvis (North of England).
Dr N. S. Twist (Trent).
Dr A. R. Wood (North West of England).

Overseas Member

Dr E. P. Shilton (New Zealand).

Associates

Dr J. J. Goggin (East of Ireland).
Dr R. H. Neeve (South West Thames).

MEDICAL NEWS

Meetings and Courses

Pharmacological Treatments for Alcoholism: Looking to the Future

International conference at the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, 28-31 March 1983. Details from Ms Nina Little, Alcohol Education Centre, The Maudsley Hospital, 99 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ.

Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine

8-11 September 1983, Kuala Lumpur. The theme is 'Update 1983', and the congress is organised by the Malaysian Academy of Medicine. Enquiries to the Secretariat, 17th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine, c/o Malaysian Medical Association, 124 Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur 02 - 14, Malaysia.

10th WONCA International World Conference 1983

The Conference, whose theme will be "The Family Practitioner in a Changing World", will be held in Singapore from 20-24 May. There will be a large programme of scientific papers and symposia on many subjects of interest to general practitioners. Further information about the programme is available from Rosamund Hunter Smart at the College, or from Dr Alfred Loh, College of General Practitioners of Singapore, 4A College Road, Singapore 0316. The College has appointed VIP Travel (International Conference Services) Ltd., 42, North Audley Street, London W1A 4PY, to whom requests about travel and details of tours available should be directed.

BBC Programmes in 1983

General practitioners might have several reasons for wanting to know what the BBC is broadcasting on television and on radio. They may learn knowledge of usefulness to themselves. They may want to know what their patients are learning and hence likely to come and talk to them about. They may, in their role as co-ordinators or facilitators of health education, want to get together a group of patients who can watch and listen collectively. Finally, some programmes may be worth watching with a group of medical or other health team colleagues.

Four series of programmes in the next few months are worth adumbrating here. The first is another round of television programmes called *Claire Rayner's Case Book*. The frankly medical-sounding title should not make doctors feel too proud to watch this nurse-journalist-counsellor at work. Few general practitioners could fail to learn something from watching such a skilful exponent of techniques which we all use, more or less well, every day. The ten programmes will be broadcast late on Monday nights on BBC television, starting on 10 January. The second series, more overtly didactic, will start on Radio 4 (Sundays at 16.00 repeated on Fridays at 23.30 from 9 January) and will be called *Principles of Counselling*. It follows an extremely successful series in 1981, which drew thousands of requests for more information from lay people as well as from professionals. A series of six television programmes which might be a reason for forming together a group of patients at special risk begins in May on BBC 1. Entitled *Mind Your Heart*, it aims to cover most of the information about coronary heart disease that the

lay public would find useful. Finally, there will be a series on women's health (BBC 1, afternoons, starting in March). The six programmes will be based on interviews made in general practice, and will give current views on how to manage common problems of menstruation, contraception, depression and the menopause. Advice will be given on where to get help, and on how women as a group and in groups can help themselves.

Written material to go with most of these programmes will be available from book shops or from BBC Publications, PO Box 234, London SE1 3TH. (Tel. 01-407 6961.)

Buying BBC Television Programmes

A catalogue of those available for showing to non-paying audiences can be had from BBC Enterprises Ltd, Film and Video Sales, Room 504, Villiers House, The Broadway, London W5 2PA. (Tel. 01-743 5588.)

Copying and Taping BBC Programmes

The BBC tell us that they wish to encourage "recognized educational institutions and groups" to record programmes on transmission. It is therefore likely that general practitioners making a recording for a patients' group, for instance, would have no difficulty in getting this permission. Further information about conditions is available from Insight Information, BBC, London W1A 1AA. (Tel. 01-580 4468, ext 3229.)

People in the News

The following general practitioners' names appear amongst those who have been appointed to some of the Regional Health Authorities:

Anthony Allibone and Ian Wallace (East Anglian RHA); S. E. Josse (North East Thames RHA); Mollie McBride (Mersey RHA); H. M. Tuddenham (Wessex RHA) and S. A. P. Jenkins (North Western RHA).

Help with Medical Journals

The Secretary of the Silesia-Oxford Medical Appeal (Mrs J M Goodwin, 32 Park Town, Oxford OX2 6SJ; telephone Oxford 512083) is appealing for copies of the *Journal*, and copies of *Medical Teacher* and *Update*. If any of our readers can supply any of these journals regularly to Mrs Goodwin, she will undertake to have them delivered by the Ockenden Venture.

Register of Current UK Alcohol Research Projects

A register of current research into alcohol use, misuse and effects, is being compiled by the Alcohol Research Group at Edinburgh University. For further information and forms please contact Jane Pattison, Alcohol Research Group, University Department of Psychiatry, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Park, Edinburgh EH10 5HF. (Tel: 031-447 2011 ext. 509).

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