
MEDICAL NEWS

The Congenital Rubella Syndrome

The DHSS reports that the number of rubella cases is rising and now exceeds that for comparable periods in recent years. In an attempt to prevent as many cases of congenital rubella syndrome as possible, Sir Henry Yellowlees, Chief Medical Officer, is recommending publically that all women who intend to become pregnant and who are uncertain of their immunity to rubella should seek the advice of their general practitioners or other health professionals.

He hopes that general practitioners will take all possible steps to establish that women of child-bearing age on

their lists, but especially those intending to become pregnant, are immune to rubella and if not, to take appropriate action. He is asking health authorities to consider afresh ways in which each could achieve a higher uptake of vaccine in this group of women.

Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales

Dr R. W. Brotherwood has been appointed Deputy Secretary of the Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales and will take up the post in September 1983.

Dr Brotherwood joined the DHSS

after being in general practice and for the past few years has been a Senior Medical Officer with a particular interest in postgraduate medical education. In that capacity he has been closely associated with the Council and has attended a number of its committee meetings. He succeeds Dr M. Essex-Lopresti who is leaving after 12 years with the Council to devote more time to educational aids and techniques.

Volunteer Centre on Prestel

The directors of Meditel have given 20 pages on Prestel to the Volunteer Centre which can now be found on Prestel page number 5678806. The Volunteer Centre invites viewers to use their television sets to request information on voluntary and community activities and to order Centre publications. The pages will change monthly.

10TH WONCA CONFERENCE

College delegates to the 10th WONCA Conference in Singapore returned home at the beginning of June travel-worn and weary. However, all have enthused about their experiences, professional and otherwise, in the Far East.

The 11th WONCA Conference will be held in London, and already preparations are in hand for it. Clive Froggatt is a member of the Organizing Committee for the 11th Conference. He gives us his impressions of the meeting in Singapore and Margaret Hammond, College Librarian, adds hers as a member of the Bibliography Committee.

Impressions from the 10th WONCA Conference



View of Singapore from the delegates' hotel.

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Not until the east coast of India had disappeared behind us did our arrival in Singapore seem imminent. Twenty-three hours on a British Airways jumbo made some past Council meetings seem quite short after all. The sand-storm over Bahrein, making a five-hour delay in or over three of the Gulf States, may well have far reaching consequences for the College. Disembarking at Muscat into an air temperature of 114°F left most of us convinced that involvement with these countries should be left in the hands of the really dedicated.

The President and Chairman of Council had left for Singapore three days earlier and on arrival the travel-worn hoi polloi were soon under or-