

MEDICAL NEWS

Medical Disability Society

The Society follows the British Association for Rheumatology and Rehabilitation. Over the last twenty years the enormity of the prevalence of rheumatic diseases in our society and advances in immunology, bone and joint pathology and the pharmacological suppression of pain and inflammation has led rheumatology to be a single specialty. Rehabilitation too has developed quickly, spurred on by the contributions of clinicians, neurophysiologists, bioengineers, psychologists, sociologists and health economists. In medical education this has received less attention than treatment in the earlier stages of illness.

It was realized that it was increasingly difficult to represent and promote so many different and diverging interests within one association, and the majority of doctors who advise on continuing medical management are not rheumatologists but general practitioners, geriatricians, orthopaedic surgeons, neurologists, cardiologists and many besides.

In succession to the Heberden Society and the British Association for Rheumatology and Rehabilitation, the British Society for Rheumatology was formed in the autumn of 1983. The Medical Disability Society was founded this year in order to advance rehabilitation in every clinical specialty in each health district. It is affiliated to the Society for Research in Rehabilitation; the complement of service and science.

Members of the College will be interested to know of the Medical Disability Society and of its first clinical meeting. This is to be held on 4 July at St Catherine's College, Oxford. College members will be welcome as members of the Society.

CancerLink

'The other area in which I found a terrible lack of information was about the facilities that were available to me. I promise you that at no time during my mother's illness did anybody tell me that I was entitled to have district nurses. Maybe I slipped through lots of loopholes in some way but I found out by myself that I could. I did not know about the Red Cross and the things that they could supply. I did not know

about the million and one things that are available. I did not even know, believe it or not, about the Marie Curie Foundation until after my mother had died. It seems to me that there is some deficiency here. You should be referred to people who can give you information that can help you.'

CancerLink is an organization that will provide information for cancer patients, their families and members of the helping professions, and also promote and provide back-up for support groups.

If you are interested in what CancerLink is trying to do, write to them at 12 Cressy Road, London NW3 2LY.

Kenneth Reeves Essay Prize

The Society for Psychosomatic Research awards a prize of £100 for an essay of relevance to psychosomatics from anyone working in the field. The essay would be presented as a paper at the Royal Society of Medicine at an ordinary meeting.

Details and application forms may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Dr Joan Gomez, The Society for Psychosomatic Research, Westminster Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AP.

Jacques Salmon Scholarships

The Jacques Salmon Scholarships were established to encourage young doctors, pharmacists and veterinaries who foresee a business career to pursue their education in international management at the Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD).

INSEAD's Master in Business Administration programme lasts ten months. There are two intakes for each promotion—one in September and one in January—with a total of about 280 participants, coming from some 30, mainly European, countries. One scholarship is awarded at each intake, and is worth 20,000 French francs.

For more information contact INSEAD-MBA programme, Admissions Department, Boulevard de Constance, 77305 Fontainebleau Cedex, France.

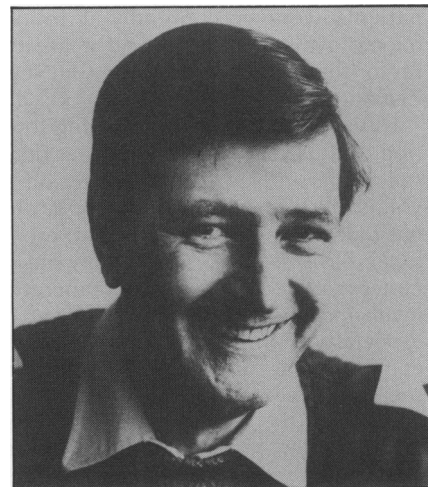
GMC ELECTIONS

The final candidate in our series of profiles of general practitioner candidates for the election.

T. A. I. Bouchier Hayes, MB, FRCCP, DRCOG

I qualified in Dublin in 1964 and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps as a general practitioner. Having served in the Far East for five years, I was posted in 1970 to Germany where I became a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and was appointed a trainer. In 1975 I returned to the UK as Tutor in General Practice to the Army based at the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, where I played a part in initiating a bi-annual MRCCP course for service and civilian candidates.

From 1980 to 1983 I was Senior Medical Officer at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, where I was course organizer, and am currently based at the Colchester Garrison. I am a council member of the South-West Thames Faculty of the RCGP. My major interest has always been general practitioner



Dr Bouchier Hayes.

postgraduate education and I have been co-author of a number of books in the general practice field.