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## Postgraduate Diary

### **Institute of Cancer Research**

Regular programme of seminars and teaching sessions throughout the year.

*Information: The Dean, Institute of Cancer Research, Haddow Laboratories, 15 Cotswold Road, Belmont, Surrey SM2 5NG, UK.*

### **National Heart and Lung Institute**

Courses leading to award of University Diplomas in Cardiology and Thoracic Medicine. Short Courses, meetings and symposia are held throughout the year.

*Postgraduate Office, National Heart and Lung Institute, Dovehouse Street, London SW3 6LY. Tel: 071-351 8172.*

### **Institute of Child Health**

Short courses booklet available.

*For further details please apply to: Anne Crowley, Short Courses Office (Room 6), Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH. Tel: 071-829 8692 (direct).*

### **Institute of Dental Surgery**

Courses for M.Sc. in various aspects of dentistry, Diploma in Dental Public Health, basic medical sciences, etc.

*Information: The Dean, Institute of Dental Surgery, Eastman Dental Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD, UK.*

### **Hunterian Institute**

Long and short courses in basic medical sciences for primary FRCS (including revision courses in Anatomy/Physiology/Pathology), Primary FDS, FFA part 2 held through the year.

Courses in Clinical Surgery for final FRCS held in Spring and Autumn. Anastomosis Workshop; AO course of fracture treatment.

*Details and applications: The Hunterian Institute, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. Tel: 071-405 3474.*

### **Institute of Laryngology and Otology**

Pre-FRCS and DLO exam courses. Advanced courses on: Temporal bone surgery – November and June. Anaesthesia for ENT – October. Rhinology and Surgery of the Nasal Cavity and Paranasal Sinuses – October. Nasal Plastic and Facial Soft Tissue Surgery – February. Pathology of the Ear, Nose and Throat – June.

*Applications and enquiries: Cheryl Overington, Secretary to the Dean, Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330/332 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE.*

### **Institute of Neurology**

Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology. Each Wednesday evening throughout academic year.

*Details: Institute Registrar, National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG, UK.*

### **RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

Teaching Paediatrics – symposium 3rd July 1991

Perinatal bereavement – 29th October 1991

*Details of symposia from: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Hospital for Women, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG, UK.*

### **Institute of Ophthalmology**

Regular courses in ophthalmology held throughout the year.

*17/25 Cayton Street, London EC1 9AT, UK.*

### **Institute of Orthopaedics**

Professional Unit Pre-Operative Conferences – Mondays 11.00 a.m. at Middlesex Hospital and Thursdays 9.30 a.m. at Stanmore.

Professorial Unit Residents' Seminars/Conferences – Thursdays 8.00 a.m. at Stanmore.

Course on Disorders of the Hand – May to July 1991

*Details: Miss A.M. Lucas, Postgraduate Secretary, Institute of Orthopaedics, The Middlesex Hospital, London W1. Tel: 071-380 9418.*

### **Institute of Psychiatry**

Programme of courses and lectures.

Family solutions in family practice: new perspectives on old problems. 25/26 June 1991.

Problem parents: advances in clinical care of mentally ill mothers and their infants. 25/26 July 1991.

Eating Disorders: The Way Forward: New approaches in therapy and management. 19/20 September 1991.

*Details: Mrs Leo Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AG. Tel: 071-703 5411 ext 3170.*

### **Institute of Urology**

Short courses on aspects of urology and nephrology – throughout the year.

One year Diploma courses in urology and nephrology commencing September each year.

Advanced stone management course – held twice yearly. *Applications and enquiries: The Dean, Institute of Urology, 172–176 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JE, UK.*

### **Royal Postgraduate Medical School**

Regular courses on advanced topics.

*School Office, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS, UK.*

### **Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine**

MRCP Part II. 5-day course for clinical examination.

Monday 3 June to Friday 7 June 1991.

Monday 14 October to Friday 18 October 1991.

*Details from: Dr Geraint James, Visiting Professor of Medicine, The Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG. Tel: 071 0500 ext 3931.*

**XVIth International Update on Liver Disease**

Royal Free Hospital and School of Medicine, London.  
 Thursday 11 July to Saturday 13 July 1991.  
*Details and information: Professor Neil McIntyre, Academic Department of Medicine, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG.*

**University of Keele**

Diploma course for general practitioners in Primary Medical Care.  
*Details: Dr B. McGuiness, Department of Postgraduate Medicine, University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire ST5*

**University of Manchester**

M.A. in Health Care Ethics.  
*Details: Mrs S. Ibbotson, Department of Education, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, UK.*

**University of Wales College of Medicine**

Full or part-time Diploma or MSc programme in Medical Education.  
*Enquiries to Ms Lynne Allery, Lecturer in Medical Education, Department of Postgraduate Studies, University of Wales College of Medicine, Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XN.*

**Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology: A Course for Medical Practitioners**

15–18 July 1991.  
 University of Warwick.  
*Information: Dr Rachel Strachan, (Short Courses), Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL.*

**Liverpool, Newsham General Hospital**

Lunchtime meetings twice monthly.  
*Secretary, Postgraduate Centre, Belmont Road, Liverpool L6 4AF, UK.*

**London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**

MSc, diploma and research degree courses in public health and tropical medicine.  
*Enquiries: The Registrar, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT.*

**Thyroid '91**

Centenary Celebration meeting with the Thyroid Club of Great Britain. Newcastle upon Tyne 4/5 July 1991.  
*Information: Dr W.M.G. Tunbridge, Wards 1 and 2 Office, Newcastle General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6BE.*

**The Amnesia Association**

International Conference on Memory. Lancaster University. 15–19 July 1991.  
*Details: The Amnesia Association, St Charles' Hospital, Exmoor Street, London W10 6DZ.*

**Sixth International Conference on Behcet's Disease**

To be held in Paris, France, June 30 to July 1, 1993  
*Information: B. Wechsler, M.D., Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, 47/83 Bd de l'Hôpital, 75014 Paris Cedex 13, France.*

**Making Birth Better**

National conference sponsored by the National Child-birth Trust. 27 July 1991, Wembley Conference Centre.  
*Details: Conference Registration: The Courtyard, 98 High Street, Bedford MK40 1NN, UK.*

**National Association of Clinical Tutors**

The Association assists clinical tutors in their role as leaders in district medical education. Membership is open to University-appointed clinical and GP tutors. The Association arranges courses for the training and continuing professional development of clinical tutors and holds Winter and Summer Meetings for all members.

NACT Council meeting – 4 July 1991 – Royal College of Physicians.

Counselling course – 17/18 October 1991, Bath.  
 Winter Meeting – 31 October–2 November 1991 – Belfast.

Nuts and Bolts Course – 5/6 December 1991, Bristol.  
 Counselling Course – 12/13 March 1992, Stoke Rochford, Lincs.

Summer Meeting – May 1992 – Bruges, Belgium.  
*Information about the NACT and its activities can be obtained from The Secretariat, National Association of Clinical Tutors, 6 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 935 5556.*

**NEWS**

**Medical Education and Training in Europe: the future Preliminary Announcement**

October 1st/2nd 1992 at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LE (by kind permission of the Treasurer).

'Medical Education and Quality of Medical Care in Europe: Aims and Objectives for the Future'. A major international congress bringing together the leaders of medical education and health care in Europe. The programme is designed to examine critically the political and educational implications in medical training in Europe following harmonisation in 1992.

- Sessions will include presentations and discussion on:
1. Directives for health professionals;
  2. Harmonisation of hospital training programmes;
  3. Monospeciality initiatives;
  4. Training and quality of care initiatives;
  5. Educational research and development (including primary care); and
  6. Recommendations and implementation.

Speakers will be invited from all European Commission countries. The conference language will be English.

The programme will include opportunity for free discussion following the formal presentations.

*If you are interested in receiving further information on the meeting and on registration, please communicate with: Dr M.W.N. Nicholls, Chairman – Organising Committee, Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, 6 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: (44) 071 935 5556. Fax: (44) 071 224 3219.*

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### Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine

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Members of the Group are mailed regularly about the meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4 June 1991. "How to ensure your paper is rejected by the statistical referee" Dr K.D. MacRae, Reader in Statistics, Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School.

*European research fellows and other visiting doctors who would like details of these meetings should write to:*

**Dr D.R.J. Singer, c/o The Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine,  
6 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel: 071 935 5556**

## NACT Training Package

This is an open learning study pack which aims to improve the teaching skills of clinical tutors and other tutors. Topics covered include junior doctors' educational skills and their provision, the funding and management of resources, managing change, and the operation of postgraduate centres. The development of the package was funded by the Department of Health and produced with the help of the Open University and the Joint Centre for Educational Research and Development in Medicine.

*Further information about the NACT Training Package, which costs £50 including postage, can be obtained from the Secretariat, NACT, 6 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB (Tel. 071 935 5556)*

## FELLOWSHIP OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE

### Grants for Research - 1991

The Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine is offering grants for travel, or towards the cost of equipment, for young graduates entering careers in clinical research. Successful applicants will be expected to submit reports of their research for publication in the *Postgraduate Medical Journal*.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs J.M. Coops, Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, 6 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB (Tel: 071-935 5556), to whom applications should be made, giving a concise summary of the research project, the sum requested and a curriculum vitae of the applicant.

*Closing date for applications: 30 August 1991*

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