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News and notes

Diploma course in the Philosophy of Medicine

Arranged by the Faculty of the History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Society of Apothecaries, a two-year course, addressed primarily to graduates of medicine and leading to the Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine, will be held on alternate Saturday mornings in London. The Lecturer is Michael Lockwood, MA DPhil(Oxon), Lecturer in Philosophy, University College, Oxford. The Inaugural Session is on Saturday, 7th October 1978. Further information and a application forms from the Society of Apothecaries, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ.

Medicine and Society Forum

The UCLA Medicine and Society Forum* was inaugurated in January 1974, to provide an opportunity for regular, open discussion of important medical issues and their legal, ethical and social implications. The programme was designed, in association with the Deans and faculty from the Schools of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Dentistry, by Dr Bernard Towers, Professor of Pediatrics and Anatomy in the School of Medicine.

The Forum is held monthly (10 times per year) in the main lecture room of the Center for Health Sciences, with closed circuit TV relay to a nearby lecture room to accommodate the customary overflow audiences. The Forum is

*Funding is currently provided by the UCLA School of Medicine Committee on Public Lectures and the Office of Instructional Development.

attended by students and faculty from the health professions schools as well as by students and faculty from the undergraduate campus and by the general public. The panelists are carefully chosen to present appropriately varied perspectives on a topic: usually, there is an attorney, a clinician and a philosopher. A protocol sheet prepared by the moderator/ chairman and the panelists for the audience consists of (a) either an illustrative case history or an agreed upon 'statement of the problem' and (b) a list of references for further study. After a brief introduction by the moderator, each panelist makes a five-minute opening statement. This is followed by about thirty minutes of panel discussion and ten to fifteen minutes devoted to exchange between audience and panelists.

Forums are videotaped by the UCLA Media Center to provide high-quality tape cassettes. These are kept in the Biomedical Library and in the Instructional Media Library where they are available for class or individual use.

Sex education symposium

The Fifth International Symposium on Sex Education will be held in Tel Aviv, Israel, June 24-28, 1979.

In recognition of 1979 as the UN Year of the Child, the major theme will be 'Sexuality and sex education in childhood'. It is planned to deal with the following topics: The parent as sex educator, the development of sexual identity in childhood, masculinity and femininity, sex stereotypes in childrens literature, sexual trauma in childhood, childhood patterns in relation to homosexuality, sex education for school children, the role of audio-visual material in

the sex education of the child and sexuality and the disabled child.

The secondary theme will be 'Progress in sex education for children and adolescents around the world.'

In addition to plenary sessions, discussion groups and workshops, educational films will be screened. A limited number of papers on special subjects will be presented, and an exhibition of educational material on sex education will be held.

The symposium is open to professional workers concerned with sex education, school physicians, gynaecologists, pediatricians, psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, counsellors, educationalists, teachers, sociologists, school administrators, to non-professional persons interested in the promotion of sex education programmes in their communities and, of course, parents.

The language will be English with simultaneous translation into other languages (French, Spanish and German) provided should the demand be sufficient.

For further information and registration forms write to:

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Forthcoming marriage

We are very happy to report the engagement between Prebendary E F Shotter, Director of Studies of the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics and Dr Jane Edgcombe, who is Co-ordinating secretary of the most recently formed Medical Group in Aberdeen. The Silver City hits the headlines again, not only North Sea oil, record-breaking audiences (*JME* Vol 4, 104) but now romance!

Lectures and symposia

Tuesday 3 October

LMG symposium: EUTHANASIA: Whose right to choose death? 6 pm Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham

Dr Thomas West, Deputy Medical Director, St Christopher's Hospice

Jonathan Glover, Tutor in Philosophy, New College, Oxford

The Rt Hon Baroness Wootton of Abinger, CH sponsor of the Incurable Patients Bill, 1976

Thursday 5 October

LMG symposium: ECT: IS THE TREATMENT WORSE THAN THE ILLNESS? 5.45 pm Guy's Hospital Medical School

Professor D G Grahame-Smith, Rhodes Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, Oxford

Ron Lacey of MIND, The National Association of Mental Health

Desmond Kelly, Consultant Psychiatry, St George's Hospital

Tuesday 10 October

LMG symposium: AID FOR LESBIANS: A marriage of convenience 5.45 pm Kings College Hospital Medical School

Jackie Forster, co-editor of *Sappho*: a lesbian feminist magazine
Rose Robertson, founder of 'Parents Enquiry', an organisation counselling on family problems arising from homosexuality

Susan Golombok, Research Assistant Institute of Psychiatry

Thursday 12 October

LMG symposium: TILL DEATH US DO PART? The ethics of organ donation 5.45 pm The London Hospital

Mr Ian Kennedy, Lecturer, Faculty of Laws, King's College, Strand

Mr Robert Sells, Director of the Renal Transplant Unit, Liverpool Royal Infirmary

It is hoped to present a patient

Monday 16 October

MMG lecture: ETHICS OF ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION 5.30 pm Stopford Building, Oxford Road, Manchester
Professor D H Smythe, MRC

Unit for Metabolic Studies in Psychiatry, University of Sheffield

Tuesday 17 October

LMG film: BIRTH WITH R D LAING 5.45 pm Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Dr R D Laing will discuss his film with David Paintin, Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, St Mary's Hospital

Thursday 19 October

LMG symposium: INCEST: Does it still matter? 5.45 pm Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead

Miss Jill Tibbits, Chief Probation Officer of Surrey

Arnon Bentovim, Head of Department of Psychological Medicine, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormand Street

Tuesday 24 October

LMG film: BEREAVEMENT: is it a medical problem? 5.45 pm St Bartholomew's Hospital

The film *The life that's left* will be shown and discussed by Dr Colin Murray Parkes, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at The London Hospital with Gabrielle Syme, Lecturer in Physiology, University of Sheffield

Thursday 26 October

LMG symposium: ABORTION: justifiable feticide? 6 pm St George's Hospital, Tooting

Professor Peter Huntingford, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, The London Hospital

Mr John Freeman, Lecturer, Faculty of Laws, King's College, Strand

Margaret White, General Practitioner

Monday 30 October

MMG Lecture: A PRESCRIPTION - OR TIME WELL SPENT? 5.30 pm Stopford Building, Oxford Road, Manchester

Speaker to be arranged

Tuesday 7 November

LMG symposium: ATTEMPTED SUICIDE: Does acute admission solve the problem? 5.45pm St Mary's Hospital Medical School

Dr Richard Fox, Consultant Psychiatrist, Severalls Hospital, Colchester

Richard Farmer, Senior Lecturer in Community Medicine, Westminster Medical school

Thursday 9 November

LMG symposium: LEGALISATION OF CANNABIS: The consequences 5.45 pm St Thomas's Hospital

Professor J P D Graham, Professor of Pharmacology, Welsh National School of Medicine

Dr John M Littleton, Reader in Pharmacology, King's College, Strand

Monday 13 November

MMG symposium: DEPERSONALISATION IN CARING RELATIONSHIPS 5.30 pm Research and Teaching Unit, Withington Hospital, Manchester

Dr James R Mathers formerly Medical Superintendent of Rubery Hill Psychiatric Hospital, Birmingham

Pat Ashworth, Lecturer in the Department of Nursing, University of Manchester

Tuesday 14 November

LMG illustrated lecture: THE NATURE AND MANAGEMENT OF TERMINAL PAIN 5.45 pm University College Hospital Medical School

Dr Cicely Saunders, Medical Director of St Christopher's Hospice

Thursday 16 November

LMG symposium: DEPRESSION: A result of inner city life ? 6.15 pm Westminster Medical School

David Quinton, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry

Paul Bebbington, MRC Social Psychiatry Unit, Institute of Psychiatry

Tirril Harris, Research officer, Social Research Unit, Bedford College

Tuesday 21 November

LMG lecture: MARITAL BREAKDOWN IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING SEXUAL ATTITUDES 6 pm Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham

Dr Jack Dominian, Consultant Psychiatrist, Central Middlesex Hospital

Thursday 23 November

LMG symposium: DOCTORS, PRISONERS AND THE STATE: A conflict of interest ? 5.45 pm Guy's Hospital Medical School

Dr Paul Bowden, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist St George's Hospital Medical School

Tom Sargent, Secretary of Justice

Tuesday 28 November

LMG symposium: THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS 5.45 pm King's College Hospital Medical School

Professor A H Crisp, Professor of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School

Professor N S Sutherland, Professor of Experimental Psychology, University of Sussex, and author of *Breakdown*

Vivika Mortensen of The Industrial Society, a training and advisory service for industry, commerce and public services

Thursday 30 November

LMG symposium: WHO RUNS THE PLACE ANYWAY?: The roles of unions and doctors in the NHS 5.45 pm The London Hospital

Dr David Bolt, a General Surgeon at the West Middlesex Hospital and Chairman of the Negotiating Sub-committee of the Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services

A J Lane, Regional Medical Officer, North West Regional Health Authority

E A G Spanswick, General Secretary, Confederation of Health Service Employees

Tuesday 5 December

LMG symposium: VIVISECTION: How necessary are animal deaths to medical progress ? 5.45 pm Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Dr W Lane-Petter, University of Cambridge

Mr Richard R Ryder, Senior Clinical Psychologist, The Warneford Hospital, Oxford

A representative of FRAME, Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments

Thursday 7 December

LMG symposium: THE ALCOHOLIC: Someone who drinks more than his doctor ? 5.45 pm Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead

Dr Max Glatt, Honorary Consultant Physician, Department of Psychological Medicine and Consultant-in-charge Alcoholism Teaching Clinic, University College Hospital Medical School

Dr Robin Murray, Senior Psychiatric Registrar, The Maudsley Hospital

Dr Martin Kaye, Chairman and founder member of the British Doctors Group and a general physician

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For fuller details, complete lecture lists are available from the secretaries of the medical groups listed below. Please enclose a stamped addressed A4 envelope:

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The Society for the Study of Medical Ethics is an independent, non-partisan organisation for the multidisciplinary study of issues raised by the practice of medicine.

The Society aims to influence the quality of both professional and public discussion of medico-moral questions; to promote the study of medical ethics; to ensure a high academic standard for this developing subject; to encourage a multidisciplinary approach to discussion of the consequences of clinical practice; to stimulate research in specific problems; to remain non-partisan and independent of all interest groups and lobbies.

Since 1963 the London Medical Group, a student group for the study of issues raised by the practice of medicine, has arranged a series of lectures and symposia, now twice weekly throughout the academic year, in the 12 London teaching hospitals and medical schools.

In 1967 the Edinburgh Medical Group was established with similar aims, and subsequently medical groups have been formed in a majority of the British medical schools—currently Newcastle, Sheffield, Glasgow, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff, Southampton and Aberdeen.

In 1972 junior doctors, who had themselves been associated with the London Medical Group, founded the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics to develop these aims at a postgraduate level.

In 1975 research fellows were appointed by the Edinburgh Medical Group which has established, in conjunction with the University of Edinburgh, a research project in medical ethics and education. This is funded by the Leverhulme Trust Fund and the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust.

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