

William Withering commemoration meeting

A symposium, organised jointly by the Association of Physicians and British Cardiac Society, to commemorate the bicentenary of the publication of William Withering's *An Account of the Foxglove* is to be held on 18 April 1985 in the Haworth Lecture Theatre, Chemistry Building, University of Birmingham. Space for non-members of the British Cardiac Society is limited and inquiries should be made to: Professor W A Littler, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, East Birmingham Hospital, Bordesley Green East, Birmingham B9 5ST.

Programme

- 9.30 am Registration in foyer; coffee upstairs
- 10.00 am SESSION 1—Chairman: M F Oliver
Pharmacology of digoxin—T W Smith (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, USA) (*Strickland-Goodall Lecture*)
Modern views of myocardial contractility—S V Perry (Department of Biochemistry, University of Birmingham)
Digitalis and membranes—Denis Noble (Department of Physiology, University of Oxford)
- 11.30–12.00 noon Coffee in the University Centre
- 12.00 noon SESSION 2—Chairman: Sir Melville Arnott
Digitalis for arrhythmias—D M Krikler (Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London)
Digitalis toxicity—Charles Fisch (Indiana University School of Medicine, USA)
- 1.00–2.30 pm Lunch in the University Centre
- 2.30 pm SESSION 3
“Should we be using digitalis?”—A debate
Chairman—H B Burchell (Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA)
For—W A Littler (Birmingham)
F L Meijler (Utrecht)
Against—A Guz (London)
D G Gibson (London)
- 4.00–4.30 pm Tea in the University Centre
- 5.00 pm SESSION 4
The Royal College of Physicians William Withering Lecture—Chairman: Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, PRCP
The current treatment of heart failure—C T Dollery (Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London)
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- 6.30 pm Visit to Edgbaston Parish Church for the Commemoration and concert by the English String Orchestra
Historical address—A G W Whitfield
- 7.45 pm Reception at Edgbaston Hall