

News from committees

John Camm has sent a progress report from the committee on radiation hazards in cardiology. "The committee has met and decided to approach the problem under the following sub-headings: local and international standards, equipment and practice, guidelines for good practice, training/audit/supervision, voluntary registrations scheme, angioplasty, catheter ablation, paediatric interventions. The sub-committee will meet again in May or June and a report is expected shortly thereafter. We will be pleased to receive any comments or information."

News of meetings

David Wood has written about a workshop on preventive cardiology. "A one day meeting on preventive cardiology is being organised by the British Cardiac Society's Committee on Epidemiology and Prevention, with the objective of drawing up clinical guidelines on the role of cardiologists at region and district level in strategies for prevention. The meeting will take the form of a workshop with invited cardiologists from every region in the country, and places will be limited to 40. Discussion documents on the potential roles of a cardiologist in relation to primary prevention, on the investigation and management of risk factors in those who have already developed coronary disease, and on the rehabilitation of patients (both medical and surgical) will be circulated in advance and presented at the meeting. Small working groups will then form to agree clinical guidelines on prevention, separately for district and regional cardiologists. These will constitute the basis for the final report with

recommendations that we plan to submit for publication in the *British Heart Journal*. The meeting will take place at Fitzroy Square on Wednesday 14 October, 1992."

Readers are urged not to delay in booking places (again restricted to 40) for the teach-in at Fitzroy Square on 10 November. It is being organised by Michael Davies who has chosen the title "Emerging Concepts in the Basic Processes of Atherogenesis". Despite being a didactic session, it will contain hot news, it will be fascinating, and it will be clinically relevant. The details of the programme are still being worked out, but David Leake of the University of Reading will speak on lipid structure and lipid oxidation, and Peter Weissberg on smooth muscle proliferation. As before, the session will start at 10 am and finish by 4 pm for the sake of those who have to travel long distances. Lunch will be provided.

We have received the excellent news from Philip Poole-Wilson that the Congress of the European Society of Cardiology will be held in Britain in 1996. The venue will be Birmingham, the dates 25 to 29 August. This will be a great opportunity for British cardiology, but it will demand considerable thought and careful planning if we are to make the most of it. We have great confidence that it will be a great success. Now that we have at least one centre that can handle the large numbers and all the accoutrements of a major international conference we hope it will be the first of many.

News of colleagues

We have received news of the following new consultant appointments: John Creamer as

cardiologist to Stoke on Trent, Jean McEwan as senior lecturer at University College Hospital, Jonathan Fox as physician with an interest in cardiology at Southport Hospital, David Hackett as physician with an interest in cardiology at St Albans and Hemel Hempstead, and Phillip Thomas as physician with an interest in cardiology at Singleton Hospital, Swansea. Finally, we are very pleased to record that Dennis Krikler, immediate past editor of the *British Heart Journal*, and Peter Sleight, immediate past editor of *Cardiovascular Research*, have been awarded British Cardiac Society medals that were made specially for them. The presentation was made to Dennis Krikler at the Society's annual meeting in Harrogate.

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NOTICE

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the **British Cardiac Society** will take place at the Wembley Conference Centre from 18 to 21 May.

Correction

Strenuous exercise, plasma fibrinogen, and factor VII activity. *J B Connelly, J A Cooper, T W Meade* (May issue, volume 67: pages 351-4). An incorrect result appeared in table 3 of this paper. A correct version of table 3 appears below.

Table 3 Mean values (95% confidence intervals) adjusted for age, smoking, alcohol habit, BMI, and non-manual occupation according to exercise intensity

| | Exercise intensity | | | p (F test) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | Strenuous (775) | Mild (2809) | None (255) | |
| Fibrinogen (g/l): | | | | |
| Mean | 2.70 | 2.77 | 2.76 | 0.01 |
| 95% CI | 2.66 to 2.75 | 2.74 to 2.80 | 2.70 to 2.82 | |
| VII (% standard): | | | | |
| Mean | 86.5 | 86.0 | 88.1 | 0.35 |
| 95% CI | 84.6 to 88.4 | 84.8 to 87.3 | 85.2 to 91.1 | |
| Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg): | | | | |
| Mean | 135.8 | 136.0 | 134.1 | 0.24 |
| 95% CI | 134.4 to 137.3 | 135.0 to 137.0 | 131.9 to 136.4 | |
| Cholesterol (mmol/l): | | | | |
| Mean | 5.74 | 5.85 | 5.87 | 0.03 |
| 95% CI | 5.65 to 5.83 | 5.79 to 5.91 | 5.74 to 6.01 | |

BMI, body mass index.