

News and notes

AMEE and AMDE Conferences 1988

The Annual Conference of the Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) is at Istanbul, Turkey on 6–9 September 1988. Applications to attend should be to the Secretary, Dr Milagros Garcia Barbero, Division of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Alicante, Spain (telephone 96-5661150 ext. 1106, telex 66616).

The Annual Conference of the Association of Medical Deans in Europe is on 4–5 September 1988, also at Istanbul. Applications to attend also to Professor Garcia (as above).

Association for the Study of Medical Education Annual Meeting—21–23 September 1988

This year's Annual Meeting is being held at the University of Bristol, on 21, 22 and 23 September 1988. The meeting will start with Small-Group Workshops, which will be held on Wednesday afternoon at Hiatt Baker Hall. Workshop topics include 'The problems of the SHO year', 'Counselling for junior hospital staff', 'The management of curricular change' and 'Research in medical education'. On Thursday and Friday the venue will be Southmead Hospital, Bristol. Professor Christine Maguire of the University of Illinois will be the Keynote Speaker on Thursday morning on the theme 'The curriculum for the year 2000'; other speakers include Professor R. M. Harden, who will speak, on 'Task-based learning: an educational strategy for the future'. On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, short papers on research, innovations and new concepts in medical education will be presented by members.

Registration forms and further details are available from Maureen Gyle, ASME, 2 Roseangle, Dundee DD1 4LR, Scotland. Tel. (0382) 26801.

Education and medicine: A certificate course

This course is offered by the Institute of Educational Studies and the Department of Postgraduate Medical Education of the University of Glasgow. It will be held over two Saturday mornings and two weekends and will cover a broad range of subjects which will be related to a variety of health care professional education. It is a module for the MEd and MPhil of the Institute of Educational studies. A teaching methods course and dissertation complete the Certificate work. It commences in October 1988 and costs £180 for the basic module.

Further details may be obtained from the Course Coordinator, Department of Postgraduate Medical Education, The University of Glasgow G12 8QQ.

Launch of new medical TV service

A new specialist television service for doctors using the BBC airwaves was inaugurated on 3 February 1988. The new service will use BBC-2 transmitters at night, after the channel has ended its normal transmissions, to send scrambled programmes to specially equipped videorecorders in doctors' surgeries and hospitals.

The service, which has been given the go-ahead for a 2-year trial period, will begin regular transmissions later this year, broadcasting up to one hour of medical news and specialist information every night. The programmes will be produced by an independent production company—British Medical Television (BMTV)—in association with the British Postgraduate Medical Federation (BPMF). BBC Enterprises will receive payment from BMTV for providing the transmission facilities.

For further information: Ian Duncan, BBC Enterprises, Woodlands, 80 Wood Lane, London W12 0TT. (Tel: 01-576 0339). Contact for BMTV: Howard Godman, 01-943 4086.