

such patients. To retain the confidentiality of our database we undertook the mailing ourselves.

Do not forget the date for our first teach-in, announced in the December newsletter. This new programme is intended to update members of the society in growing points of modern medicine that are intimately related to our specialty. Sir David Weatherall will be arranging the first meeting (on molecular biology) on Tuesday 31 March from 10 am to 4 pm. A subsidy will be available for long-distance travel within the United Kingdom. We intend that these meetings should be small to encourage interaction with the speakers. There will not be another similar opportunity for a very long time. Contact the society at once if you wish to reserve a place—but you may already be able to secure a place on the reserve list only . . . Please note that the meetings are exclusively for members.

Copies are now available from the society offices of the Fourth Report of a Joint Cardiology Committee of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England on the provision of services for the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. The college reports are authoritative documents that can be of great value to those who have to persuade managers of the basic requirements of a cardiology service.

Another date for many diaries, and again we expect demand to exceed supply: Resuscitation '92 will be the first CPR congress of the European Resuscitation Council (the British Cardiac Society was prominent in the formation of the European Resuscitation Council which is now gaining wide acceptance in Europe). An excellent international

programme has been arranged in cooperation with the Resuscitation Council of the United Kingdom. The meeting will take place in the Brighton Centre. All the indications show this will be a popular meeting and many delegates are expected from mainland Europe. Application forms can be obtained from the society office.

Remember to note our new address given below. And again for reference our new telephone number is: 071 383 3887. Note that our fax number has a slightly different exchange code: 071 388 0903.

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NOTICE

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The Annual Meeting of the **British Cardiac Society** will take place at the Harrogate International Centre on 26 to 29 May. The closing date for receipt of abstracts was 3 January.

CORRECTIONS

Staffing in cardiology in the United Kingdom. Sixth biennial survey: with data on facilities in cardiology in England and Wales 1989 (November issue, volume 66: pages 395–404). The President of the British Cardiac Society has asked us to point out that table 13 showed an incorrect total under the number of consultants retiring from 1991 to 1995, though the data for individual years were correct. This total was inadvertently left unchanged when one year was removed from the table shortly before the paper was submitted.

Table 16 showed the number of technicians in the Regions of England and Wales, and these figures were correct according to the returns received. But the calculations for numbers per 250 000 were incorrect—the true totals were slightly higher. This error represents a complex calculation based on the premise that the need for technician time is not related in a linear fashion to population. These figures were derived for another purpose but were inadvertently substituted for the original calculations that had been correctly made.

Physical activity in ischaemic heart disease in middle-aged British men. *AG Shaper, G Wannamethee* (November issue, volume 66: pages 384–94). The authors have asked us to point out that R Weatherall was inadvertently omitted from the authorship of this paper, which is *AG Shaper, G Wannamethee, R Weatherall*.