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Course For Certificate of Advanced Study (or Post-Registration Degree)
in Physiotherapy (Paediatrics)

One of the main objectives of our Association is 'To improve the training, education and professional status of such persons, and in particular, to promote and advance a curriculum for the obtaining of post registration qualifications' and as you know, the Committee set up a Working Party to look into the whole question of post registration training in paediatric physiotherapy. We are very lucky that

Dr. Griffiths	Consultant Paediatrician
Dr. Holt	" "
Dr. Rosenbloom	" "
Mr. Halcrow	Senior Lecturer, Brunel University
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have agreed to serve, along with Committee members Mrs Hazlewood and Miss Grimley and the Chairman, Miss Gilbertson.

The Working Party has met twice, and this Newsletter is to tell you some of the ideas of the Working Party and to ask you, Please, to fill in and return the enclosed Questionnaire by return, so that the Working Party can have as much information as possible before it meets again on 12th October. It is not possible to make more plans unless we know the demands.

The following notes describe the structure, organisation, syllabus content and examination procedure of a proposed course leading to a Certificate of Advanced Study (or Post-Registration Degree) in Physiotherapy (Paediatric)

The course would be taken by Chartered Physiotherapists, who would normally have had at least two years' post-registration experience. The syllabuses indicate the material which forms the basis of assessment and examination. This Material is not necessarily to be taught solely in formal lectures. Other learning procedures are available e.g. visits, seminars, discussions, and students will be encouraged to involve themselves in these.

The principal feature of the course is that it is 'in service' and hence part-time in nature. It consists of eight modules, each of which involves the student in a well-defined amount of study and practical work. To qualify for the award, a student has to complete all eight modules and demonstrate a satisfactory level of attainment in the assessments and examinations related to these modules, and in a major formal examination which takes place at the end of the course.

There is a preferred order in which modules ought to be studied but it is not necessary for students to

A module is that amount of lecture, seminar and practical work etc. which would normally occupy about sixty hours' study plus forty hours practical. This amount of study time could be carried out in a number of ways, e.g.

- (i) One day (6hours) per week for ten weeks.
- (ii) One half day per week plus one week of full-time. (perhaps residential) study.
- (iii) Two weeks full time study.

It is likely that the course would use these, and perhaps other, arrangements, e.g. it would be possible for a student to study full-time and complete the course in one year.

Performance in the course will be measured by various methods, e.g. short tests, formal examinations, essays, oral examinations and projects. A description of each module will indicate the method/s of assessment to be adopted for that particular module. Some of the modules, for example the first one, will not be assessed. It will be sufficient that a student provides evidence of attendance at the lectures, seminars, practical work etc. related to this module.

While a student will not be required to show evidence of ability in research, it is anticipated that course lecturers, drawn from the appropriate disciplines, will indicate these areas of research which are relevant to the course, thus providing an awareness of the content and value of research to the practising paediatric physio-therapist.

It is hoped that the Certificate of Advanced Study will be given the status of a higher degree and discussions are being held with the Council for National Academic Awards of several Universities regarding this possibility.

Course Organisation

Still under discussion and will be influenced by the replies to the Questionnaire, therefore please return immediately.

Modules

See Questionnaire.

We are in close touch with the C.S.P. throughout our discussions. Whilst we are completing the plans for these post-registration courses, interim courses will continue to be held regionally.

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Wales Regional representative Mrs E.K. Weber,
7 Caynam Ave, Penarth, South Wales.

This region is holding a joint meeting with the Cardiff and district branch of the National Council of Special Education on Sept. 19th when Mrs Ester Cotton will speak on 'Conductive Education for the Cerebral Palsied Child'.

Scotland Regional representative Mrs A. Murdoch,
The Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow.

Mrs. Murdoch is busy making arrangements for our second A. .M. which is to be held in Stirling University from April 11th-13th 1975.

North West Regional representative Mrs. L. Willescroft
33 Blord Rd, Prestwick, Manchester.

Having recently recovered during the last few months from the organisation of the National Conference in Salford, this region has now become a little more established. Having duly formed a committee they have held two meetings, and planned the next two. There will be an illustrated lecture on the Research and Development in the Shrewsbury Splint by Arthur G. Taylor, C Eng. A.R.A.S. Scientific Officer, Dept Mechanical Engineering, University of Salford. at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Myrtle St, Liverpool. on Oct 9th at 7.30pm. Tea and biscuits will be served during the evening. On February 1st a full day course will be held at the Medical Teaching Centre, Mount Vernon St, Liverpool when Prof Roaf will lecture on the Modern treatment of Scoliosis and the use of Intermittent positive pressure spiral mobiliser and Mr John Taylor will lecture on

a day course on Appliances, Splints, and P.O.P.S. to take place on February 22nd 1975.

Midlands Regional representative Mrs. M. Hazlewood,
19 Devonshire Rd, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham B20 2PD.

On October 12th Miss Dawson will show her film on the Comparison of Activity in the Normal and Abnormal Infant. at Thieves Wood Special School, Mansfield, Notts. A further meeting will be held on November 11th.

North East Regional representative Miss E.M. Barton,
7 St Michaels Way, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, Yorks.

The open meeting held at York in June was a success and was attended by several Medical Officers of Health. An evening meeting is to be held on September 18th at the Leeds General Infirmary when Mrs. S. Beckett an orthoptist will talk on 'The Role of the Orthoptist'. A further meeting will be held at the Lister Lane P.H. School, Bradford on either 15th or 16th of January when it is hoped to have a lecture on Genetics. An afternoon meeting has been arranged on March 22nd when Dr Medwin Gardner of Newcastle will talk on 'Muscular Dystrophy'. This will be followed by a local A.G.M. It is hoped the venue will be the Regional Headquarters, Harrogate.

South East Regional representative Miss F.A. Birkett
Flat 1, 82 Mount Nod Rd, London SW16.

Several new members have joined this region recently and a meeting has been arranged at Brighton on November 30th when Dr Geoffrey Hatcher will talk on the Ethics of Management of Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis. This will take place at the Royal Alexandra Childrens Hospital, 36 Dyke Rd, at 2.30pm, the lecture will be followed by a film on Spina Bifida, and then tea and discussion.

London Regional representative Mrs M. Reid
12 New End Rd London NW3.

An excellent session on Still's Disease was held at The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St, on the morning of September 14th. Although the attendance was disappointing, the presentation was very good. Dr. B. Ansell was unable to accept an invitation to speak as she was on a similar mission in Switzerland, but she very kindly made an excellent taped introductory talk which was followed by contributions from Mrs Allin, Supt. Physiotherapist and Miss Lawton Senior Occupational Therapist at the Canadian Red Cross Hospital. A meeting is planned for January 26th when the subject will be Psychological Aspects of Paediatrics.

The Recruitment Film Physiotherapist

This was reported on in the last Newsletter, but we have since heard from the C.S.P. that the film is now available as a Video Cassette Recording. It can be borrowed free of charge from the Guild Sound and Vision Sponsored Film Library, Woodston House, 85-129 Oundle Rd, Peterborough PE2 9PZ. (cat no 400.7143-4). The 16mm film is available on free loan from the same address (cat no 200.7143-4). Both cassettes and films may be bought at modest cost,-- inquiries to the P.R.O. Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, 14 Bedford Row, London WCI.

The King's Fund Conferences

On Monday October 28th a full day Conference will be held at the King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN on 'Caring for Sick or Handicapped Children at Home'. The organiser is Mrs H.G. Edwards, invitations are restricted, but copies of reports are available. There is a project paper (no4) 'Caring for Children in Hospital' compiled by Shirley Hardy BA, price 50p from the King's Fund. Also a publication 'Intensive Care' which includes a chapter on Intensive Care of Infants with Special Reference to Respiratory Management, is available at the cost of £1.

Overseas Membership

Membership Numbers

Some encouraging news - the Association now has 282 paid up members. Please check and make sure that you are one of these.

An A.P.C.P. Symbol

Has any one any bright and original ideas for a symbol for our Association? If you have please send your suggestions to Miss M. Hutchinson, Assistant P.R.O. whose address is at the head of this Newsletter.

Music in Hospitals

An organisation exists known as The Council for Music in Hospitals which selects distinguished musicians, who have a desire and the ability to communicate, to perform in psychiatric hospitals and to retarded and autistic children. They give their services for a token fee ie. travelling and subsistence expenses. Mrs Lindsay, a professional concert pianist is willing to speak or give a concert and may be contacted at 340 Lower Rd, Little Bookham, Surrey.

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Diary of Forthcoming Events

Enquiries about meetings should be made to the 'Contacts'.

<u>Date & Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Contact</u>
September 18th Leeds General Infirmary	The Role of the Orthoptist	Miss M. Barton N.E. Region Rep.
September 19th Cardiff	Education of the Cerebral Palsied Child	Mrs E.K. Weber Wales Regional Rep.
October 9th Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital	Research & Develop- ment in the Shrews- bury Splint	Mrs B. Lambert 86 Quebec Road Blackburn
October 12th Thieves Wood School Mansfield	Miss Dawson's film A Comparison of Activity in the Normal & Abnormal Infant	Mrs D. Hawkins Farthings Ullenhall Solihull W. Mid Midlands
November 11th ? Birmingham	'Construction for People'?	Mrs D. Hawkins As Above
November 30th Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital Brighton	Ethics of Manage- ment of Spina Bifida & Cystic Fibrosis	Miss F.A. Birkett S.E. Region
<u>1975</u>		
January 15? or 16? Lister Lane School Bradford	Genetics	Miss M. Barton N.E. Region Rep
January 26th ? Hospital for Sick Children, Gt Ormond St, London	Psychological As- pects of Paedia- trics	Miss C. Mason Eastern Hospital Homerton Grove London, E9
February 1st Medical Teaching Mount Vernon St Liverpool	Management of Beohosis and T.M.V.	Miss E Shaw Royal Liverpool Childrens Hospital, Myrtle St Liverpool
February 22nd Bristol	Appliances, Splints & P.O.P.s	Miss Hawes S.W. Region Rep
March 22nd Harrogate	Muscular Dystrophy	Miss M. Barton N.E. Region Rep
April 11-13th Stirling	A.G.M.	Mrs A. Murdoch Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow.