

EDITORIAL

The first edition of the Lancaster and Westmorland Medical Journal was very well received and I would like to thank the many people who sent messages of congratulation and who have given words of encouragement. Its success was a result of the high quality of the articles which it contained, a standard which is repeated in this issue and which will be maintained in future editions. The articles published so far have all been commissioned but the editorial board will welcome unsolicited submissions. We are also keen to publish interesting case reports and to have an active correspondence column. Another feature, which has been suggested to me, is that the journal should carry a list of publications written by local authors which have appeared in national and international peer review medical journals in the previous twelve months. This seems to be a good idea and fulfils one of the stated aims of the journal which is to foster local medical research. A list of 1989 publications will appear in the September issue and I would be grateful if those who have contributed to medical literature would send me a list of their publications.

The funding of postgraduate medical education changed on 1st April this year. The Postgraduate Centre

no longer receives money from Manchester University to pay fees and expenses to lecturers. In fact we now have to pay a fee to Manchester in order to have courses accredited. This means that we will have to charge those general practitioners who receive the educational allowance a fee for attending courses. The fee has been set at £5.00 for a lunchtime meeting (1/3 session), £7.50 for an evening meeting (1/2 session) and £15.00 for a halfday course (1 session). The Management Committee of the Postgraduate Centre regrets this but has no alternative. The fees will be kept to a minimum but the quality of education will not be compromised. In the academic year starting in September 1990 a balanced programme covering the areas of disease management, service management and disease prevention will be provided. There will be approximately twenty lunchtime sessions in Lancaster (each 1/3 session), ten lunchtime meetings in Kendal (each 1/3 session), ten evening meeting in Lancaster (each 1/2 session) and five Saturday morning courses in Lancaster (each 1 session). The programme details will appear in the September issue of the journal.

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