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The Twenty-ninth Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society was held in the University of Liverpool from 11 to 13 September 1985 under the presidency of Professor Peter Pharoah. The following papers were presented.

A booklet of the abstracts may be obtained by writing to Professor P Pharoah, Department of Community Health, University of Liverpool, PO Box 147, Liverpool L69. The cost of the booklet is £1.50.

Health promotion in Mersey
J R Ashton
Department of Community Health, University of Liverpool

Hearing disability in the developing world
K W Newell
Department of International Community Health, University of Liverpool

Trends in the prevalence of cerebral palsy in the Mersey Region
T Cooke
Department of Community Health, University of Liverpool

Nutrition education in Nepal—life saving or victim blaming?
D Nabarro and S Graham-Jones
Department of International Community Health, University of Liverpool

Iodine deficiency disorder and fetal maturation
P O D Pharoah
Department of Community Health, University of Liverpool

Evaluation of the cervical cancer screening policies recommended for England and Wales using a computer simulation model
D M Parkin and S M Moss
Centre International de Recherche sur le Cancer, Lyon, France

A randomised trial of compliance in screening for colorectal cancer
S Nichols
Department of Community Medicine, Southampton

The influence of low level lead exposure on children's intelligence: the problem of confounding factors
D Ashby, S J Pocock, and M A Smith
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Royal Free Hospital, London

Socioeconomic differentials in cancer incidence
D A Leon and P Goldblatt
Social Statistics Research Unit, City University, London

Two novel risk factors for cutaneous melanoma
C M J Bell, C M Jenkinson, and J D Everall
Thames Cancer Registry, Sutton, Surrey

All cause mortality and gastric cancer mortality in a 30 year follow-up of men including coal-miners
L K Atuhaire, M J Campbell, A L Cochrane, and F Moore
Department of Community Medicine, Southampton

Case-control study of leukaemia and power-frequency electromagnetic fields
M P Coleman, C M J Bell, and H-L Taylor
ICRF Cancer Epidemiology Unit, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

A cohort study of workers exposed to styrene
C Osmond, D Coggon, B Pannett, and D J P Barker
MRC Environmental Epidemiology Unit, University of Southampton

Oral contraceptives and the risk of primary liver cancer
D Forman, T Vincent, S Brown, and R Doll
ICRF Epidemiology Unit, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

Some further analyses of cancer morbidity and mortality following widow(er)hood in the OPCS Longitudinal Study
D R Jones, D A Leon, and P O Goldblatt
Social Statistics Research Unit, City University, London

The development of a measure of professional collaboration in primary care
B A Gregson, A M Cartlidge, and B L E C Reedy
Health Care Research Unit, University of Newcastle upon Tyne

Provision of first-contact care out of hours in 4 English towns
R A Dixon, B T Williams, and J P Nicholl
Department of Community Medicine, University of Sheffield

Consultations for minor illnesses in children: results of a postal survey in 10 general practices
A D Garrett, F J W Foy, J Hewison, A Hutchinson, and L T Russell
Health Care Research Unit, University of Newcastle upon Tyne

Population coverage in cervical screening programmes using a family practitioner committee computerised register
A Palmer and C Hopton
Department of Community Medicine, North Derbyshire Health Authority, Chesterfield

An assessment of prevention in general practice
R Anderson and A Buxton
Institute for Social Studies in Medical Care, London

Work evaluation of a terminal care support team
I Higginson and M McCarthy
Department of Community Medicine, University College London

What changes have occurred in “avoidable” mortality in England and Wales?
J R H Charlton, A Lakhani, and M Aristidou
Department of Community Medicine, St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London

Person-years-of-life-lost analyses of occupational mortality data
H Inskip
Department of Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
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The use and effects of hormone replacement therapy
K Hunt and M Vessey
Department of Community Medicine & General Practice, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

The safety of amniocentesis in pregnancies with raised serum AFP
S Farrow and C Lester
Department of Epidemiology & Community Medicine, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff

Ten years of smoking research in Derbyshire
M Murray, L Jarrett, A V Swan, and R Rumun
Department of Psychology, University of Ulster

Association between infant alimentary and respiratory illness and smoking
S Ogston, C du V Florey, and C H M Walker
Department of Community Medicine, Ninewells Hospital & Medical School, Dundee

Asthma in the children of young mothers
J M Bland, H R Anderson, C Peckham, and S Patel
Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Social Medicine, St George’s Hospital Medical School, London

Long term respiratory sequelae to whooping cough
J Wadsworth and N Britten
Academic Department of Community Medicine, St Mary’s Hospital Medical School, London

A national survey of respiratory symptoms in middle aged men
D G Cook, S J Kussick, and A G Shaper
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London

Risk factors and recurrence of heart attack
A Phillips, A G Shaper, and S J Pocock
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London

Assessment of quality of life in cardiovascular therapy
A E Fletcher and C J Bulpitt
Department of Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Changes in lifestyle after early or late mobilisation following acute myocardial infarction: a ten year follow-up of a randomised controlled trial
R R West, D A Evans, and A H Henderson
Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff

Blood pressure and migration: a study of Bengali immigrants in East London
A J Silman, S J W Evans, and E Loysen
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, The London Hospital Medical College

Diet and risk factors for coronary heart disease and colon cancer in British Asians
M G Marmot, P M McKeigue, A M Adelstein, S M Butler, R Riemersma, and M Thompson
Department of Community Medicine, University College London

Neonatal intensive care in the North Western Region
J P Walsworth-Bell and R Popplewell
North West Regional Health Authority, Manchester

Secular changes in two-year survival and rehospitalisation rates among very low birthweight and heavier infants
L Mutch, M Newick, A Lodwick, and I Chalmers
National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, Oxford

The relationship between sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and environmental temperature: an analysis using vital statistics
M Murphy and M Campbell
OPCS, London

An investigation of postneonatal mortality in one Bristol City Ward
S Stewart-Brown
Department of Community Medicine, Southmead Hospital, Bristol

Prevention of post-neonatal mortality—are birth scoring systems an advantage?
R Madeley
Department of Community Health, University of Nottingham

Solvent misuse in secondary schoolchildren
B R B Cooke, S C Farrow, and D A Evans
Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff

Self-assessment v professional assessment of physical and mental health in sample surveys
L D MacDonald, J M Bland, and H R Anderson
Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Social Medicine, St George’s Hospital Medical School, London

Acute appendicitis and diet
J Morris, D J P Barker, and M Nelson
MRC Environmental Epidemiology Unit, University of Southampton

The rising prevalence of human-T-lymphotropic virus type III (HTLV III) infection in homosexual men in London
M W Adler, C A Carne, I V D Weller, R B Ferns, P Williams, A Mindel, and R Tedder
Academic Department of Genito-Urinary Medicine, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London

HTLV III virus infection and the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS): planning and costing services in Bloomsbury Health District
A M Johnson, M W Adler, and J M Crown
Academic Department of Genito-Urinary Medicine, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London

Prognostic factors in vaccination uptake
S J Day and S J W Evans
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, The London Hospital Medical College
Parents' and professionals' attitudes to measles immunisation
A Lakhani, R Morris, M Morgan, C Dale, and M Vaile
Department of Community Medicine, St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London

The evaluation of the South Manchester Family Worker Scheme
B Spencer and J Morris
Department of Epidemiology and Social Research, University Hospital of South Manchester, Manchester

Ethnic minorities and the cost of care in the community
M R Baker and E E M Kernohan
Clinical Epidemiology Research Unit, University of Bradford

During the meeting members of the Open University gave a guest presentation entitled "Health and Disease: A New Open University Course".

Corrections

In the paper by Shunichi Araki and Yoshitaka Goto (1985; 39: 82–5) the heading of the last column in Table 1 should read 'Total'.

In the paper by A Menotti and F Seccareccia (1985; 39: 325–9) the third line of Table 6 should read: Myocardial infarction $y = 7.60 - 1.88FA + 1.82JR - 0.73$. The footnote to Table 6 should read: **p<0.01. In the left-hand column of page 328, line 34 should read: (2) All coefficients of job responsibility are negative except that concerning chronic bronchitis and myocardial infarction.