Ophthalmic Microsurgery

London, 12 to 14 January 1977

A course in ophthalmic microsurgery will be held at Moorfields Eye Hospital (City Road branch). It will be conducted by the Department of Clinical Ophthalmology and is designed to provide a practical introduction to the use of the microscope in common ophthalmic surgical procedures. Applications are invited from consultants, senior registrars, or those from overseas who hold equivalent positions. Previous experience with the operating microscope is not necessary, but ophthalmic surgical experience is essential. The closing date for applications is 19 November 1976. Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Microsurgical Course Secretary, Department of Clinical Ophthalmology, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London EC1V 2PD.

Workshop on Microsurgery

Singapore, 9 to 14 May 1977

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons will be holding the first microsurgical workshop to be held in Singapore. It will cover two aspects: symposia and a teaching course. Further information may be obtained from Miss Teo Peck Honn, Microsurgery Workshop Organizing Secretary, 227 Tanglin Shopping Centre, 19 Tanglin Road, Singapore 10.

Philadelphia Paediatric Ophthalmology Symposium

11 to 14 June 1977

The Philadelphia Paediatric Ophthalmology Society announces that the tenth annual meeting is to be held at Cherry Hill Hyatt House, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Further information may be obtained from H. P. Koller, MD, Symposium Chairman, 1601 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, USA.

Obituary

Rodney de Saram, DO, FRCS, 1931–1976

Rodney Brian de Saram, consultant ophthalmic surgeon to Bournemouth and East Dorset Hospitals, died suddenly on 22 July aged 45.

Born in Colombo and educated at Blundell’s School and University College Hospital, he qualified MB, BS in 1956. After a house appointment at University College Hospital he spent three years in the Royal Navy, when he was engaged in interesting expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctic, East Africa, and the Falkland Islands.

His ophthalmic training began with the DO course at the Institute of Ophthalmology, followed by the residency at the High Holborn branch of Moorfields. After chief clinical appointment at High Holborn and the senior registrar post at University College Hospital, he went to Bournemouth as consultant ophthalmologist in 1968.

Sociable, sporting, artistic and handsome, with more than a fair share of charm, Rodney brought style to his considerable ophthalmological talents and made a great impact during his short spell at Bournemouth. His untimely death is tragic and we offer our sympathy to his wife, Helen, and their three daughters.