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The Institute welcomes as members all those who are interested in philosophical problems, irrespective of their professional qualifications.

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There are centres of the Institute at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary, Royal Institute of Philosophy, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

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Only corrections of printers' errors can be allowed in proofs. Authors are therefore asked to send any alterations or additions they wish to make, to Professor Acton as soon as possible after receiving his letter of acceptance.

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## VISITING PHILOSOPHERS

Fred Wilson, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Toronto will be on sabbatical leave in the U.K. during 1970-71. He will be in London from September to the end of November 1970.

Professor A. G. N. Flew of the University of Keele will be visiting at the University of Maryland from September 1970 to January 1971, then at the State University of New York at Buffalo till June 1971 and then at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles) until August 1971.

### PROGRAMME OF THE BANGOR BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTE, 1969-70

October 6th	Mr. D. F. Pears (Christ Church, Oxford) 'Ifs and Cans'.
December 8th	Professor T. A. Roberts (Aberystwyth) 'Understanding another society'.
January 13th	Dr. Anthony Kenny (Balliol College, Oxford) 'Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom'.
March 2nd	Dr. Ilham Dilman (Hull) 'Self-deception'.
May 1st	Professor David Wiggins (Bedford College, London).

### MEETINGS OF THE NEWCASTLE BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTE, 1969-70

There were three meetings in the summer term of 1969: Professor C. A. van Peursen (Leiden) on 'Changes in the Concept of Knowledge', Professor G. E. L. Owen (Harvard) on 'Plato on Pictures' and Mr. W. Varley (Newcastle) on 'Divine Realities: the Art of René Magritte'. Since then the Branch has had the following speakers: Professor D. M. Armstrong (Sydney) on 'Physicalism and the Secondary Qualities', Mr. J. R. Bambrough (Cambridge) on 'Literature and Philosophy', Mr. Edgar Page (Hull) on 'Promising, Obligation and Commitment' and Mr. G. J. Warnock (Oxford) on 'Morality and Reason'.

The following meetings will take place in the summer term of 1970:

May 5th	Mr. W. E. Charlton (Newcastle) 'Why should we do good'.
May 13th	Mr. David George 'Is there a problem about political obligations'.

### 6th NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF AESTHETICS

The next annual conference will be held from 18th to 20th September, 1970 at Hanover Lodge, Outer Circle, Regents Park, London, N.W. 8. Further particulars may be obtained from Dr. Eva Schaper, Department of Logic, The University, Glasgow, W. 2.

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ANNUAL BOOK COMPETITION

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*Rules for the Competition*

1. For the 1970 competition a summary of the work, of between 800 and 1,000 words, together with an extract of between 4,000 and 5,000 words, must reach the Royal Institute of Philosophy between 1 January, 1970 and 30 June, 1970. The extract will be returned within six weeks, and the author informed whether or not his work can be accepted as an entry for the competition. If it can be accepted, then the complete work must reach the Royal Institute of Philosophy between 1 April 1970 and 30 September, 1970. The same dates, one year later, will apply for the 1971 competition.
2. All summaries and extracts, and all entries, must be typewritten.
3. The decision of the Royal Institute of Philosophy is final in all matters relating to the competition, and it reserves the right not to make an award if in the opinion of its panel of judges no entry is worthy of the prize. Every endeavour will be made to reach a decision by the end of each year of the competition, but whether or not this is possible will depend on the number of entries accepted. The £500 will be payable after the result has been announced.
4. Summaries and extracts, and entries, should be addressed to:  
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They should be marked "Book Competition" and entries should be accompanied by a statement by the author that he, or she, is a graduate and not the holder of a senior university post.

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1. The competition is open to anyone who is a graduate, and who is not the holder of a senior university post, (e.g. Senior Lecturer, or above, in the United Kingdom; Associate Professor, or above, in the U.S.A.) at the time of submitting his, or her, summary and extract.
2. Entries must be original works (original in the sense of not having been published substantially previously), of between 80,000 and 100,000 words, written in the English language, and in as non-technical and lucid a style as the subject-matter permits. Works submitted must be on exclusive offer (covering world rights) to the Royal Institute of Philosophy, Macmillan and St. Martin's Press during the period in which they are being considered.
3. The 1970 competition is for a work on a topic in Epistemology, and the 1971 competition for a work on a topic in Philosophy of Science.