

Miscellany

New appointments

Dr Digby Tantam, currently Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Manchester, has recently been appointed Professor of Psychotherapy at the University of Warwick and Honorary Consultant Psychotherapist at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry. This is a new Chair in Psychotherapy, the first ever in England and Wales.

Peter Searle has been appointed Director-General of the Mental Health Foundation, the UK's leading mental health research and community care charity. He was previously Executive Director of World Vision of Britain, the Third World relief and development agency.

Psychoanalytic Studies Centre

The University of Kent plans to open a Psychoanalytic Studies Centre in October 1990 for the organisation and administration of the teaching programme in psychoanalytic studies, as well as the planning of an extensive research programme. The Centre will be housed in Eliot College but it is hoped funds will be raised for a separate building. The incorporation of a library and archive is also planned. Anyone wishing to participate or contribute to the Centre should contact its Director, Dr Martin Stanton, at Eliot College, University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NS.

Awards

The Kurt Schneider Award, sponsored by Janssen GmbH for exceptional scientific achievements and endowed with DM 10,000 will be awarded for the fourth time in 1991. Its aim is to encourage psychiatric research, particularly in the field of the schizophrenias.

Entry papers must be in either German or English and must be received by 28 February 1991. All entries (seven copies) should be sent to Professor Huber at the address below.

The Hans Jörg Weitbrecht Award, sponsored by Troponwerke Cologne and endowed with DM 10,000, aims to further scientific biological-clinical research in the field of endogenous psychoses. It will be awarded, together with a Hans Jörg Weitbrecht Medal, for the third time primarily to investigators from German-speaking countries. The aim of the prize is to mark exceptional scientific

achievements in psychiatric research, especially in the field of cyclo-thymic and schizophrenic disorders.

Entry papers must be in either German or English (seven copies) and should be sent to the chairman of the board of trustees, Professor Dr Gerd Huber, Univ.-Nervenklinik, D-5300 Bonn 1, Germany, by 31 October 1990.

New publications

Schizophrenia: Voices in the Dark by Mary Moate and Dr David Enoch, Consultant Psychiatrist, Mersey Regional Health Authority, is about the effect on Mary Moate's son and her family when he was afflicted with schizophrenia. It is published by Kingsway Publications Ltd, 1 St Anne's Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex (telephone 0323 410930), price £5.99.

Fidia Research Foundation is initiating an international neuroscience newsletter entitled *Neuroscience Facts* which will be issued every two weeks by telefax. Further information: Fidia Research Foundation, 1640 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 2, Washington DC 20007, USA.

Good Practices in Mental Health have produced a *Day Care Information Pack* in which the relationship between community mental health centres/teams (CMHC/Ts) and day services is discussed, together with some detailed examples. It is edited by Rose Echlin and can be obtained from Good Practices in Mental Health, 380-384 Harrow Road, London W9 2HU, price £4.95.

Mentally ill people and homelessness

Newcastle is to be one of the first cities in Britain to attempt to produce a strategy to deal with the growing problem of homeless mentally ill people. The group behind the initiative is the Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group (VolsAG) to Newcastle Mental Health Unit (which includes MIND, the Cyrenians and Single Homeless on Tyneside). A symposium was held on 3 April at which Lawrence Conway of Newcastle Mental Health Unit presented the results of his research into this issue. He said that his research supported findings from studies carried out elsewhere which demonstrated that mentally ill people make up a third of homeless people. It is hoped the symposium will begin the process of eradicating this problem in Newcastle.