

The panel discussion was about the relevance of psychotherapy training to general psychiatrists. If any psychiatrist wishes to obtain training in psychoanalysis it can only be done, in this country, at the Institute of Psychoanalysis. Some knowledge of psychotherapy is necessary and useful for all psychiatrists. This can be taught and experienced by psychiatrists along the lines of those groups for general practitioners pioneered by Dr and Mrs Balint. Here a psychiatrist can bring a problem with a patient, explore the psychiatrist's feelings, perhaps of 'being stuck', and realize

that his own affect about the doctor/patient relationship has a vital bearing on the therapeutic endeavour.

This, I believe, is a method of bringing awareness and experience of psychotherapy to the psychiatrist's daily work. It may be that psychoanalysts would have the training to do this type of teaching in the NHS.

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## *Forthcoming Events*

'The Interface of Psychiatry and General Practice' is the theme of the College's Southern Division Autumn Seminar to be held at The Priory Hospital on 21 October 1982. Topics will include: 'Who cares for the man at the top?'; 'The dexamethasone suppression test'; 'Alcoholism'; 'Psychiatry and general practice: a new interface?'; 'Gynaecology, the GP and the psychiatrist'; and 'Which antidepressant for neurotic depression'. Information and application forms: Dr Desmond Kelly, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The **Group-Analytic Society (London)** is holding its 10th London Workshop from 2 to 7 January 1983 entitled 'Society, Culture and Personality in Group Analysis'. (Attendance fee will be increased after 31 October.) Information: Dr Jean Garner, Workshop Co-Ordinator, Group-Analytic Society, 1 Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, London W1H 3LF. A further workshop on 'Teaching and Learning in Groups' will be held from 10 to 14 April 1983. Information: Mr Tom Hamroge, Workshop Co-Ordinator, Group-Analytic Society (address as above).

The **Institute of Child Health** is running a one-week introductory course in child and adolescent psychiatry from 25 to 29 October 1982 for general psychiatrists and paediatricians in training. The course will cover methods of assessment, infant development and abnormalities, neuro-psychiatry, clinical syndromes and adolescent problems and should be of interest to MRCPsych candidates. Information: Sub-Dean's Secretary, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1EH.

The **1982 Alzheimer's Disease Society Symposium**, 'Alzheimer's Disease: Education and Caring', will be held on 30 October 1982 in Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7. Information: Alzheimer's Disease Society, Bank Building, Fulham Broadway, London SW6 1EP.

A MIND Conference entitled '**A New Era—The Mental Health (Amendment) Act 1982**' will be held on 29 November 1982 at the Barbican Centre, London EC2. Speakers will include Professor R. Bluglass, Professor R. Olsen, Professor J. Gunn, Bernard Kat, Seamus Killen and Larry Gostin. Conference fee £30; closing date 8 November. Information: Conference Secretary, MIND, 22 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED.

The **Royal Society of Medicine's Section of Psychiatry** will be holding the following meetings in 1982: 'Psychotherapy is effective'—Professor I. Kolvin: 12 October (8.00 pm); 'Mental handicap evaluation and treatment'—Drs L. Wing, J. Corbett, K. Day, Professor K. Rawnsley and team: 9 November (2.15 pm); 'Partial seizures and hallucinations'—Dr E. Critchley, Professor D. Taylor, Dr C. Ounsted, Mr C. Polkey: 2 December (2.00 pm). Information: Sections Office, RSM, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

A one-day symposium on **Down's syndrome** will be held at Ida Darwin Hospital on 29 October 1982. Conference fee £8.00. Information: Medical Office, Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB1 5EE.

Jonathan Miller will be giving a talk, 'Crowds and Powers: Some English ideas on the status of primitive personality', at the **British Psychoanalytical Society's 17th Ernest Jones Lecture** on 10 November 1982 at 8.15 pm in the Logan Hall, Bedford Way, London WC1. Admission free.

### *Erratum*

We apologize for an error in the acknowledgements to Dr Peter Bruggen's paper (*Bulletin*, July 1982, 6, 117–19). The name Zelda David should have read Zelda Ravid.