

No Diploma in Clinical Psychiatry

Following circulation of a discussion document from the Court of Electors, a wide range of comments on a proposed diploma in clinical psychiatry were received. These were considered by the Court of Electors at their meetings on 15 June and 13 July, and it was clear that there was no general

support for the creation of a separate diploma in clinical psychiatry. The Court formally resolved that no further action should be taken at present.

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News Items

Association for Family Therapy

Membership of the Association for Family Therapy is open to all those with an interest in family therapy. The membership cost is £16 and covers journal, newsletter, conferences and training events. Information and application forms: Pauline Jenkins, Membership Secretary, 83 The Hawthorns, Hollybush Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff.

Dr E. P. Kazanetz

Dr E. P. Kazanetz, a psychiatrist from Moscow, was invited to present a paper at the College's Annual General Meeting in July, but was unable to attend and his paper was read in his absence. The invitation follows the publication of an article by him entitled 'Differentiating exogenous psychiatric illness from schizophrenia' which appeared in *Archives of General Psychiatry* in July 1979.

Dr Kazanetz did, however, write to the College in June explaining that his absence from the meeting should in no way be taken as an indication of his disrespect to members of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, nor as a lack of concern for the interests of science and of patients. He had submitted a request to attend the conference but had received no reply from the Soviet Minister for Health.

Eileen Skellern Lecture

As a tribute to Eileen Skellern who died in July 1980, the Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals is establishing a Lecture in her memory.

Eileen Skellern had been the Chief Nursing Officer of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals for 17 years and during this time her influence enhanced the profession of psychiatric nursing, both in this country and overseas.

The Lecture will be given biennially by a distinguished nurse or other person who has made a particular contribution to psychiatric nursing. The first Lecture is planned for Spring 1982. It is hoped to raise a sum of £5,000 and any contributions will be gratefully accepted. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Maudsley Hospital Endowment Funds' and should be addressed to the Chairman of the

Board of Governors, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ.

Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry

The Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry, in conjunction with the University of Oxford Department of Psychiatry, is planning a conference on the 'Teaching of Dynamic Psychotherapy', with a special focus on supervision, which will be held from 17 to 19 March 1982, at University College, Oxford.

The conference is mainly intended for consultants and senior registrars and those of equivalent status who wish to learn more about their roles as teachers of dynamic psychotherapy. The programme will consist of lectures, symposia, short paper presentations, small group discussions, and live demonstrations of supervision. There will be ample opportunity for active participation. Themes will include: objectives of supervision; the supervisee's requirements; countertransference in supervision; should supervision include 'personal therapy'?; new methods and techniques in supervision; and group processes in supervisory groups. Cost of conference, including accommodation and meals, £55.

Applicants should write, giving details of their particular interests in psychotherapy teaching, to Dr Sidney Bloch (Chairman, Organizing Committee), Department of Psychotherapy, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX (including an s.a.e.).

Mental Health Year Book 1981/82

In July MIND published the first edition of the *Mental Health Year Book*, the first publication of its kind in the field of mental health. The network of services for people who are mentally ill or mentally handicapped is extraordinarily complex, and until now vital information on these services has only been available in separate reference books from specialist sources.

The 600-page Year Book is divided into three parts: the

first section contains directory information on Government departments, statutory bodies with mental health responsibilities, national and local voluntary organizations, research centres and training bodies; there is also data on health authorities and mental handicap hospitals including up-to-date bed numbers. The second section is devoted to basic information on mental health and various authors with specialist knowledge of current services present feature articles on the development of mental health policy and provision. The final section is an in-depth examination of a particular aspect of the mental health field. Each annual edition of the Year Book will present a different topic—psychiatric day care is the subject discussed in the first edition.

Copies of the *Mental Health Year Book 1981/82* cost £12.95 (including postage and packing) and are available from MIND Bookshop, 155/157 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 3EF.

Curt P. Richter Prize in Psychoneuroendocrinology

The International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology is inviting submissions for their annual Prize (sponsored by the Irish Foundation for Human Development) for meritorious research in the area of psychoneuroendocrinology. The sum of \$1,000 will be awarded for the best essay or manuscript of

original research or a review including original research from a scientist or physician under 40 years of age by 1 January 1982. Manuscripts should be submitted to Dr Fleur L. Strand, Secretary of the Society, Biology Department, New York University, 952 Brown, 100 Washington Square, NY 10003, USA. Deadline for submission 2 January 1982.

Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award

The family and friends of the late Peter Beckett, former Dean of the Medical Faculty and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Dublin, have funded a research award to be known as the Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award. The Award is approximately worth £250 and will be given annually to the candidate who, in the opinion of the Award Committee, has carried out the best research project in psychiatry during his/her postgraduate training. The research should normally have been carried out in Ireland.

The Award is open to all postgraduate trainees in psychiatry who have completed at least three years of a formal training programme approved by the Committee. Applications should be received not later than 31 December 1981 and should be accompanied by a written description of the completed research project. Address: Medical School Office, Faculty of Medical and Dental Sciences, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

Forthcoming Events

The **Mental Health Group of the Royal Society of Health** is holding a meeting entitled 'Compulsory Admissions' on 26 November 1981 at 2 pm at the Royal Society of Health. Information: Conference Department, Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN.

A number of courses relating to art therapy and drama-therapy are being run by the **Hertfordshire College of Art & Design**. Full details are available from John P. Evans, Division of Art and Psychology, Hertfordshire College of Art & Design, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3RS.

The **First International Symposium on Representing Understanding** will be held at Guy's Hospital Medical School from 25 to 26 February, 1982. Advances in computer technology, software design and mathematical modelling directed at data derivation, analysis and

representation are providing a wealth of new tools for representing understanding. This symposium is concerned with theoretical issues, research and techniques with cross-disciplinary applications. Papers are invited relating to: medicine; psychology; sociology; politics; economics; management; education; philosophy; mathematics; computer science and artificial intelligence. Deadline for submission 2 November 1981. Address: Dr E. W. Shepherd, Department of Psychiatry, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1 9RT.

The **British Association for Psychopharmacology** is holding a symposium on 'Psychopharmacology of Old Age' on 30 October, 1981, at the Royal Society, Carlton Terrace, London. Non-members may attend. Information: Dr D. Wheatley, Programme Secretary, 325 Staines Road, Twickenham TW2 5AX.

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