

## Research Awards

### Mental Health Foundation

Professor Peter McGuffin, University of Wales College of Medicine, has succeeded Dr Paul Bebbington as Honorary Secretary to the MHF Research Committee. As secretary of the Research Committee, he will advise on the allocation of grants to research projects in the field of mental health. Last year, for the first time, the committee disbursed more than £500,000.

#### Summary of grants awarded by MHF Research Committee in 1986

*Dr S. B. Dunnet*, Department of Experimental Psychology, Cambridge. £37,000 over three years. Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'Intracerebral grafts of cholinergic neurones.'

*Dr S. Fleming*, Maudsley Hospital, London SE5. £63,000 (fellowship) over three years. 'Studies of the relationship between mood and extra pyramidal disorder.'

*Dr Andrew Haines*, Department of General Practice, Central Middlesex Hospital. £48,000 over two and a half years. Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'The mental health of carers of demented and non-demented elderly patients in general practice.'

*Dr Richard Mayou*, University Department of Psychiatry, Warneford Hospital, Oxford. £19,000 over two years. Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'Psychiatric and eating problems in young diabetics.'

*Drs R. Nagle and L. Wallace*, SBHA Psychology Service, Monyhull Hospital, Birmingham. £43,000 over three years. Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'A comparison of stress management training with exercise testing and health education in patients with chronic stable angina.'

*Dr John Besson*, University Medical Buildings, Aberdeen.

£91,000 over five years (biggest grant ever made by MHF). Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'Cerebral metabolism and cognitive impairment in dementia.'

*Dr Michael Dean*, Fibroblast Biology Group, Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology. £62,500 over five years. Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'Investigation of mechanisms for acquisition of lysosomal enzymes by neuronal and glial cells.'

*Dr S. Gupta*, Maudsley Hospital, London. £1,500 over two years. Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'The prognosis of non-organic psychoses among Asian immigrants to the UK.'

*Professor P. Harper*, Section of Medical Genetics, University of Wales College of Medicine. £52,000 over two years. Funding for scientific assistance for project: 'Genetic prediction for Huntington's Disease.'

*Dr Ruth Itzhaki*, Molecular Neurobiology Laboratory, UMIST, Manchester. £33,000 over two years. Funding for personal salary, to carry out project: 'Molecular and cell biological aspects of Alzheimer's Disease.'

#### Grants awarded Ex-committee by chairman's action

*Drs Vicky Lewis and Jill Boucher*, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick. £1,500 over six months (extension). 'An investigation into possible causes of impaired imaginative play in more able autistic children.'

*Dr Tim Crow*, Division of Psychiatry, Clinical Research Centre, Harrow. £4,500 over one year (administrative expenses). 'Handedness and cerebral structure—psychotic twins and their first-degree relatives.'

## Forthcoming Events

The International Association of Group Psychotherapy will hold its Xth Congress in Amsterdam from 27 August–2 September 1989 on the subject of 'Encounter or Alienation'. Members joining now (by a once only payment valid until the Congress) will be entitled to a substantial reduction in the Congress fees and entry in the IAGP Directory and be able to participate in the programme planning. Application form and details: Dr J. Stuart Whiteley, Henderson Hospital, 2 Homeland Drive, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5LT.

The 2nd Annual Meeting of the Behavioural Sciences and Dentistry Group on the Management of Anxiety will be held at the Eastman Dental Hospital on 16 May 1987. Details: Dr C. Feinmann, Eastman Dental Hospital, 256 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD.

The Tavistock Clinic's celebration of Dr John Bowlby's 80th birthday will include an International Conference in London on 26 and 27 June 1987 entitled 'Fruits of Attachment Theory: Findings and Applications across the Life Cycle'. An international group of distinguished workers who have contributed to Attachment Theory will present recent research findings related to all age groups and will discuss their relevance to practice. Speakers include Ainsworth, Grossmann, Hinde, Main, Marris, Parkes, Radke Yarrow, Raphael, Weiss and others. Further details from and applications to: Attachment Conference Co-ordinator, Training Office, Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA.

A three day residential, experiential conference 'Creating and Containing Space in Therapy' will be held on 7, 8 and 9 October 1987 at Easthampstead Park, Bracknell (Junction 10, M4) and will