

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

include large and small group activities. There will be two three hour sessions of psychodrama with Marcia Karp, a two hour session of drama therapy with Alida Gersie and a demonstration of family therapy. Total cost, including conference dinner: £115 (single room); £105 (double room). Details and application form: Dr J. Price, Fair Mile Hospital, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 9HH (telephone 0491 651281, ext. 146).

The **Seventh Annual Meeting of the Canadian Academy of Child Psychiatry** will be held at the Holiday Inn, London, Ontario on 13, 14 and 15 September 1987. Topics will include any aspect of child or adolescent psychiatry. Information: J. H. Beitchman, MD, Program Chairman, Canadian Academy of Child Psychiatry, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1R8.

A training workshop '**Theories and Therapy of Depression**' run by Lilly H. Stuart, Clinical Psychologist, will be held at the South London Transactional Analysis Centre (SOLTAC) on 9–10 May 1987. The workshop will give an overview of the main current psychological theories of depression and the suggested therapeutic moves related to those theories. Fee: £50. Details and SOLTAC brochure: The Secretary, SOLTAC, 106 Heathwood Gardens, London SE7 8ER (telephone 01 854 3606).

Transactional Analysis Training—Intermediate and Advanced Level—is given by Lilly H. Stuart, Clinical Psychologist. The training scheme is recognised by the International Transactional Analysis Association. Applications are now invited for the coming academic year. Training events are usually held at weekends. Details of training/supervision groups: The Secretary, South London Transactional Analysis Centre (SOLTAC), 106 Heathwood Gardens, London SE7 8ER (telephone 01 854 3606).

The **Ninth World Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine** will be held in Sydney, Australia from 30 August–4 September 1987. Information: Mrs Ann Ash, Coordinator/Secretariat, WCMS, PO Box 148, Parramatta, Sydney, NSW 2150, Australia.

A Symposium on **Psychiatric Aspects of the Face** will be held on 6 March 1987 at The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. Registration: £20 (£10 for junior medical staff). Further details and registration forms: Diane Carter, Charter Clinic, 1–5 Radnor Walk, London SW3 4PB (telephone 01 351 1272).

'**Mental Health: Meeting Needs in the 90s**', the 3rd Annual Conference of the Interdisciplinary Association of Mental Health Workers (IAMHW), will be held from 5–7 April 1987 at the City University of London. Residential fee; Members—£80; non-members—£85. Non-residential fee: Members—£70; non-members—£75. Details: Felicity Sykes, Block AA, Department of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 5XH (telephone 0483 571281, extension 3135).

The Department of Postgraduate Medicine, University of Keele and the UK Transcultural Psychiatry Society are holding a National Conference at the University on '**Racism and the National Health Service**' on 20 March 1987. The Conference is open to health professionals. Overnight accommodation can be arranged. Registration forms: Dr S. Bostock, Department of Adult Education, University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire.

The Section of Psychiatry of the Royal Society of Medicine has arranged a meeting for the afternoon of Friday, 24 April 1987 entitled '**Biological Sciences and Psychiatry**'. Subjects include: Animal Models of Psychiatric Illness (Dr S. Iversen), Metabolic Mapping of Functional Events in the Nervous System (Dr J. McCulloch), Memory and Cholinergic Transmission in Animals (Dr B. Everett), The Neuropathology of Alzheimer's Disease (Professor J. Edwardson), Cholinergic Transplants in Animal Models of Ageing (Dr S. Dunnett). Open to non members. Further details and registration: Miss D. Blanschong, Sections Office, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone 01 408 2119).

The Industrial Society is running a further two '**Effective Leadership in Health**' courses at Ruskin College, Oxford from 7–11 April 1987 and at St John's College, Oxford from 22–26 September 1987. This intensive training course is aimed at unit general managers, clinicians of consultant or senior registrar levels, directors of nursing services and senior managers in administrative, support and paramedical services. Course fees: £399 (including VAT and accommodation). Bookings: Jessy Kitchingham, The Industrial Society, Peter Runge House, 3 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DG (telephone 01 839 4300, extension 223).

The **Institute of Psychosexual Medicine** is offering training in psychosexual medicine by the seminar method to doctors wishing to increase their skills in sexual medicine. New basic two year seminars are planned for: Brighton/Chichester, Bristol, Cambridge, Chester, Lisson Grove—London, W. London Hospital, Plymouth, Sheen, Southampton, N. Wales, Wimbledon and Winchester. Seminars in other areas can be organised where there are sufficient applications. Details: The Director of Training, Institute of Psychosexual Medicine, 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W1M 9DE.

An **Israel Study Tour** will be held in October 1987 prior to the Cairo Congress of the WFMH. It will include study of mental health in Israel and tours of the country. Details: Ms Chanita Rodney, c/o International Ltd., POB 29313, Tel Aviv 61292, Israel.

A European Congress on the **Concept of Humanity in Mental Health Work**, organised by the Finnish Association for Mental Health under the auspices of the European Regional Council of the World Federation for Mental Health, will be held from 17–20 May 1987 at the Hotel Hospiz, Helsinki. Details: Congress Secretariat, The Finnish Association for Mental Health, Lauttasaarentie 28–30, SF-00200 Helsinki, Finland.

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