

myth that has turned into a nightmare'. 'The caring community does not exist. . . and the chronically mentally ill are diverted into less caring institutions such as dosshouses or prisons. . .'.

Etsuro Totsuka emphasises that the Japanese are quite sensitive to international attention and it would help the cause for reform if the Japanese know that the Royal College of Psychiatrists is watching and interested. New mental health laws now being prepared bring Japan to the level of Britain in 1930 (when statutory "Voluntary patients" appeared) but three important elements are missing in the current draft. Firstly, committal can be decided by an individual hospital doctor. Secondly, detained patients have no right to any independent review. Thirdly, many unjust discriminations against mental patients remain on the Statute

Book. (Art galleries, national monuments, local government assemblies, public baths and swimming pools being barred to them, for example). Etsuro Totsuka also says that there is virtually no psychiatry in Japanese medical education and doctors wishing to specialise have to get their training outside the country.

He would like to see the Royal College of Psychiatrists making a declaration that it welcomes and strongly supports the *Kyoto Principles* and urges their colleagues in Japan to work wholeheartedly for the adoption of these principles in practice.

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## *Forthcoming Events*

The Annual Guest Lecture 1987 of the **Leukaemia Research Fund** will be delivered by Dr J. Michael Bishop, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, University of California, San Francisco, on 16 November 1987 at 5.30 p.m. at the Jarvis Lecture Theatre, 66 Portland Place, London W1. Admission by ticket only. Tickets will be issued free from September 1987. Further information: The Secretary, Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JJ (telephone 01 405 0101).

The **International Society for Adolescent Psychiatry's 2nd International Congress** will be held in Geneva from 10–13 July 1988. The theme will be 'Psychotic breakdowns in adolescence' and the languages will be French and English. Information: 2nd International Congress for Adolescent Psychiatry, PO Box 50, CH-1211 Geneva 8, Switzerland. (Congress Scientific Coordinator: Ian Frank; Congress Administrative Secretary: Christiane Bowen).

The **Joint Liaison Psychiatry Group/Psychosomatic Research Society** will hold a half-day meeting on the afternoon of 21 October 1987 in the Department of Psychiatry, Leicester General Hospital, entitled 'Topics of Local Psychosomatic Research'. Those interested in attending this seminar should contact: Dr C. J. Thomas, Department of Liaison Psychiatry, Leicester General Hospital, Gwendolen Road, Leicester LE5 4PW.

The **Twelfth Annual Training Meeting of the Association for Family Therapy** will be held at the University of York from 10–12 September 1987. The theme will be 'Making Family Therapy Work' and the Opening Speakers will be Mrs Gill

Goell-Barnes, Tavistock Clinic and Institute of Family Therapy, London, and Mr Charles O'Brian, Oxford Polytechnic. Participants will also be able to attend a variety of training Workshops. Research and Writing for Publications Workshops also available this year. Further information and application form: Dr Michael Sevvitt, 7 Upper Park Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 5LB (telephone 01 546 4173 *evenings*, 03727 29136 *daytime*).

The **World Psychiatric Association Regional Symposium**, hosted by the American Psychiatric Association, will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel from 13–16 October 1988. The theme will be 'The Research and Clinical Interface for Psychiatric Disorders'. Detailed information and a call for papers will be available by 1 September 1987. Further information: Ellen Mercer, Office of International Affairs, American Psychiatric Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, USA.

A symposium on 'Psychiatric Diagnosis', co-sponsored by the WPA Section on Nomenclature and Classification in conjunction with the Second World Basque Conference, will be held in Bilbao, Spain from 12–14 November 1987. Information: Dr Juan Mezzich, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh, 3811 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, USA.

A **Congress on Psychogeriatrics: Prevention and Therapeutic Aspects** (XX Anniversary of the Julie Renson Foundation) will be held at the Palais des Congress, Brussels, from 29–31 October 1987. Information: Julie Renson Foundation, Rue Forestière, 12, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium.

A symposium on 'Affect and Emotion', organised by the World Psychiatric Association Section of Clinical Psychopathology, will be held in Vienna from 8–10 October 1987. Details: Dr Eberhard Gabriel, Psychiatrische Universitätsklinik, Währinger Gürtel 74, A-1090 Vienna, Austria.

An international symposium 'Crossroads of the Family Psychoanalysis Community Psychiatry: Education and Treatment', will be held from 9–16 March 1988 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Information: American Society of Hispanic Psychiatrists, Charter Barclay Hospital, 4700 N. Clarendon Avenue, Chicago 11. 60640, USA.

A symposium 'Psychiatry in a Changing World—Towards the Year 2000' will be held in Sydney, Australia from 1–3 May 1988. The Regional Symposium is immediately followed by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry's Annual Congress, 4–7 May 1988. Special travel packages with low air fares will be organised for international participants, including pre- and post-meeting tours. Further information: The Tour Company, 335 Moray Street, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia.

The Cairo World Congress (World Federation for Mental Health and Egyptian Association for Mental Health) will be held from 18–22 October 1987. Information: 1987 Cairo Congress on Mental Health, PO Box 8180 Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt.

The World Psychiatric Association Regional Symposium 'Alcoholism and Other Dependencies' will be held in Warsaw from 22–25 November 1987. Information: Dr C. Godwod-Sikorska, Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology, Department of Studies on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies, Sobieskiego 1–9, 02-957 Warszawa, Poland.

The British Psycho-Analytical Society will be holding a new series of introductory lectures 'Psycho-Analysis in Britain Today' at the Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1 on Wednesdays from 5.30–7.45 pm from 7 October–9 December 1987. Fee for the series £75.00. Application forms: The Executive Secretary, British Psycho-Analytical Society, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 01 580 4952).

The Melanie Klein Conference on 'The Oedipus Complex Today: Clinical Implications' will take place at University College, London on 18 and 19 September 1987. Further information and application forms: The Secretary, Psychoanalysis Unit, University College, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AP (telephone 01 580 6902).

An advanced workshop in Clinical Hypnosis: Cognitive-Hypnotherapy for Depression, organised by the British Society of Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis (Northern Branch) will be held at Prestwich Hospital, Manchester from 26–27 September 1987. Participants will be required to have some experience in either cognitive therapy or clinical hypnosis. The workshop is open to doctors, dentists, psychologists and other health professionals eligible for membership of the British Society of Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis or the British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis. Fee: £40.00 (some free accommodation available). Further details and applications forms: Sam Alladin, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Department of Clinical Psychology, Prestwich Hospital, Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 7BL (telephone 061 773 9121, extension 42).

The IV International Congress on Rehabilitation in Psychiatry will be held from 2–6 May 1988 at Örebro, Sweden. The theme will be '1968–1988—Twenty Years of Progress in Psychiatric Rehabilitation: A Retrospective Synthesis and Goals to the Year 2000'. Information: S. Rost, MD, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Department, Regional Hospital, 700 04 Örebro 4, Sweden.

## HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

The College has recently published *The Royal College of Psychiatrists*, a short history written by Henry R. Rollin.

The booklet is elegantly produced and printed on fine art paper. The front cover is printed from an original water-colour by Dr J. Horder, and the text is illustrated

by many reproductions of photographs and drawings of the College's founding fathers.

Price: £2.00 postage free. Orders with cheques should be sent to: Editorial Office, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG.

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