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## Awards

### *Award for media coverage of schizophrenia*

A new international media award for the best report on schizophrenia has been launched in Florence. The awards are divided into three categories: best medical media coverage; best lay media coverage and best broadcast media (TV or radio). Each category winner will receive 2,500 Swiss Francs. The overall winner from the three categories will also receive a commemorative plaque. The award will be judged by an international panel including members of the International Academy for Biomedical and Drug Research and representatives from patient groups and journalists. Features should be submitted by 15 September 1995 to The Campaign on Schizophrenia 1995 Media Award, Ruder Finn, 6 rue de Lisbonne, 75008 Paris, France.

### *The Communication Award 1995*

Entries are now being accepted for the Communication Award 1995 presented by the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges (CMRC) in association with BUPA and the Patients Association. The award is aimed at improving communication between patients and health professionals. Registrations with outline entries should be received by 30 June 1995. For further details and an entry form, please call the Award helpline (0171 224 2236), contact name: Diana Garrett, Executive Secretary, Conference of Medical Royal Colleges.

### *Scottish Division Annual Award winners 1994*

The Merck Lipha Travel Award was won jointly by Dr Fiona Lang and Dr Stephen Lawrie; the Dista Audit Award was won by Dr Rhona Morrison and the McHarg Essay Prize was won by Dr Alan Currie. These three papers will be presented at a future meeting of the Scottish Division of the College. Lundbeck Medical Student Prizes were awarded to Miles Riddle (Edinburgh), Ronan Mullen (Edinburgh),

Tanya Webb (Dundee) and Andrew McIntosh (Aberdeen).

### **CIPsiG rpsych e-mail list**

With the support of the Computers In Psychiatry Special Interest Group (CIPsiG) an e-mail mailing list service has been set up for members of the College. All that is required to join the list is an e-mail address accessible from the Internet. The aim of the list is to promote the rapid dissemination of information and announcements to College members, as well as providing a support and discussion forum. To join the list an e-mail should be sent to: rpsych-request@mailbase.ac.uk. An application form will be sent automatically. The list is a closed forum and members' e-mail addresses and messages are not accessible to anyone outside the list. Further information can be obtained from Dr Richard J. Harvey, Clinical Research Fellow, The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG (telephone 0171 837 3611, extension 3853; fax 0171 209 0182).

### **Mind and Mortality**

A new professional organisation *Mind and Mortality: professional psychosocial care in life-threatening situations and bereavement* will be inaugurated in London on 30 November 1995. It aims to provide a forum in which United Kingdom psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, professional counsellors and others with professional training in psycho-social aspects of the care of the dying, the bereaved and those affected by disasters can meet. The organisation would be in a position to recommend standards of care, training, clinical audit and evaluation, organise core training for members of the caring professions and improve the training of its own members and others with psychosocial skills. All interested professionals who would like further details are invited to contact the Secretary: Ms Su Madge, The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JH.