
Miscellany

Burden Research Prize

The Burden Trust invites applications for the 1998 Research Prize which consists of an award of £1000. The prize is open to all registered medical practitioners, the greater part of whose time is spent working in the field of learning disabilities in the UK or the Republic of Ireland. The prize is awarded for outstanding work which has either been published, accepted for publication or presented as a paper to a learned society during the three-year period ending 31 December 1997. An application form and further details may be obtained from Dr Oliver Russell, Norah Fry Research Centre, University of Bristol, 3 Priory Road, Bristol BS8 1TX (Tel: 0117 923 8137). The closing date for submissions is 31 December 1997.

US\$5000 Mental Health Award available to clinicians involved in schizophrenia

Entry forms for a Mental Health Award are now available to UK clinicians who have an active interest in schizophrenia and related disorders. Winners will receive US\$5000 to contribute to the charity or institution of their choice. The Award sponsored by Eli Lilly and open to both community and hospital-based clinicians is endorsed by the World Psychiatric Association. Entry forms and additional information are available from the Lilly Awards Secretariat, Weber and Associates, P. O. Box 80, Thame OX9 3GX (Tel: 01844 216716; Fax: 260706).

Irish Division Website

The Irish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has launched a website to provide information and increase public and professional awareness on psychiatric illness in Ireland. The website address is: <http://www.homepage.tinet.ie/~irishrcpsych>

A Madman Ahead of His Time

The intriguing case of James Tilly Matthews, a tea dealer who was sent to Bethlem in 1797 by the Privy Council, is featured in **Bedlam: Custody, Care and Cure, 1247-1997**, a special exhibition at the Museum of London from 7 October 1997-15 March 1998. Museum of London, London Wall, London ECY 5HN (24-hour information line: 0171 600 0807).

New publications

Anthropology and Medicine is a new international journal recently launched and edited by Dr Sushrut Jadhav and Professor Roland Littlewood. The thrice yearly journal is aimed at health professionals and social scientists worldwide, working at the interface of culture and medicine. Regular features include original papers, book reviews, courses in medical anthropology, debates and a diary of events. Further information: Dr Sushrut Jadhav, Department of Psychiatry, University College London, 48 Riding House Street, London W1N 8AA (Tel: 0171 380 9292; e-mail: s.jadhav@ucl.uk and <http://www.carfax.co.uk/anm-ad.htm>).

Forthcoming events

The National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NSF) would like to announce their **National Annual General Meeting** which is planned for 3 December 1997 at Birmingham City Council House, West Midlands. In addition, two dates have been arranged for their conference entitled **Bridging the gap between primary and secondary mental health care; visions and options for working partnerships**. Scheduled for 20 November 1997

and 26 March 1998, these will take place in Bristol and West Devon/Cornwall respectively. Further information, Tel: 0181 547 3937; Fax: 0181 547 3862; e-mail nsf@nsf.org.uk

Leicestershire Eating Disorders Service has organised a pair of one-day courses, led by Dr Bob Palmer, to take place at Leicester General Hospital. **Helping People with Eating Disorders - the**

Basics on 15 December, will provide an introduction to the assessment and treatment of adult sufferers and **Setting up Services – a Workshop** on 16 December will focus on setting up secondary services for adults with eating disorders. Further information: Debra Bugler, Eating Disorders Workshop, University Department of Psychiatry, Brandon Mental Health Unit, Leicester General Hospital, Leicester LE5 4PW (Tel: 0116 258 4751; Fax: 0116 258 4752)

The Behavioural Science and Law Network at the University of Southampton has organised a series of courses based on practical issues at the interface between law and behavioural sciences. These will be offered at various locations around the UK and are as follows: **Managing risk in mental disorder services** on 13 January at Bristol. **Developing witness skills** on 14 January at Bristol. **Children's evidence in court** on 15 December at Warrington and 16 December in London. **Managing risk in child protection services** at Bristol on 15 January. **Adoption and contact** at Bristol from 14–15 January and **Confidentiality in the child protection process** in Bristol on 14 January. Further information: Jill Elliott, Manager, BS&LN, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ (Tel: +44 (0) 1703 592376; Fax: +44 (0) 1703 593885).

A meeting entitled **Teaching Psychiatry** has been organised by the University of Leicester and is due to take place at the Belmont Hotel, Leicester from 26–28 January. Further information: Margaret Durance or Josie Hankins, Greenwood Institute of Child Health, University of Leicester, Westcotes House, Westcotes Drive, Leicester LE3 0QU (Tel: 0116 254 6100; Fax: 0116 254 4127).

A conference entitled **Social policy and psychodynamics in old age: internal and external constraints** will take place at the Tavistock Centre on Saturday 22 November and aims to explore a psychodynamic understanding of how

our society treats its elderly. Further information: Gary Winship, 4 Bardolph Road, London N7 0NJ (Tel: 0171 609 3758).

The National Centre for Clinical Audit has organised a conference entitled **Clinical Audit '97** which will take place at the Business Design Centre in London from 26–27 November. Further information: Jane Lewis, Conference Unit, BMA House, P. O. Box 295, London WC1H 9JP (Tel: 0171 383 6605; Fax: 0171 383 6663).

The **XIII International Congress of Group Psychotherapy** will take place at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London from 24–28 August 1998. This will be preceded by a pre-congress training event at Regents College from 22–24 August. The final call for papers closes on 5 January. Further information: Conference Associates and Services International Ltd, 4 Cavendish Square, London W1M 0BX (Tel: 0171 499 0900; Fax: 0171 629 3233; e-mail 100532.405@compuserve.com).

The International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) has organised the **International Symposium Ageing 2000** entitled **A comprehensive approach to mental health**. This will take place in Munich, Germany from 13–18 September 1998. Further information: KIT GmbH (PCO), Ageing 2000/IPA, Mr Cord D. van der Lühe, Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 5, D-10178 Berlin (Tel: +49 30 2382 6913; Fax: 2382 6940; e-mail IPA@KIT.DE).

The **XI World Congress of Psychiatry** will be held in Hamburg from 6–11 August 1999. The theme of the World Congress will be **Psychiatry on new thresholds**. The deadline for submission is 1 March 1998. The deadline for submitting free communications, papers and posters is 31 December 1998. Symposia and workshop forms and further information: CPO Hanser Service, Office Hamburg, Postfach 1221, D-22882 Barsbüttel, Germany (Tel: +49 40 670 882 0; Fax: +49 40 670 32 83; e-mail cpo@wpa-hamburg.de).

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