

Society, of which he was a past-Chairman, and he was also concerned in the activities of the Welsh Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, of which he was a Fellow.

Dr Rosenberg will always be remembered by his ex-patients and medical and nursing colleagues as a friendly, courteous, loyal and warm-hearted man who was always keenly interested in his specialty and who gave freely of his advice and support. He is survived by his wife to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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**GIDEON MORDECAI WODDIS, retired, formerly Physician Superintendent, The Coppice Hospital, Nottingham.**

Keith Woddis was educated at Christ College, Finchley and obtained a Jefferson Exhibition to Bart's Hospital. Very soon after qualification he went to the Coppice Hospital, Nottingham, where in 1943 he became the Medical Superintendent, although for several years previously he had run the hospital in all but name because of the prolonged illness of the then Superintendent.

Any account of Keith Woddis's work must centre on the Coppice Hospital. Here, almost single-handed, he had developed a Social Treatment Unit which embraced patients and staff in a very unusual, warm, caring community. It was here, too, that Keith, using his extensive knowledge of group dynamics and his instinctive psychotherapeutic skill, produced a haven for numerous doctors, nurses and administrators and their spouses who sought treatment there, together with innumerable other patients.

The ability to manage a small hospital humanely and psychotherapeutically is a skill fast dying out in the National Health Service, but Keith Woddis both exercised that skill and taught it to anyone who would listen.

He used some of his skills to aid delinquent patients. He wrote wisely about depression and crime and his opinion was respected in medico-legal spheres in the Midlands. After his retirement he served on the Mental Health Review Tribunals

in the Trent Region.

Any account of his work looks little enough—a few papers, the nurturing of a hospital now used for other purposes—but there was no one whose life he touched who was not enlivened and enriched by his warmth, humanity and wisdom. All who knew him well have experienced some part of the loss that his wife, son and daughter now feel.

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**The deaths of the following were also reported:**

GORDON JULES AMBROSE, Consultant Psychiatrist, 115a Harley Street, London W1.

MARION ROSEMARY ANDERSON, Associate Psychotherapist, Jonellen Psychotherapy Clinic, 35 Johnston Street, Annandale 2038, Australia.

JAMES VALENTINE ASHBURNER, Private Practice, 79 Lucan Street, PO Box 320, Bendigo, Victoria 3550, Australia.

WILLIAM HALL, retired, formerly Assistant Psychiatrist, Shelton Hospital, Shropshire.

RONALD H. HARRIS, Chief Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry, Pembroke General Hospital, Pembroke, Ontario, Canada.

GABRIEL LANGFELDT, Emeritus Professor, Universitets Psykiatriske Institutt, Oslo, Norway.

JOHN JOSEPH LAWS, The Red House, 43 Skinner's Lane, Ashted, Surrey.

THOMAS LOUGHNANE, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Cranage Hall Hospital, Cheshire.

DUNCAN FLEMING MACGREGOR, Consultant Psychiatrist, Prudhoe Hospital, Prudhoe, Northumberland.

FRANCIS MCLAUGHLIN, retired, formerly Senior Psychiatrist, St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, Eire.

WILLIAM ALBERT ROBINSON, retired, formerly Medical Superintendent, Whittingham Hospital, Preston, Lancashire.

WILLIAM PATRICK WALSH, retired, 16 Park Avenue, Eccleston Park, Prescott, Merseyside.

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## *Forthcoming Events*

'Addiction: A Hundred Years On' is the title of a two-day symposium to be held at the Royal Society to celebrate the centenary of the Society for the Study of Addiction to Alcohol and Other Drugs. The symposium will take place on 25 and 26 October 1984 and will include several internationally eminent speakers. Submissions are now invited for a short original papers session—deadline for receipt: 1 June 1984. The Dent Memorial Lecture will be included in the programme for 25 October. Application forms and further information: Dr A. Hamid Ghodse, Consultant Psychiatrist, Clare House, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0QT.

The **Institute of Group Analysis** will be presenting the S. H. Foulkes Annual Lecture on 21 May 1984 at Logan Hall, University of London Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1. The speaker will be Dr Robin Skynner and the talk will be entitled, 'Institutes and How to Survive Them'. Information: The Secretary, Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY.

The **British Psycho-Analytical Society's Eighteenth Ernest Jones Lecture**, 'Questions of Interpretation', will be given by Professor Frank Kermode, F.B.A., on 9 May 1984 at 8.15 pm at the University of London, Institute of Education,

Logan Hall, Bedford Way, London WC1. Admission is free.

The **Institute of Family Therapy** is holding a two-day workshop on 8 and 9 June 1984 on 'Strategic Work with Families with Acting out Adolescents'. There will also be a number of other workshops during July 1984. Further information is available from: Training Secretary, Institute of Family Therapy (London) Ltd, 43 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RG (please enclose an s.a.e.).

The **Third International Conference on Treatment of Addictive Behaviour** will be held from 12 to 16 August 1984 at North Berwick, Edinburgh. The theme will be 'Towards a Comprehensive Model of Change'. Information: Dr Nick Heather, Registrar, ICTAB-3, Department of Psychiatry, Ninewells Medical School, Dundee DD1 9SY.

A course on '**Therapeutic Communication with Children**' will be held at the Tavistock Centre on Monday afternoons from Autumn 1984 to Spring 1985. Information: Mrs Eileen Orford, Principal Child Psychotherapist, Child Guidance Training Centre, Tavistock Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3.

The **First World Conference on Virus Diseases and Mental Health** will take place in Montreal from 4 to 7 November 1984. For information on attendance and participation contact: Professor E. Kurstak, Director, ICVO/CURG, Faculté de Médecine, Université de Montréal, CP 6128, Succ. A, Montréal, Québec, Canada H3C 3J7.

A conference on '**Planning and Monitoring Community Mental Health Centres**' will be held on 9 May 1984 at the King's Fund Centre. Information: Tom McAusland, Project Officer, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF.

The **10th International Congress of Hypnosis and Psychosomatic Medicine** will be held in Toronto from 10 to 16 August 1985. Information: Secretariat, 10th International Congress of Hypnosis and Psychosomatic Medicine, 200 St Clair Avenue West, Suite 402, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4V 1R1.

A two-day workshop on '**Hypnosis with Children**' will be held in Oxford on 27 and 28 April 1984. This will be followed by a one-day workshop on '**Hypnosis with Adults**' on 29 April 1984. Information: Philip Booth, London Workshop for Ericksonian Psychotherapies, 18 Yarnells Road, Oxford OX2 0LY.

A **Psychosomatic Seminar** is to be held at The Priory Hospital on 31 May 1984. Topics will include: 'Fits, Faints and Funny Turns' (Sir Desmond Pond, Chief Scientist to the DHSS); 'The Management of Anorexia and Bulimia

Nervosa' (Professor Gerald Russell, Institute of Psychiatry and the Maudsley Hospital); 'New Nutritional Treatment for the Premenstrual Syndrome' (Dr Michael Brush, St Thomas's Hospital); and 'Psychosomatic Symptoms and Sex' (Dr Patricia Gillan, Maudsley Hospital). Information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The **UK Workshop on the Organization and Management of Psychiatric Services** will be held in York from 18 to 20 July 1984. The emphasis will be on open group discussion of themes chosen by participants. Experts from the Centre for Health Economics, York University, will provide case studies and teach techniques such as cost benefit analysis to help in the debate with Health Authorities about shifting resources to where they will show better returns for money spent. Information: Dr Peter Kennedy, Bootham Park Hospital, York YO3 7BY; or Dr Angus Mackay, Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8LD.

The **St George's Hospital Medical School Course for Diploma in Human Sexuality** is a two-year multidisciplinary course providing an opportunity for the acquisition of skills in the treatment of sexual problems. Ten places are available each year. Information: Mrs J. Elliott, Postgraduate Office, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 ORE (telephone: 01-672-1255, ext 4499).

The May and June meetings of the **Association for Child Psychology and Psychiatry** are as follows: 'Educating Talented Children'—Peter Renshaw (Yehudi Menuhin School, Surrey): 2 May 1984; 'Asylums and Child Care in the 19th Century'—William Parry-Jones (Warneford Hospital, Oxford): 6 June 1984. Both meetings will take place at 7.00 pm at the Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1. Information: Honorary Secretary, ACPP, 4 Southampton Row, London WC1.

The **7th World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency** will take place in New Delhi, India from 24 to 28 March 1985. The theme will be 'Progress Through Knowledge in Mental Retardation'. Information: Dr V. R. Pandurangi, Chief Organizer and Co-ordinator, 36-A Osberton Place, Sheffield, S11 8XL, England.

The Department for Psychological Medicine, Hospital for Sick Children, offers a series of **Child Care Decision-Making Seminars** based on the observation of clinical consultations with the family, foster family, social workers and others in the network, where difficult decisions about child custody, access, place and care have to be made. These seminars will take place on 11 May, 15 June and 6 July 1984. Information: Dean's Secretary, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1EH.