

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Office of Medical Applications of Research of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are convening a **Consensus Development Conference on 'Mood Disorders: Pharmacologic Prevention of Recurrences'**. The meeting will be held at NIH from 24 to 26 April 1984. Information: Ms Michele Dillon, Prospect Associates, Suite 401, 2115 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, USA.

The **Regional Symposium of the World Psychiatric Association** is to be held at Finlandia Hall in Helsinki from 18 to 21 June 1984. Several symposia on current issues will be arranged. Information: Miss D. Hart at the College address.

Preliminary enquiries have been made about the possibility of arranging a **Study Tour to China** and there has been an encouraging response from the Chinese Psychiatric and Medical Associations. The tour will be advertised as soon as the dates have been confirmed (either Autumn 1984 or Spring 1985) and further details are available. Enquiries to Dr C. D. Davies, Secretary, Study Tours Sub-Committee, at the College address.

The **12th Psychiatric Tutors Conference** will be held at the University of Birmingham (Vale Conference Centre at Edgbaston) from 20 to 22 September 1984. The conference will include a one-day course on the Practical Applications of Television in Psychiatric Education organized by Dr T. A.

Betts and Mr Paul Morby of the University Department of Psychiatry and the TV & Film Unit. The Conference will spend an afternoon at the Uffculme Clinic and further sessions on different aspects of training psychiatry are being arranged. Further details are available from Jane Boyce, Education Department at the College address.

The **Transcultural Society (UK)** will be holding a conference at Bedford College from 6 to 8 April 1984. The theme will be 'Women—Cultural Perspectives'. Information: Dr S. Fernando, Department of Psychiatry, Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, Middlesex (telephone: 01-360-6600).

Applications are invited for admission to a two-year, part-time **MSc in Psychotherapy** at the University of Warwick, commencing in October 1984. Applicants should have completed their MRCP and already have training and experience in some form of psychotherapy. Attendance is one full day per week. Information: Dr John D. Davis, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (telephone: 0203-24011, ext 2044).

A one-day **MRCPsych Final Examination Workshop** will be held on 17 March 1984 at St. Crispin Hospital, Northampton. Limited places are available. Information: Dr H. Ghadiali or Dr H. Gadhvi, St. Crispin Hospital, Duston, Northampton NN5 6UN (telephone: Northampton 52323).

The College

The College's Medals and Prizes

Gaskell Medal and Prize

In addition to the medal the award attached to this prize is £500. The annual examination for the prize will be held on 23 and 24 May 1984. Entries should be sent in by 31 March 1984.

The Prize has always been considered one of the foremost academic distinctions obtainable in clinical psychiatry, and members are asked to bring it to the notice of suitable candidates at their hospitals who may be eligible to compete.

Full particulars of the Regulations are given below, and entry forms may be obtained on application to the Dean.

REGULATIONS

The examination must be held in England according to the terms of the Trust.

Candidates must produce evidence of (a) having been qualified officers in one or more psychiatric hospitals or clinics in psychiatry in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the Commonwealth or in the Republic of Ireland for at least two years; (b) having passed the MRCPsych examination or

possessing any other degree or diploma in psychological medicine.

Candidates must be over 23 and under 35 years of age on 1 January of the year of the examination.

The examination includes a written paper, a clinical and an oral.

An entry fee of £5 is charged, returnable to bona fide candidates.

Research Prize and Bronze Medal

A College Prize is awarded for research. The value of the Prize is £500 and the recipient(s) receive the College's Bronze Medal. An opportunity will be given to recipients to report the research at a Quarterly Meeting of the College, subject to approval by the Programmes & Meetings Committee. No prize will be awarded if a sufficient standard is not reached.

Entries for the Prize should be submitted to the Dean by 31 March of each year. For further details, please contact the College's Education Officer at the College address.