

News Items

Psychological Aspects of Concentration Camp Imprisonment

During a recent stay at the Ray D. Wolfe Centre for Study of Psychological Stress, Professor Leo Eitinger from Oslo University, compiled a bibliography on the medical and psychological aspects of concentration camp imprisonment and its late effects. The aim of the library is to provide scholars in this field with easy access to information. All authors who have published papers on this subject are kindly requested to send reprints and unpublished papers to: Professor Shlomo Breznitz, Ray D. Wolfe Centre for Study of Psychological Stress, University of Haifa, Israel.

Burden Research Gold Medal and Prize

The Burden Research Gold Medal and Prize for outstanding published research work in the field of mental handicap during the past three years was presented to Dr A. H. Reid, Consultant Psychiatrist, Straithmartine Hospital, Dundee, Scotland.

'Improving the Quality of Services for Mentally Handicapped People'

A checklist of standards for improving the quality of services for the mentally handicapped was published by the DHSS on 1 December 1980. It is the final publication of the National Development Group for the Mentally Handicapped.

A limited number of free copies of the checklist are available from: DHSS, Health Publications Section, Site 2, Manchester Road, Heywood, Lancashire OL11 2PZ.

Association of Therapeutic Communities

Membership subscriptions for 1981 are now due and new members are invited. Individual membership costs £6 and group membership £15. Enquiries to Dr J. S. Whiteley, Membership Secretary, Henderson Hospital, 2 Homeland Drive, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM5 2LT.

Forthcoming Events

The next APIT MRCPsych Examination Workshop will be held on 25 and 26 April 1981. Information: Mrs Vanstone-Walker, Maudsley Hospital, London SE5 8AZ. Telephone: 01-703-6333.

The Inter-Clinic Conference will be holding a two-day training workshop sponsored by the Child Guidance Trust on 9 and 10 April 1981 at the Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1. The theme will be 'Children with Special Needs and Child Guidance'. Information: Mrs Angela Joyce, 24 Corsica Street, Highbury, London N5.

The British Association for Psychopharmacology will hold its Spring meeting on 3 April 1981. The annual Summer meeting will be held at Aberystwyth University from 5 to 7 July 1981. Free communications are invited for two sessions: neuroleptics and any aspect of psychopharmacology. Short summaries (100-200 words) should be submitted as soon as possible. Information: Dr D. Wheatley, 325 Staines Road, Twickenham, TW2 5AX. Telephone 01-894-2722.

The first asylum to be established in Scotland, Sunnyside Royal Hospital, Montrose, is celebrating its bi-centenary year with a one-day academic symposium on 23 June 1981. The meeting will be chaired by Professor I. R. C. Batchelor and the principal paper, 'The Value of Asylum', will be given by Professor J. K. Wing. Information: Dr K. M. G. Keddie, Sunnyside Royal Hospital, Montrose, Scotland DD10 9JP.

A one-day conference entitled 'Common Sense or Nonsense? Psychotherapy in the National Health Service' will be held on 2 April 1981 at the South Academic Block, Southampton General Hospital. Information: Conference Secretary, Department of Psychotherapy, Royal South Hants Hospital, Graham Road, Southampton SO9 4PE. (Include s.a.e. for application form.)

The British Association for Behavioural Psychotherapy is holding a programme of six Spring workshops at the University of Leicester on 26 and 27 March 1981. Information: Rod Holland, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, Gosport, Hants.