

## Miscellany

### Honour

Dr W. A. Norris, Consultant Psychiatrist, Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast, was awarded the MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours List.

### Awards

#### *The Max Hamilton Memorial Prize*

The President of the CINP (Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum), Dr Alex Coppen, has announced that the first international Max Hamilton Memorial Prize will be awarded at the 17th Congress in Kyoto, Japan. The prize is supported by Bristol-Myers/Squibb and is awarded to a scientist (age 40 or younger) in recognition of outstanding contribution to psychopharmacology. The award consists of US\$10,000 and an engraved plaque. Further information: Salomon Z. Langer, MD, CINP Award Committee, Department of Biology, Synthelabo Recherche (LERS), 50 rue de la Glaciere, 75013 Paris, France.

#### *IPA Research Awards*

The International Psychogeriatric Association announces the winners of the 1989 IPA Research Awards: first place: Barry W. Rovner, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA on 'The Prevalence and Management of Psychiatric Disorders in Nursing Homes'; joint second place: Alistair Burns, Section of Old Age Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, London on 'Behavioural Abnormalities and Psychiatric Symptoms in Alzheimer's Disease': and D. Henry Brodaty, Memory Disorders Clinic, Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, Australia on 'Less Institutionalisation and Lower Stress after Dementia Carers Programme'.

These new Research Awards in psychogeriatrics will be offered every two years for recognition at each IPA International Congress. They are sponsored and underwritten by Bayer AG. The next Research Awards will be made at IPA's Fifth Congress to be held in Jerusalem, Israel, from 18–23 August 1991. Further information: Fern F. Finkel, International Psychogeriatric Association, Secretariat, 3127 Greenleaf Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091, USA (telephone 010 1 708 866 7227; fax 010 1 708 866 6984).

#### *Annette Award*

Dr Gareth W. Roberts, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, St Mary's Hospital Medical School,

London W2, has been given the Annette Award of £500 for 1990 from the Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain for his paper 'Schizophrenia: a neuropathological perspective', which will be published in a future issue of the *Journal*. (For further details of the Award see *Psychiatric Bulletin*, February 1989, 13, 109).

#### **The Haven at Gateshead**

Visitors will be able to relax at The Haven after walking the miles of pathways on the 200 acre site of the 1990 Gateshead Garden Festival. Information boards will help visitors to recognise their own stress and tell them how to cope with it. The idea of The Haven came from the Newcastle Mental Health Unit and has been supported by local companies. The Unit's General Manager, Lionel Joyce, comments that through The Haven their message is that mental distress is not something to be feared; if the symptoms are spotted early enough it may be possible to prevent it. If not, the Unit can help. Further details: Keith Richardson (telephone 091 213 0320) or Lloyd Denny: 091 285 0151 or the Festival Press Office.

#### **New publications**

*Accountability in Research* is a quarterly publication, published by Gordon and Breach, devoted to the critical examination of issues involving the integrity of scientific data.

*Healthfacts* is a series of 14 new filofax inserts giving statistical data on the populations of the 14 health regions in England and aims to encourage debate and raise awareness about the health of local populations across the country. All directors of public health, and regional and district general managers will be receiving one copy free. Further copies (price £4.95) are obtainable by writing to the Distribution Department, Health Education Authority, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9TX. The region required should be specified.

#### **Forum on Mental Retardation**

The Forum on Mental Retardation was set up by the Royal Society of Medicine in 1984. The purpose of this multi-disciplinary Forum is to provide more opportunities for contact between those doing research in specific fields and those working with and for people with mental handicap. The Forum holds at least four meetings annually to discuss new and controversial issues, to advance both scientific research and services by exchanging ideas, and to make

recommendations to promote better educational programmes.

Membership is by invitation and is open to Fellows and non-Fellows of the RSM. People who wish to submit their names for membership should write to: Dr James Hogg, Chairman, Forum on Mental Retardation, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE, indicating their particular area of interest. The annual fees are: Fellow RSM – free of charge; non-Fellows – £30. No-one may join a Forum as a non-Fellow member who is eligible for Fellowship, i.e. those with medical, dental or veterinary qualifications.

#### New address

The address of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship (formerly 78–79 Victoria Road, Surbiton) is now 28 Castle Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT1 1SS (telephone 081 547 3937; fax: 081 547 3862).

#### August Bank Holiday

The College will be closed from 7.00 pm on Thursday, 23 August and will re-open at 8.00 am on Tuesday, 28 August 1990.

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## Forthcoming events

**The 36th Two-Stream Revision Course for MRCPsych Part I and Part II examinations** will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford from 12–19/20 September 1990. Further details: Mrs Olive Wellden, Administrator, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatric Centre, Chiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Cotswold Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (telephone 081 642 6090, extension 365).

**The First European Symposium on Drug Addiction and AIDS** will be held in Vienna from 22–23 February 1991. Further information: Dr R. Schmid, Psychiatrische Universitätsklinik, Währinger Gürtel 18–20, A-1090 Vienna, Austria.

The Institute of Psychiatry will be holding a conference entitled **Psychiatric Audit** on 1 October 1990. Course fee: £50 (including lunch and refreshments). Further information: Conference Organiser, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170).

**The Third Cardiff Psychogeriatric Symposium** will be held on 10 October 1990 at Cardiff County Hall. Further details: Dr Karl Rice, St Cadoc's Hospital, Caerleon, Gwent NP6 1XQ (telephone 0633 421121, extension 232).

**The IAAE (International Association Autism Europe)** is holding its major International Congress in The

Hague, Holland from 8–10 May 1992. It aims to heighten the understanding and awareness of autism among professionals, the 'policy makers', and the public generally. All areas relevant to autism will be covered. The Programme Committee requests proposals for topics and presenters. All proposals should be sent, preferably by the end of September 1990, to: Mies Hoffmann, The General Secretary IAAE, Rue Emile Leger 4,B-6320 Villers-la-ville, Belgium (telephone 010 32 71 879594; fax: 010 32 71 876690).

Institute of Psychiatry Biometrics Unit Short Courses: **Latent Variable Models Using LISREL and EQS on a PC** will be held on 10 and 11 December 1990. **An Introduction to the Analysis of Epidemiological Data using GLIM-PC** will be held on 25 and 26 September 1990. Fee for each course: £250 (covers tuition, comprehensive notes with example data sets, and refreshments, including lunches). Further details and application forms: Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170).

**The Fifth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association** will take place in Jerusalem, Israel from 18–23 August 1991. Further information and abstract submission forms: Fifth IPA Congress, POB 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel (telephone 972 3 654571; fax: 972 3 655674).