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Further details from the International Schizophrenia Centre, The Crescent, Bangor, LL57 2AG.

Last year's award was made to Dr Sunjai Gupta, Honorary Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, for his paper on the possible effects of climate and weather on the onset of psychotic illnesses.

### New national clinical centre

St Thomas' and Guy's Hospitals are to collaborate to open Britain's first Clinical PET (Positron Emission Tomography) Centre for the early diagnosis of a number of diseases including cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and epilepsy, and have launched an associated fund-raising campaign.

#### A new association of Bulgarian psychiatrists

In November 1991 an Initiative Committee was set up at the Sixth Congress of Bulgarian Psychiatrists in Sofia to prepare the ground for a new, independent professional organisation of Bulgarian psychiatrists. It was recognised that there was pressing need for a rapid change in the organisation and practice of psychiatry, on the build-up of a new professional identity and new professional organisations, and innovation in education and training. It was felt that the great majority of Bulgarian psychiatrists wished for a closer integration in, and intensive collaboration with, the world psychiatric community.

## New publications

Homelessness and Mental Illness: the dark side of community care, edited by M. R. Page and R. B. Powell, is available from Concern, 52 Friern Barnet Road, London N11 3BP (£3.95, including postage and packing).

Old Age: a register of social research 1985–90, edited by Gillian Crosby, is available price £18. Further information: Centre for Policy on Ageing, 25–31 Ironmonger Row, London EC1V 3QP (telephone 071 253 1787).

The following King's Fund publications are now available: Making it Happen – Employment opportunities for people with severe learning difficulties; Supporting Self-Advocacy; Service Evaluation by People with Learning Difficulties; Is Race on your Agenda? Enabling Community Integration. Further information: King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (telephone 071 267 6111; fax 071 267 6108).

Positive Thinking for Mental Health is available from: The Administrator, BMGH, The Playtower, Ladywell Road, London SE137UW (£3, plus 50p postage and packing; cheques should be made payable to Black Mental Health Group).

Moving to the Dance-or-Service Culture and Community Care is available from VIA Publications, 5 Kentings, Comberton, Cambridge CB3 7DT (£8.95 plus postage and packing -£1 for orders up to £15, £2.50 above).

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# **Forthcoming events**

The First European Symposium on ECT entitled 'Critical History – Future Trends' will be held in Graz, Austria from 26–29 March 1992. Further information: Congress Secretariat, Psychiatrische Universitatsklinik Graz, A-8036 Graz, Auenbruggerplatz 22, Austria (telephone 43 316 385 36 16; fax 43 316 35 5 20).

Ethics and Psychiatry, an international conference of the Romanian Free Psychiatrists' Association, will take place in Bucharest from 2-4 October 1992. Further information: Secretariat, APLR Conference 1992, Grupul Pentru Dialog Social, 120 Calea Victoriei, Sector 1 Bucharest, Romania (fax 0400 14 14 71; 0400 14 15 25).

A conference entitled The Brain Damaged Patient: Recent Advances in Pathogenesis and Treatment will be held on 27 and 28 April 1992. Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170; fax 071 703 5796).

Gender Identity and Development in Childhood and Adolescence: a two day international conference will be held on 13 and 14 March 1992 at St George's Hospital, London. Fee: £160. Further information and application forms: Philippa Weitz, Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 081 672 9944, extension 55534; fax 081 767 4696).

The 2nd International Conference on Children and Death will be held at the University of Edinburgh