

MARTIN VANYAN, Consultant Psychiatrist, Ballamona Hospital, Isle of Man

Dr Martin Vanyan, died on 7 November 1986 at the age of 61. He qualified with an MD in 1956 at the University Medical School of Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Having served his year as a houseman, he left for Switzerland where he trained in psychiatry with Professor Walter at the University of Berne. In Great Britain he held junior appointments at Moorhaven and Knowle Hospitals and for a short period he worked at the University College in Dublin where he took the LAH and DPM. After working for two years as senior registrar at Addenbrookes and Fulbourne Hospitals in Cambridge he became consultant psychiatrist at Kings Mill General Hospital, Mansfield in 1970, and an honorary senior lecturer in psychiatry at Nottingham University Medical School. In 1971 he was elected a Foundation Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and proceeded to the Fellowship in 1985. In 1975 Dr Vanyan was appointed consultant psychiatrist at Ballamona Hospital, Isle of Man.

Dr Vanyan soon established himself in his adopted country as a conscientious and loyal colleague. Although of an unassuming nature, he nevertheless steadfastly opposed any policies or proposals which he considered to be against the best interests of his patients or his hospital. With his colleagues at Ballamona he pressed for changes and reforms which brought the hospital administration and quality of care into line with hospitals on the mainland. Dr Vanyan also showed great interest in the care, treatment and provision of services for the mentally handicapped. It was his idea that the Section of the Psychiatry of Mental Handicap of the Royal College of Psychiatrists should hold a meeting in 1984, the first to be held on the Isle of Man. Unfortunately, before the meeting took place he was struck by a terminal illness and therefore unable to witness its success.

Apart from the provision of services to the people on the island and its many visitors during the summer, he was interested in research.

His sudden illness came as a great shock to all who knew him, but he faced it with fortitude, courage and cheerfulness. Martin Vanyan had a very happy family life and is survived by his devoted wife, Audrey, son Mark, daughter Elizabeth and grandson Simon.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

GHULAM ALI ASHGAR, Consultant Psychiatrist and Director, Ashgar Hospital, North Nazimbad, Karachi, Pakistan.

JOHN FRANCIS LOVEL BARNES, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Ilford and Barking Group, Essex.

DENIS MICHAEL HERBERT BICKMORE, formerly Medical Officer, HM Prison, Gloucester.

IVAN EDWARD CARTER, Consultant Psychiatrist Isaac Walton Killam Hospital for Children, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

PAUL OURANOVSKY GREY, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Queen Mary's Hospital, London.

ISABEL CATHERINE ARCHIBALD MOYES, Consultant Psychiatrist, The London Hospital, St Clements, London E3.

DEREK MALCOLM RICKS, Consultant Psychiatrist, Children's Department, Harperbury Hospital, Radlett, Hertfordshire.

HAROLD ERIC ROWLEY, 20 The Charters, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

ALEXANDER SHAPIRO, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Harperbury Hospital, Radlett, Herts.

THE LORD TAYLOR OF HARLOW, Plas-y-garth, Glyn Ceirog, Llangollen, Clywd, Wales.

Forthcoming Events

The World Federation for Mental Health in association with the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand is hosting the **World Federation for Mental Health: 1989 Congress** in Auckland, New Zealand from 21–25 August 1989. The general theme is 'Mental Health—Everyone's Concern'. The congress will address international dimensions; cross-cultural, minority and women's issues; social change issues; patient rights; legal and ethical issues; natural disasters; deinstitutionalisation and community alternatives; alcohol and drug abuse; and mental health research. Further information: Convention Management Services, PO Box 3839, Auckland, New Zealand.

A national conference on '**Crisis Intervention Approach in Mental Health**' is being organised by the National Institute of Crisis Intervention Therapy & Research on 29 September 1988 at the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel, Ainley Top, Huddersfield. The programme will include prominent speakers from several crisis intervention teams in the UK. Registration fee: £38 (to include coffee, lunch and tea, and documentation). Social events will be organised for spouses to visit tourist areas in Yorkshire. Concessional rates for overnight stay in the hotel. Further information: Dr N. Rao Punukollu, Consultant Psychiatrist and Director, National Institute of Crisis Intervention Therapy and Research, 63 Nabcroft Lane, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield HD4 5DU (telephone 0484 658054).

The Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital will be holding a meeting '**New Perspectives in Cognitive**