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Burden Research Medal and Prize

Entry for the Burden Medal and Prize is open to all registered medical practitioners who are working in the field of mental handicap in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland.

The award for 1984, consisting of a gold medal and prize of £500, may be presented for outstanding research work which has been published, accepted for publication or presented as a paper to a learned society during the three-year period ending 31 December 1983. Five copies of the paper or papers, with application form, should be submitted to the Secretary of the Burden Trust by 10 January 1984. Further information and application forms are available from: Secretary, Burden Trust, 16 Orchard Street, Bristol BS1 5EA.

Tuke House—a Community Mental Health Centre

Tuke House, a Community Mental Health Centre for the treatment of neurotic disorders, was officially opened by Professor Michael Barrett (Chairman of the Leeds Eastern Health Authority) on 13 September 1983. This unique treatment facility is sited in a large old house in Chapeltown,

Leeds, two miles distant from the local psychiatric facilities. Its inauguration has resulted from co-operation between Leeds Eastern Health Authority, Social Services Department, Community Health Council, voluntary agencies and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Leeds, with joint financing from Leeds Eastern Health Authority and Leeds City Council. The Royal College of Psychiatrists was represented at the opening by Dr K. Davison, Chairman of the North East Division.

Managing the Overdose Patient

Dr R. Gardner (Consultant Psychiatrist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge) has compiled a booklet on the assessment and management of the overdose patient. This booklet is primarily aimed at doctors and nurses, without experience in psychiatry, who have to face a patient who has taken an overdose. Guidance is given on assessing the suicidal risk and the need for psychiatric or social work referral.

The Overdose Patient: Assessment and Management is available, free of charge, from Napp Laboratories, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 4BH.

Forthcoming Events

The **Institute of Family Psychiatry** will be holding a two-day course in family psychiatry for trainee psychiatrists on 14 and 15 June 1984 at the Institute of Family Psychiatry, Ipswich Hospital. Information: Secretary, Institute of Family Psychiatry, Ipswich Hospital, 23 Henley Road, Ipswich IP1 3TF (telephone: Ipswich 214811).

The **Group-Analytic Society (London)** will be holding its 11th London Workshop from 2 to 7 January 1984. The theme will be: 'Persona and Self in Group Analysis'. Information: Tom Hamrogue (Co-ordinator), The Group-Analytic Society (London), 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY.

Following the recent meeting of the **Society for Psychotherapy Research** at Sheffield this year, an inaugural meeting of a UK branch of SPR is to be held at Raven Hotel, Ravenscar, N. Yorkshire from 16 to 18 April 1984. The main aim of the conference is to bring together people actively involved in psychotherapy research in this country and those who are planning to undertake such research. The conference will be organized by the UK Secretariat,

Professor J. Watson, Dr D. Shapiro and Dr F. Margison. Submissions for presentations of papers or projects for discussion in the workshops must be received by 15 January 1984. Information: Dr F. Margison, Consultant Psychotherapist, Department of Psychiatry, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Gaskell House, Swinton Grove, Manchester M13 0EU.

The **Clinical Research Nurses' Association (CRNA)** will be holding a conference at the Royal Society of Arts, London on 10 February 1984. Information: Veronica A. Bishop (Chairman), Research Department of Anaesthetics, Royal College of Surgeons, London WC2A 3PN.

The Foundation Conference of the **Interdisciplinary Association of Mental Health Workers**—'Interdisciplinary Work: Problems and Progress'—will be held on 27 and 28 January 1984 at the University of Leicester. Speakers include Professors Anthony Clare and Kathleen Jones. Information: Mrs Felicity Sykes, Department of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 5XH.

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