His teaching ability was combined with a flair for creative administration. He was Dean of the Institute of Psychiatry, forming a remarkable partnership with Sir Aubrey Lewis, from 1950 to 1966, crucially important years in the life and development of the Institute and Joint Hospitals. The style of training, and the trainees themselves, have had a profound influence on psychiatry in this country and abroad. He always took a particular interest in trainees from overseas, and in the development of psychiatry in their home countries.

His retirement in 1976 saw no lessening of his many activities. He had been largely responsible for the setting up of the Alcohol Education Centre in 1972, and remained its extremely active Medical Director until 1980. This work arose from his longstanding concern to involve all sorts of people, lay and professional, in the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, and the very successful Summer Schools in alcoholism which he had helped to initiate in the late sixties. In 1979, he shared the Jellinek Prize with Professor Griffith Edwards, one of his pupils, for their work on alcoholism. In the summer of 1982 he was awarded the CBE, partly in recognition for his work with the Attendance Allowance Board, of which he was Chairman for some years.

A happily married family man, and a keen gardener and supporter of Chelsea Football Club, he is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and their three sons.

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PAULA HEIMANN, Honorary Consultant, The London Clinic of Psychoanalysis, London.

Dr Paula Heimann, a Foundation Fellow of the College, died in London on 24 October 1982 at the age of 83.

Dr Heimann was one of many German Jewish psychiatrists who found refuge in England from Nazi persecution. She, despite all the attendant difficulties, succeeded in making a very considerable contribution to British psychiatry, particularly in the field of psychoanalysis, both as a practitioner and as a teacher. She was at one time a protegée and analysand of Melanie Klein, but at a later date, due to a divergence of opinion on technical matters, they went their separate ways.

A first-class linguist, Dr Heimann played an important role in the International Psychoanalytic Association and, ironically perhaps, was in large measure instrumental in reviving psychoanalysis in Germany, a branch of the art of healing which was an anathema to Hitler and his cohorts.

The deaths of the following were also reported:

WILLIAM MACLAREN MASON, retired, formerly Assistant Psychiatrist, Rosslynlee Hospital.

James Michael Pencheon, Consultant Psychiatrist, St Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin, Cornwall.

EDWARD WILLIAM PAYNTER NOALL, Consultant Physician, East Ham Memorial Hospital, Forest Gate, London E7.

Forthcoming Events

'Communication Problems of the Mentally Handicapped' is the theme of a joint weekend conference to be held from 22 to 24 April 1983 under the auspices of Project Horizon (at Turner Village) and the University of Essex. The main speaker will be Professor Stanley Segal and other contributions will be made by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the University of Essex, the Development Team for the Mentally Handicapped and the National Health Service. Information: University Liaison Officer, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex (telephone: 0206 862286).

The University of Oxford Neurosciences Course will be held in the University Department of Human Anatomy from 19 to 24 September 1983. This annual course provides an intensive up to date review of the neurosciences for physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and others interested in this field. Residential accommodation will be available. Enquiries: Director of Postgraduate Medical Education and Training, Medical School Offices, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU. Further information also

available from Dr Richard Mayou, Clinical Reader in Psychiatry, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX.

A two-day experiential workshop on 'Action Therapies in Clinical Psychiatric Practice' will be held in Roehampton, London SW15 on 11 and 12 April 1983. Residential accommodation will be available, but as numbers are limited, early application is advised. Anyone wishing to present or facilitate a session should contact the organizers as soon as possible. Information: Mrs J. Elliott, Postgraduate Secretary, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 ORE (telephone: 01-672 1255). Closing date for application: 10 March 1983.

The Third Annual 'Springfield' Lecture, entitled 'Depression and its response to cognitive therapy', will be given by Dr John Teasdale (Clinical Psychologist, Warneford Hospital, Oxford) and will be held at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, St Richard's Hospital, Chichester at 8.15 pm on 22 April 1983. Information: Dr K. A. O'Keeffe, Tutor in Psychiatry, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, West Sussex.

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