

Awards

Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award 1987

The family and friends of the late Professor Beckett, former Dean of the Medical Faculty and Professor of Psychiatry, Trinity College, The University of Dublin, have funded a research award, to be known as the Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award, with the purpose of encouraging research in psychiatry. The award will be made annually on the recommendation of a Committee comprising the Dean of the Medical School, the University Professor of Psychiatry, the Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and the Professor of Clinical Medicine, to the candidate who, in the opinion of the Committee, has carried out the best research project in psychiatry during his/her postgraduate training.

The research should normally have been carried out in Ireland.

The award is open to all postgraduate trainees in psychiatry who have completed at least three years of a formal training programme approved by the Committee. The value of the award will be approximately £350. Applications should reach the Medical School Office, Faculty of Health Sciences, Trinity College, Dublin 2, Ireland not later than *31 December 1987* and each candidate should submit a full written description of the completed research project which he/she wishes to have considered.

The McHarg Prize

The Scottish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists offers a prize of £100 to a trainee who is working in Scotland and who is of senior registrar or registrar grade. Candidates for the prize are invited to submit essays or scientific papers based on their own studies or their original work. It is expected that submissions will range from essays based on literature review to descriptions of clinical work or research

in the field. All entries will be considered by a panel set up by the Scottish Executive Committee and it is intended that the successful candidate will be invited to present his paper to a meeting of the Scottish Division.

Submissions must be returned *before 1 December 1987* to Dr R. G. McCreadie, Honorary Secretary, Scottish Division, Crichton Royal Hospital, Dumfries DG1 4TG.

Forthcoming Events

A **Study Day on Forensic Psychiatry** will held on 24 November 1987 at the Cambridge University Centre, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. The speakers will be Professor D. J. West, Professor N. Walker and Dr A. Grounds from the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge, Dr P. Taylor, Institute of Psychiatry, London, Dr M. Fowles, Norvic Clinic, Norwich and Dr J. Drinkwater, Park Hospital, Oxford. Fee: £10. Further information: Mrs M. A. Coburn, Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge (telephone 0223 248074).

A day seminar entitled '**The Aftermath of Child Sexual Abuse**', organised by the staff of the Croydon Child Guidance Clinic, will be held on 17 October 1987 at Victoria House, Southbridge Place, Croydon CR0 4HA (telephone 01 686 0393). Fee £18 (to include lunch and refreshments). Cheques to be made payable to Child Guidance Clinic Seminar Fund. Applications: Child Guidance Clinic Seminar Committee at the above address.

A course '**Individual Development in a Group Context: An Introduction to Group Analysis**' (London University Department of Extra Mural Studies) will be held on Thursdays from 7.00–9.30 p.m. for 20 sessions including seminars and small experiential group at Fulham and Chelsea Adult Education Institute, Lady Margaret Branch, Parsons Green, London SW6. Tutor: Tina Lucas, Member of the Institute of Group Analysis. Fee £45. Application: by attendance at introductory meeting on 1 October 1987 at 7.00 p.m. Telephone enquiries: 01 570 5200 or 01 892 6584.

The fifth residential **British Council Course on Psychogeriatrics: The Clinical and Organisational Psychiatry of the Elderly**, designed primarily for psychiatrists but also for other staff of the appropriate background, will be held in Nottingham from 10–22 July 1988. Further details from the British Council, or Professor T. Arie, Department of Health Care of the Elderly, The Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UH.

A one day seminar '**Long Term Treatment of Sexually Abused Children and their Families**' will be held on 3 November 1987. Fee: £35. It is intended for professionals currently involved in the ongoing treatment of families and children where the children have been sexually abused. The teaching will look at treatment aims and ways of achieving these in family work, group work, and individual work. There will be short plenary sessions but for most of the day participants will be working in small workshop groups. Further details: Teaching Office, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH (telephone 01 829 9692).

A conference on **Race, Racism: A Psychoanalytical Perspective** will be held at the Westminster Adult Education Institute, Drama Centre, Quinton Kynaston School, Marlborough Hill, London NW8 on 9 October 1987 from 5–8.45 p.m. and on 10 October 1987 from 10 a.m.–5.30 p.m. Fee: £12 (£8 to student members of the Westminster AEI and Association of Child Psychotherapists). Further details: Neil Crawford, Child Psychotherapist, Publicity Officer, External Programme Planning SubCommittee, Association of Child Psychotherapists, 26 Ainger Road, London NW3 3AS.

The Addiction Research Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, will be holding a series of three one-day seminars on **Current Issues in Problems of Substance Use** in October and November 1987: 'Substance misusing Parents, their Babies and Young Children', 30 October (Chairwoman Dr Judith Morgan); 'AIDS and Drug Misuse: Confronting the Crucial Issues', 13 November (Chairman Dr John Strang); 'Alcohol and Drug Problems in the Workplace: Thinking about Policies and Practice', 27 November (Chairman Dr John Brothwood). Application forms and further information: Ms Betsy Thom, Seminar Organiser, Addiction Research Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, 101 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411, ext. 110 or 128).

A residential course on **Research Methods and Statistics**, organised by the University of Departments of Psychiatry and Statistics, will be held at the Lucas Institute, Edgbaston, Birmingham from 25–29 January 1988 (5 days and 4 evenings). There will be lectures on research methods and design, statistical exercises each evening and the discussion of research protocols written by participants in small groups at a final plenary meeting. Cost £250 (resident) or £150 (non resident). Enquiries: Dr John Mackintosh, Department of Psychiatry, Clinical Research Block, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham B15.

An International Congress '**Ombudswork for Children: A Way of Improving the Position of Children in our Society**', under the auspices of the Belgian Committee for UNICEF and The Minister for Welfare and Family Affairs of the Flemish Community, will be held at the International Congress Centre, Ghent, Belgium from 14–16 December 1987. Further information: Rijksuniversiteit Ghent, Seminarie en Laboratorium voor Jeudgwelzijn en Volwassenenvorming, Studie en Documentatiecentrum voor Rechten van Kinderen, Louis Pasteurlaan 2, 9000 Ghent, Belgium.

The Tavistock Clinic offers 10-week courses on **Mental Handicap and Psychotherapy**. A course will be offered each term and members are welcome to attend more than one. It is suitable for psychiatrists and other professionals working with children, adolescents or adults with a mental handicap and will serve as an introduction to the application of psychoanalytic principles to the care and therapy of mental handicap. Psychotherapeutic experience is not essential for the course although attendance at any of the open meetings of the Mental Handicap and Psychotherapy Workshop and/or knowledge of the work convenors is helpful. Further details of the course or of the monthly open meetings of the Workshop can be obtained from the Organising Tutors, Mrs Valerie Sinason and Mr Jon Stokes, Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone 01 435 7111).

An international conference on **Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society** will be held from 12–15 July 1988 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London. It will include plenary addresses by internationally known speakers, groups, workshops and poster sessions on themes including adult, child and family grief, and bereavement as a result of suicide, AIDS, murder, disaster and accident. There will be a special 'Meet the Author' session and the first Professor Shamai Davidson Memorial lecture. The conference, the largest of its kind ever held, is being organised by Cruse, the National Organisation for the Widowed and their Children. Early reservation is recommended. Further details: Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UR.

The Birmingham Medical Institute in conjunction with the University of Birmingham Board of Graduate Clinical Studies and the University of Birmingham Department of Medicine will be holding a **symposium on 'Anxiety'** on 28 October 1987. The symposium is suitable for psychiatrists, general practitioners and others interested in this problem. Section 63 recognition has been granted. Further information: The Secretary, BMI, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3AF.